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**Welcome to our Parish Newsletter for:**  
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### **Sunday 28th November 2021**

#### **The First Sunday of Advent**

After listening to today's Gospel, Liberation is Near at Hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection. The first Sunday gospel of the year (and the liturgical year begins in Advent) is also in a way the last gospel of the previous year. It comes at the end of Jesus's ministry, when he is preparing his disciples for their own ministry - in succession to him.

Jesus is speaking to them on the Mount of Olives, looking down on the white city of Jerusalem, glittering in the sunshine. The city is soon to be destroyed by the Romans, with dreadful horrors of famine, massacre, burnings and executions. This is seen as a foretaste of the end of the world when Jesus, the Son of Man, comes to save his people.

We do not know when this will happen, and, more importantly, when it will happen for us, when we will meet the Son of Man and be judged and saved by him. But our Christian faith is a guarantee that it will be a moment of God's mercy, whenever it occurs. We must look forward to it, and have it ever present before our mind. But we would be fooling ourselves if we think that there are no struggles and trials and hardships to be undergone on the way.

Why is the passage appointed for the first Sunday of Advent, the turning-point between the years? Because the birth of Jesus at Christmas, for which we are beginning to prepare, is a significant move towards the fulfilment of the promises of salvation, the coming of Christ as a baby – with all the budding potential of a baby.

What does Jesus really mean by these prophecies of catastrophic turmoil in the universe? How does Jesus want us to face turmoil and troubles in life?

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

## **NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:**

### **FINDING GOD IN THE EVERYDAY: TODAY (Sun 28th) at 4pm**

Fr Dermot Preston sj, will offer a time of reflection on a fundamental theme of Ignatian Spirituality – “Finding God in the Everyday” – today in St Mary’s Church, Forest Hall. All are welcome.

### **ST AIDAN’S BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

Thank you for submitting the names of your loved ones in time for its rededication at St Mary’s Cathedral and blessing at St Aidan’s.

The names have been beautifully entered into the Remembrance Book by Maria Graham, to whom we are very grateful. Thank you Maria.

### **ST MARYS’ MUSICIANS**

A 'musical' note to anyone who would like to join and play along during Sunday Mass. If you are keen to join us, please speak to Trisha, Peter, Joan or Tony at any time or pop up to the gallery to see us. They would be glad to hear from you and you will be very supported and welcomed.

### **COLLECTIONS:** W/C 21st November 2021

St. Aidan’s - Loose Plate: £107.00 // Gift Aid: £57.00 // Hall Hire: £36.00

St. Mary’s - Loose Plate: £106.80 // Envelopes: £139.00 //

Priest Training Fund: £45.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

## **NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:**

### **ADVENT ALMS 2021**

This Advent, we ask you to consider supporting St Cuthbert’s Care. The charity provides frontline registered care services for people with complex disabilities, residential homes and fostering for young people and two Catholic nursing homes for older people.

All Advent donations will help to purchase gifts for all residents in care this Christmas, along with new electronic devices to help older residents keep pace with the digitised world.

Thank you - Moira Ashman CEO, St Cuthbert’s Care

## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING:** 28th November 2021

Sat. 27th (St. Mary’s)	5.30pm	Margaret Bradford
Sun. 28th (St. Aidan’s)	9.15am	Herbert Ball
Sun. 28th (St. Mary’s)	11.00am	Decd. Pereira Family
Mon. 29th	***NO MASS***	
Tues. 30th (St. Mary’s)	10.00am	Brian McMenemy
Wed. 1st Dec (St. Aidan’s)	10.00am	Joan & Jim Byrne
Thurs. 2nd (St. Aidan’s)	10.00am	Priest’s Intention
Fri. 3rd (St. Mary’s)	10.00am	Intention of Kath Purcell
Sat. 4th ( St. Mary’s)	5.30pm	Stephen Brattle
Sun. 5th (St. Aidan’s)	9.15am	Edith Latimer
Sun. 5th (St. Mary’s)	11.00am	Eileen Ann Lupton

***We continue to ask that ALL except for those with genuine medical exemptions wear a suitable face covering while in our Churches. You must also sanitise your hands as you enter the buildings & not gather in groups inside our Churches before or after Mass. Thank you for your co-operation.***

### **Please pray for all those who are sick and those whose anniversary occurs about this time:**

Julie Tennant, Catherine Fleck, James Charlton, John McNicholl, Gerard McCormack, Nora Cuthbert, Albert Pearson, James Reveley, Robert Nelson, Hilary Pollock, David Crombie, William McKenna, John Mason, Hildreth Moody, Patrick Savage, Paul Hornsley, Catherine Cockerill, Susan Mawston, May Robinson, Vincent Grundy, William Atkins, Ann McManus, James Bailey, Thomas Kennedy, Henry Stewart, Minnie Marshall, Ernest Darby, Anne Gent, John Stogden, Elizabeth Moore, George Harmen, Thomas McKenna, Thomas Noble, Elizabeth Brown, Peggy Brennan, Nancy McKenna, Gary Stionach.

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