

Please pray this week for:

- Our parish and its needs; the appointment of our own Parish Priest; peace-makers in the Middle East and in the Ukraine.
- Those in trouble or any kind of need: among them, the sick (Sally & Eric Bennett, Carole Brookes, Sister Diana SPB, Pauline Hamblin, Pamela Ireson, John Lamb, Robbie Robinson, Margaret Skinner, Arthur Young).
- Our departed relatives, friends and benefactors; all who once worshipped here and those whose Anniversaries fall at about this time.
- Please let us know of anyone you would wish us to pray for week by week or to remember on our Chantry List.



The *Kalendar* for the coming week:

Monday 1 st	Advent <i>Feria</i>	Prayer Intention: <i>All theologians</i>
Tuesday 2 nd	Mass @ 1200: Advent <i>Feria</i>	<i>The Bishops</i>
Wednesday 3 rd	S Francis Xavier	<i>All who work for the poor</i>
Thursday 4 th	Advent <i>Feria</i>	<i>All missionaries</i>
Friday 5 th	Advent <i>Feria</i>	<i>For the gift of grace</i>
Saturday 6 th	S Nicholas of Myra	<i>The young people of the Church</i>
Sunday 7 th	Mass @ 1000: Advent 2	<i>Pro populo</i>

NB: There is *no* Mass *at 1800* on *Sunday, 7 December*. Normal service resumes on 14 December.

Prayer for our Parish; please use this prayer each day: Father, you sent S Augustine to our land to proclaim the faith of the apostles. May the work he began be renewed in our parish. Send us, we humbly pray, a priest to be the shepherd of your people here, a worthy minister for your altars and a true servant of the gospel: and make us all to love, honour and follow your Son, that we may find your love in the Church and its sacraments. Then fill us with the Spirit of Christ to be effective witnesses to his gospel, and so to grow in holiness and faithfulness all our days. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Please use a yellow envelope for your Sunday offertory and complete it on the outside, especially if you are a UK Taxpayer. Or, even better, make out a Standing Order through your Bank. **Forms are available from the Churchwardens or the clergy; please ask for one.**

Please take this *Bulletin* home with you to-day and use it to help you say your prayers in the coming week.

The Parish Church of the Most Holy Trinity, Reading
Registered Charity Number X 62482

Please see page 193 in the (red) Missal.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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30 NOVEMBER 2025

To-day is the First Sunday of Advent and the start of the Church's Year. We also begin a new Cycle of Bible Readings (A on Sundays and 2 in the week), but, more importantly, we are invited to prepare ourselves to receive the Word of God. In the Gospel, Jesus encourages his disciples to be ready at all times. The *Gloria* is omitted during Advent.

Opening Hymn: 12: On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5: *The prophet Isaiah proclaims the peace of the Kingdom of God.*

Responsorial Psalm: from Psalm 121: I rejoiced, when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house'. *The city of God, the Holy City, is a place of peace and rejoicing for the faithful.*

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14: *S Paul is filled with the excitement of the imminent coming of the Kingdom and implores the Roman Christians to embrace their faith in Jesus Christ.*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:37-44: *Jesus encourages his disciples to be ready and alert for the coming of the 'Son of Man'.*

Offertory Hymn: 7: Hills of the north, rejoice.

P/Communion Hymn: 465: Thou didst leave thy throne.

Please stay on for coffee & fellowship after Mass this morning, even if you cannot remain for very long. All are very welcome.

Not so far away now: At 1200 on Saturday, 20 December, we celebrate Father Martyn Griffiths' **Golden Jubilee of Ordination**. All are welcome at the Mass and at the lunch thereafter!

