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St. Mary's The Mount Parish Family Wishes You All A Warm Welcome

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PREPARE THE WAY

As we move to the Second Sunday of Advent, the invitation of John the Baptist, found in our Gospel reading for today, is: ***“Prepare the way for the Lord, make His paths straight.”***

“Prepare the way.” In what sense can we prepare the way for the Lord? **“Make His paths straight.”** What are the paths that we need to make straight? On this Second Sunday of Advent and throughout the Second Week of Advent, let us all reflect on the preparations we need to make in order to welcome the Lord. Likewise, let us also try to think about the paths in our lives that need to be straightened in order to welcome the Lord into our lives. Preparation entails working hard and doing some

sort of cleaning. In this sense, what are the things that we need to get rid of from our lives in order to have a thorough cleaning. Furthermore, making His paths straight is an invitation for each and every one of us as we continue to follow the Lord. Sometimes we create diversions, thus causing the path of the Lord in our lives to be crooked or to

lead us in a different direction. Consequently, at this very moment, the invitation is set out for each of us to consider in our daily lives. Like John the Baptist, in our Gospel reading for today, we are all invited to prepare the way of the Lord by preparing our way of life, and to make His paths straight by trying to correct some wrongdoings, trying also to rebuild any broken relationships so that we will all together celebrate Christmas, commemorating the birth of our Lord and Saviour with hearts renewed and a life being set once again on the path to follow the Lord.

Therefore, the invitation is already set out and it continually resounds. May it also reverberate in the heart of every one of us, in order to really take into heart the very invitation, to be able to prepare the way of the Lord and make straight His paths so that we can really and truly experience His presence in our lives.

May God bless us all!



INFORMATION

- **Parish Contributions:** Standing orders: **£686**. The value of your donations is increased when it is gift aided. Many thanks for your generosity. **Counting: This Sunday – Team D, Next Sunday – Team E.**
- **Holy Mass, Baptisms, funerals, & Weddings:** Our church is now open for Holy Masses, funerals, baptisms and weddings, in accordance with the government guidelines. Once again, we are operating a booking system for weekend Masses; you will be able to make a booking online or by telephone. *All Masses will continue to be live streamed for the foreseeable future.* Please refer to the parish website for information about baptisms, weddings and funerals.
- **Solemnity of Immaculate Conception:** On Tuesday 8th December we celebrate the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception which is also an important day for all of us as it is our parish feast day. Due to the pandemic we can't hold any celebrations. Therefore, I encourage everyone to join for the mass in the church, if possible, or from your home through the live streaming and have a meaningful spiritual celebration.
- **Advent Retreat:** We begin the season of Advent this weekend. We know that we will be looking forward to a different Christmas this year, but we will ensure that we still hold meaningful and safe celebrations. In preparation for Christmas, we are planning to hold our **Advent Retreat on Saturday 19th December.** It will take place in the church after the 10am Mass and will be livestreamed.
- **Bambinelli Blessing:** The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as Bambinelli Sunday. On that day, we bless the statues of baby Jesus which are to be placed in our Nativity sets at home. It is a beautiful Advent tradition; one that sanctifies the home with the baby Jesus and makes his arrival in the manger scene an even more joyous event. This blessing will take place during each Mass next Sunday, 13th December. Please bring the statues of baby Jesus that you are going to place in your manger.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of Ken Towe, who died on 20th November. May he rest in peace. The funeral service will take place in our church on Friday 11th December at 2:30pm, followed by cremation at Sandwell Valley Crematorium. Please keep Ken's wife, Maggie, and all the family in your prayers. *(Please note that, until restrictions are lifted, attendance at all funerals is by family invitation only. We appreciate your understanding and support in this matter.)*
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of **Tony Callaghan** who passed away on 4th December. Please remember his wife, Carol, in your prayers at this sad time. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.
- **RCIA Programme 2020-2021:** The next session of our Come & See programme will take place on Monday 7th December at 7.45pm in the parish hall. The topic for this session will be '*The Eucharist & Receiving Holy Communion*'. All are welcome!
- **2021 Directory of Birmingham Archdiocese & Christmas Cards:** This is now available to purchase from our Piety Stall.
- **Flowers in Church:** Flowers at the statue of Our Lady, for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, have been donated by Anne Chamberlain in memory of her husband's anniversary. We thank Anne for her generosity.
- **Free Logs Available:** If anyone has an open fire or a log burner, there are some free logs available, ready for a lovely, crackling Christmas fire! If you are interested, please contact one of the priests and arrange collection.

