

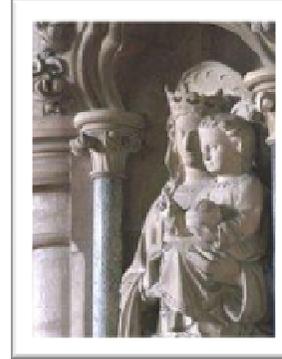
## Advent—Bible Sunday

**THE SECOND SUNDAY** in Advent is commonly known nowadays as 'Bible Sunday'. This is so even in the Catholic Church because it is one of those observances that has crossed into the Catholic Church from elsewhere, in this case the Church of England. (Other similar crossovers include the Advent Wreath—which comes from the Lutheran tradition). There are too many customs and devotions to list if one thinks of all the things that have crossed the other way—from the Catholic Church to other bodies—but it is good that we have received good things too.

The collect for this Sunday, in the Book of Common Prayer, was written by Archbishop Cranmer. In the words of Peter Toon, for the Prayer Book Society website:

The verbs used - hear, read, mark, learn & inwardly digest - are so arranged as to suggest perhaps the movement from initial, superficial acquaintance with the content of the Bible to the profoundest reception of that content deep in the soul, in the heart, mind and will, and in the fear of God. To hear is to hear both with the outer ear and with the inner ear and thus hear in the mind and the conscience, where the seed of the word of God must be sown. To read (which was not possible for all in the 16th century) is yet another route for the word to enter the soul. To mark is to pay close attention to what is heard and/or read, to meditate upon it, to chew the cud as it were. To learn is to commit to memory the essentials of what is heard and read. "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11). To digest the word of God can only occur when there has been the receiving, the noting, the meditating and the remembering, for, in digestion, the spiritual food (be it the milk or the solid food) enters the "blood stream" of the soul. "How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Psalm 119:103).

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



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		<b>YEAR C: Psalter Week 2</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>ADVENT 2</b> Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	[PURPLE] <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Monday</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>Of Advent Week 2</i> School Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[purple]
<b>Tuesday</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>Of Advent Week 2</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[purple]
<b>Wednesday</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Adoration: 11.45am St Mary's Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	[white]
<b>Thursday</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> December	St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr Mass: 9.15am St Mary's Advent Vigil: 7pm St Patrick's	[red]
<b>Friday</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> December	St John of the Cross, Religious, Doctor Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House</i>	[white] <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>No Mass at St Mary's</i>	
<b>Sunday</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>ADVENT 3</b> Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	[PURPLE] <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment</b> <a href="http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk">www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk</a>		

## THIS WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD

### ADVENT VIGIL AT ST PATRICK'S

For children and adults on **Thursday (13<sup>th</sup> December)**, from 7pm. Please feel free to come along at any time during the vigil.

### CHRISTMAS GIVING FOR 'LITTLE PEOPLE'

Please note we have changed the meeting date to **Saturday (15<sup>th</sup> December)**. Everybody is welcomed to come and help preparing the presents in the parish rooms from 10.30am. Wrapping paper, gift bags, etc. are needed. Please talk to Maria if you have any questions.

### SUNDAY EXTRA

The next meeting for First Communion Parents and members of the congregation is on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December** at 11am. After this date first Communion classes for children will resume on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January** at 4.30pm

### ECUMENICAL NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

This service will be at All Saint's Church, Lockinge on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December** at 6pm. All welcome to this beautiful church. Do bring some nibbles to share with our Anglican friends after the service. The Ardington & Lockinge Singers will be supporting this service.

### O'HANLON HOUSE CHRISTMAS

O'Hanlon House is the night shelter in Oxford for the homeless. Besides providing overnight accommodation it also assists with a number of other supportive activities, advice and counselling. Things they need: blankets, single duvets, warm hats, gloves, belts, underwear, socks, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toiletries. I will be taking them into Oxford in the week beginning **17<sup>th</sup> December**.

### PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Penitential Service, with the opportunity for individual Reconciliation, on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** at 7pm, at English Martyrs in Didcot.

### SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT LECTURE SERIES

On **Saturday 22 December** at the Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, from 10-12noon. £30 per lecture. For more information please go to [www.carmeliteprioryoxford.com](http://www.carmeliteprioryoxford.com)

### PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday's collection raised a total of £938.45 of which 89.5% was Gift aided.

### FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

20 January 2019: Cathedral

**NEWSLETTER** | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to [hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) by **Wednesday 10 am**

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## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

### BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.



### THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

*Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, Jadvyga Adasko, Angus Clark and Maria Wysocki-Jones.* Names remain for four weeks.

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Peter Gibson, Ann Collett, Robert Driscoll, William Brown, Harry Wells, Charles Hunt and Margaret Crossman.*

**HOLY FATHER'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION - Evangelization** – *In the Service of the Transmission of Faith.* That people, who are involved in the service of the transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

### COFFEE AFTER MASS

During the winter, coffee after Mass will be in the Holy Family Room. Please proceed by way of the outside path..

### MORE THAN A CHRISTMAS DINNER!

For £28.18 you can give a homeless person a warm welcome and good company, three nutritious hot meals including a delicious Christmas dinner, a bed for the night if needed, a chance to shower, freshen up and get clean clothes, a health check plus expert help with mental health and addiction problems as well as advice on housing/employment. To donate online please go to [www.crisis.org.uk](http://www.crisis.org.uk)

### APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA – STELLA MARIS

**AoS** seeks your kind donations of woolly hats, toblerone chocolates as well as other personal items in support of the many seafarers who work upon the high seas. **AoS** also invites the faithful to donate any extra rosaries, bibles or small crucifixes. Financial donations are most welcomed as well. For more information on how you may be able to help, please go to [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk).

### HOW WILL YOU USE THIS ADVENT TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS?

Here are a few ideas to help you make the most of this Advent: Sign up for Advent reflections from Bishop Robert Barron directly to your inbox at [DailyCatholicGospel.com](http://DailyCatholicGospel.com) or Pray more Advent Retreat at [praymoreretreat.com](http://praymoreretreat.com)

### ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?

If you have recently joined our parish, please complete the registration form (yellow or green sheets at the back of the church). The information you provide is strictly confidential and of great help for Fr Andrew's ministry.