



SAINT TERESA'S CHURCH

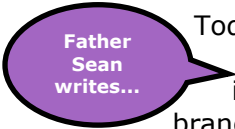
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Today we begin the season of Advent. A regular feature in churches during this time, is the Advent wreath. Traditionally, the wreath is a circle of evergreen branches and both the evergreen branches, and the circular shape represent the passing of time and eternal life. The shape of the wreath, with no beginning or end, reflects the complete and endless love that Jesus has for us. It also holds four candles. The symbolism of the candles is multi-layered: I usually say that the first candle represents the story of salvation and reminds us of hope; the second stands for the prophets who shared the message of salvation and so is associated with peace and preparation; the third reminds us of the greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist, and speaks of joy; the final candle stands for Mary and so represents love. As we begin this great season, we ask that its rich symbolism will encourage us to prepare well for Christmas.



Please take a number of publications which can help in your preparation during Advent—*Walk with Me* and *Bible Alive*—they are both free, so please help yourself!

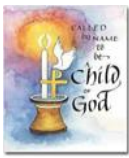
Meeting of Eucharistic Ministers at St Dunstan's ... Saturday 16th December has been postponed to next year. More details to follow closer to the time!

Mass on Friday ... kindly note, there will be no Mass at 9:30am at St Teresa's!

The Parish Council at St Teresa's is meeting this Thursday at 8pm. Bishop David is keen that our Parish Councils should play an important part in helping the Diocese to become truly synodal—listening to what the Holy Spirit is asking of us as we seek to build God's Kingdom.

First Sunday of Advent — Year B (Mark)

Date	Celebration	St Teresa	St Dunstan	Mass Intentions
Sat 2nd Dec	Holy Mass	9:30 am		Salvador Botia RIP
	Holy Mass	6 pm		Elsie Jackson RIP Maura Houlihan-Burne INT
Sun 3rd	Holy Mass	8:45 am	10 am	Eamon Hillan RIP Derek Morris INT Hilda Kryjeweska RIP (St Dunstan's)
	Holy Mass	11:30 am (live streamed)		Ian Johnson RIP Edmund, Phyllis & Bernard Wilson RIP
Mon 4th	Holy Mass	9:30 am		Fr Richard Moroney RIP
Tue 5th	Holy Mass	9.30am	9:30 am	
Wed 6th	Holy Mass	9.30 am		
Thurs 7th	Holy Mass	9:30 am		
Fri 8th	Holy Mass	No Mass Today	9:30 am	



Rite of Welcome & Baptism: We welcome Tony Santos and his parents Bruno and Fatima at St Teresa's this morning. Tony is being baptised this afternoon as well! Congratulations!

Our Confirmation programme... starts in January 2024. Application forms are available at both parishes for children in Year 8 and above. For more information, please contact the Parish office!

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the soul of Ian Johnson whose funeral will be taking place at St Teresa's on Friday 8th Dec at 1:30pm followed by refreshments in the Hall. Our condolences and sympathies are with Maggie, their family and friends.



The Annual SVP Christmas Lunch will be held on the 12th December in the Parish Centre at St Teresa's. Please save the date in your diary! If you would like to help, please contact Maria Cox on 01494 670461.



Christmas Day Lunch: St Teresa's will be hosting the Churches Together Community Lunch on Christmas Day at 12.30pm. Lots of volunteers are needed on the day. Please urgently contact Maria on 01494 670461 or Nigel on 07714 871505 or the parish office if you are able to assist even if only for an hour or two.

Annual St Teresa's Advent Sale in aid of Mongu... after each mass on the weekend of the 9th & 10th of December. Come to the parish centre for mulled wine, stollen, mince pies and pick up some bargain Christmas gifts from our selection of craft and brand new items!



Emmaus—Opening the Scripture: Join Bishop David Oakley speaking on our Advent theme 'Mary the New Eve' on Wed 6th Dec at 7:30pm at St Joseph's Gerrards Cross. Good News Books will have a stall on the night as well.

The event will be available online—see the flyers for more information. We will also stream it at the Parish Centre at St Teresa's if you wish to join us here.

Would you like to help with flowers? As 2023 comes to an end, we are sadly saying farewell to some of our team at St Teresa's who are retiring after many years. If anyone would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you. No expertise is necessary as lots of help and advice will always be on hand. Please speak with Ethena Morant on 01494 677686 or contact the parish office for information.



Parish Centre cleaner needed: In the new year, we will require the services of a cleaner to assist with about 5 hours of cleaning per week at St Teresa's. If you are interested or know of someone who may be, please contact the parish office for information.



Sycamore: An advent course for those wishing to renew their faith. See the four-week video series here: <https://tinyurl.com/3yarbx2>

"Let the Wilderness Bloom": Join Fr John Udris and Avril Baigent Mondays from 7h30-8h30pm for an online Advent retreat as they draw on the life of John the Baptist. Register here:



<https://pastoralministryoffice.org/bloom/>

Jesus & the Festival of Hanukka: Join David Hoffbrand, author of 'The Jewish Jesus' on Tuesday 5th Dec at 7:30pm at our Lady of Grace in High Wycombe and discover the history and spiritual significance of Hanukkah, a festival Jesus celebrated. Entry is free; donations are welcome.



60 Second Advent: Fr Brendan Seery has recorded more of this popular series for the season of Advent. In each video, he explores a theme for this time of year in less than one minute! Watch the first of the videos: <https://tinyurl.com/467d7xfr>



The December issue of the Catholic Post is now available at a suggested donation of £1.

Men's Breakfast: Sat 9th Dec at 8:30 in the URC Hall. Includes a talk on 'Financier to Missionary in Uganda' by Paul Bosson, breakfast and good company! No charge but donations welcome!

The Mongu Lottery starts a new year on 1st January and leaflets with details are now available in the narthex. For more information, contact Robert Walter on 01494 441479 or email emtrans@sky.com



Thriving or Closing? Will my parish still be here in 10 years? Join Bishop David and Fr James Mallon on Thursday 7th Dec. For more information, see: <https://divinerenovation.tfaforms.net/f/CPSDecember>

Gentle reminder... when coming to receive from the Chalice it is not permitted to receive the Precious Blood through intinction. Either take a small sip or pass reverently by the Minister of the Chalice.



Children's Christmas Art Competition: Don't forget to hand in your art! See the poster in the narthex for details!



Money Matters: Thank you for your generous donations! Last weekend's offertory amounted to:

- ◆ £597.48 plus £235 via electronic giving totalling £832.48 at St Teresa's. We also receive around £1000 pw through standing orders.
- ◆ And £385.16 plus weekly standing orders of £350 at St Dunstan's.



Digital Giving at St Teresa's: You are able to make electronic payments for: Parish (offertory & donations), Mongu, Holy Souls, Votive candles, Books & papers, Retiring collections, SVP & all second collections. You could also opt for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer, then donating with Gift Aid means we can claim an extra 25p for every £1. The option is available on the card machine.