RESERVING YOUR SEAT FOR WEEKEND MASSES**Telephone Booking Times:** Telephone: 01922 622 633 (Ext 1)**Wednesday: 10am – 12 noon, Thursday: 5pm – 7pm, Friday: 5pm – 7pm****Online Reservation:** You can reserve your seat online for Mass through the parish website: www.stmarysthemount.co.uk

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer at the Time of Distress

Merciful God come to the help of your people. Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our community. Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this affliction. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for Vocations

Divine Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the church in our Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Blessed Justin and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen. Hail Mary.....

Prayer after Communion

“O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.” *Bl. Fr. Justin*



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| Date | Time | Church/Place | Mass Intention | Offered By |
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| Saturday 5 th | 5:30pm 6.30pm 6.30pm | St. Mary's St. Patrick's St. Thomas | Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass | |
| Sunday 6 th <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> | 9:00am 10.00am 10.00am 11:00am 7.00pm | St. Mary's St. Patrick's St. Thomas St. Mary's St. Patrick's | Pro Populo Holy Mass Holy Mass Lee Heath - RIP Holy Mass | Quing Family |
| Monday 7 th St. Ambrose Bishop | 9.15am 9.15am 10.00am 6:30pm 7:00pm | St. Patrick's St. Thomas St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Mary's | Holy Mass Holy Mass Ken Towe Holy Rosary Sr. Domenica - TH | Pauline Power V Fenlon |
| Tuesday 8 th Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary | 9.15am 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am | St. Patrick's St. Thomas St. Mary's St. Mary's | Holy Mass & Adoration Holy Mass Holy Rosary Joseph Chacko - RIP, DA | Reji Joseph & Family |
| Wednesday 9 th | 9.15am 9.15am 6:00pm 7:00pm | St. Patrick's St. Thomas St. Mary's St. Mary's | Holy Mass Holy Mass Adoration A T Abraham – RIP, DA | Simmy |
| Thursday 10 th | 9.15am 9.15am 9.30am 10:00am | St. Patrick's St. Thomas St. Mary's St. Mary's | Holy Mass & Adoration Holy Mass Holy Rosary Ken Towe - RIP | Maggie Towe |
| Friday 11 th St. Damasus I Pope | 9.15am 9.15am 2.30pm 6:15pm 6.30pm 7:00pm | St. Patrick's St. Thomas St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Mary's | Holy Mass Holy Mass Ken Towe – Funeral service Confession Holy Rosary Ken Towe - RIP | Rich Towe & Family |
| Saturday 12 th <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> | 10:00am 10:30am 5:30pm 6.30pm 6.30pm | St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Patrick's St. Thomas | Ken Towe - RIP Adoration & Confession Vigil Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass | Nick Towe & Family |
| Sunday 13 th <i>Third Sunday of Advent Bambinelli Sunday</i> | 9:00am 10.00am 10.00am 11:00am 7.00pm | St. Mary's St. Patrick's St. Thomas St. Mary's St. Patrick's | Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass Thanksgiving Holy Mass | Quing Family |

C=Conversion, RIP=Rest in Peace, DA=Death Anniversary, S=Sick, B=Birthday, TH=Thanksgiving, WB=Well-Being, H=Healing, SI=Special Intention, PC=Parish Centre, M=Marriage, WA=Wedding Anniversary, Ch=Church, MV=Maryvale, SCH=School, BD=Beechdale, BP=Baptism

Let us pray for those who are sick:

Lorraine Darby, Mavourneen Smith, Marie Hornblower, Judith Dunthorne, Patricia Davies, Angela Gonsalves, Margaret Powell, Matthew McGill, Dr. Petroc Willey, Lee Chit Wei, Margaret Abbot, Susan Naughton, Mrs K Carter, Carol Callaghan, Jo Baker, Mrs Small, Peter Corrigan, Josie Kelleher, Gilbert Wilkes, Doris White.