



**St Joseph's Catholic Church**  
Arkell Avenue, Carterton, OXON OX18 3BS

## **First Sunday of Advent (B) 29.11.2020**

Sat 28 Nov 6.00pm P. Prayer  
Sun 29 Nov 9.00am P. Prayer  
1<sup>st</sup> Advent Sunday (A) 10.15am P. Prayer  
Mon 30 Nov 10.00am P. Prayer

### **St Andrew**

Tue 1 Dec 6.30pm P. Prayer

### **St Edmund Campion**

Wed 2 Dec 10.00am P. Prayer

Thu 3 Dec 6.30pm Mass

St Francis Xavier

Fri 4 Dec **12.00noon Funeral of Sue Hand**  
6.00pm (Burford)

Sat 5 Dec 6.00pm Mass

Sun 6 Dec 9.00am Mass

Second Advent Sunday 10.15am Mass

**Sunday 29th November** - *"As we ponder the hope found in the second coming of our saviour, we pray for all those in need of hope. We pray especially for those contemplating having an abortion, that they would be reminded of the hope God brings and His fundamental desire for our good. We pray also that as a society we would become channels of God's hope, providing support to all pregnant women."*

### **Available in church**

- \***Sower**, diocesan magazine
- \***Walk with Me** booklets / calendars for Advent
- \***Catholic Diaries 2021** (take if you will use)

### **Christmas Masses (Please BOOK)**

Thu 24 Dec 3.00 and 6.00pm

Fri 25 Dec 9.00 (Bampton) and 10.30am

**Booking is essential.** Please contact Ed Poole on [ed.poole@kymba.co.uk](mailto:ed.poole@kymba.co.uk) or 07780972766

Further details below

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**Please pray for those who have died:** Phil Hocknell, Bridget Valentine, Rodney Forder, Joe Lambe, Pauline Leverett, Olive Harcourt, Christopher Murphy, Joan Clements, Monica Owen, Kate Gargan, Anne Jennings, Angela Overton, Marie Drew, John Robinson, John Joseph O'Neill, Michael Jackson, Rose Lane, Mary Hannah, Robert Eszenyi, David Gotelier, Sue Hand.  
**Anniversaries:** May Fowler, Eloise, Edith and Michael Carey, Alison Wright, Evan James, John Devine.  
**Please pray for the sick, housebound and those in the armed forces suffering mentally and physically from the effects of war:** Pat Hay, Anne Gillick, Wendy Murray, Catherine Robinson, Peter Garfoot, Peter Doran, Lukasz Konieczny, Brendan Reynolds, Marie Whelan, Brendan Farrow, Dominic Martin, Phil Rice, Natalia Romanek, John Middleton, Pat Haddock, Mario Bugeja, Justin Family, Dom Michael Phillips, Kathleen Fagan, Jen Thomas, Ann Heaton, Celia McCauley, Pat Hand, Elaine Barry, Rodrigo Bantug, John Pollock, Bernard Curtin.

### **Parish Bank details for Standing Orders**

Natwest, 23 High Street, Witney, OX28 6HW  
Account: St Joseph's Catholic Church  
Account No: 43009530 Sort code: 60 24 60

**Sue Hand's funeral is at St Joseph's on Friday 4 December at 12.00noon.** Only 30 are permitted to be present, but a few seats will be available. If you are a friend of the family please contact Chris Hand on 07970481707.

**Christmas Masses Hamper** We will provide a Christmas hamper for a person in need. Donations towards the cost welcome.

# St Joseph's Parish - Carterton

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES – 2020

**ALL CHRISTMAS SERVICES REQUIRE TO BE PRE-BOOKED**

**To Book Please Contact: -**

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**Christmas Eve** (Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec)

3:00 pm Children's Vigil Mass at St Joseph's

*Primarily for families with children under 12 years of age, please book*

6:00 pm Family Vigil Mass at St Joseph's

*All parishioners are welcome, please book*

**Christmas Day** (Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec)

9:00 am Christmas Day Mass - at St Mary's Bampton

*All parishioners are welcome, please book*

10:30 am Christmas Day Mass – at St Joseph's

*All parishioners are welcome, please book*

**Boxing Day** (Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Dec)

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - at St Joseph's

*All parishioners are welcome, please book*

**Holy Family Sunday** (27<sup>th</sup> Dec)

9:00 am Mass - at St Mary's Bampton

*All parishioners are welcome, please book*

10:15 am Mass – at St Joseph's

*All parishioners are welcome, please book*

## **Readings**

**Isaiah 63:16-17. 64:1. 3-8**

**I Cor 1:3-9**

**Mark 13:33-37**

## **First Sunday of Advent (B) 29.11.2020**

Should we deprive ourselves of sleep in Advent? Staying awake to excess surely makes us unfit to do anything. The call of the Gospel to stay awake seems to me rather a call to remain focused on what is important, to make the most of our limited time and energy this Advent. Advent implies a new beginning and marks the start of the Church's year. It marks both the coming of the Lord into our world, the incarnation of God made man at Christmas, and the Lord's continual coming into our experience, to enhance and permeate it; to permit us to rise to a complete participation in the event of Jesus Christ. He wants to share his life with us and wants us to share our life with others in the power of his presence in us, the Holy Spirit. This comprises not just his birth but his ministry, death and resurrection, his being with us now and always so that we are able to see, feel, think, discern and act according to the example of the Lord Jesus. Through the Holy Spirit, St Paul writes, the Corinthians will be kept 'steady and without blame'.

Anticipating the Lord's coming, Isaiah implores that the heavens be torn open to permit this. The Lord guides those 'who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind'. He presents a beautiful image of the withering effect of failing to live with integrity. 'We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind.' The implication is that the Lord permits us to suffer the consequences of sin so as to call us back once we have become aware of our faults. He begins then once again to continue to mould us as a potter moulds clay. Actively focusing on disposing ourselves in keeping with God's calling involves painfully surrendering aspects of our own initiative. But may we allow ourselves to be guided and moulded a little more by God this Advent, so that we may not be caught out unawares at Christmas.

