



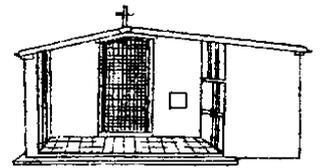
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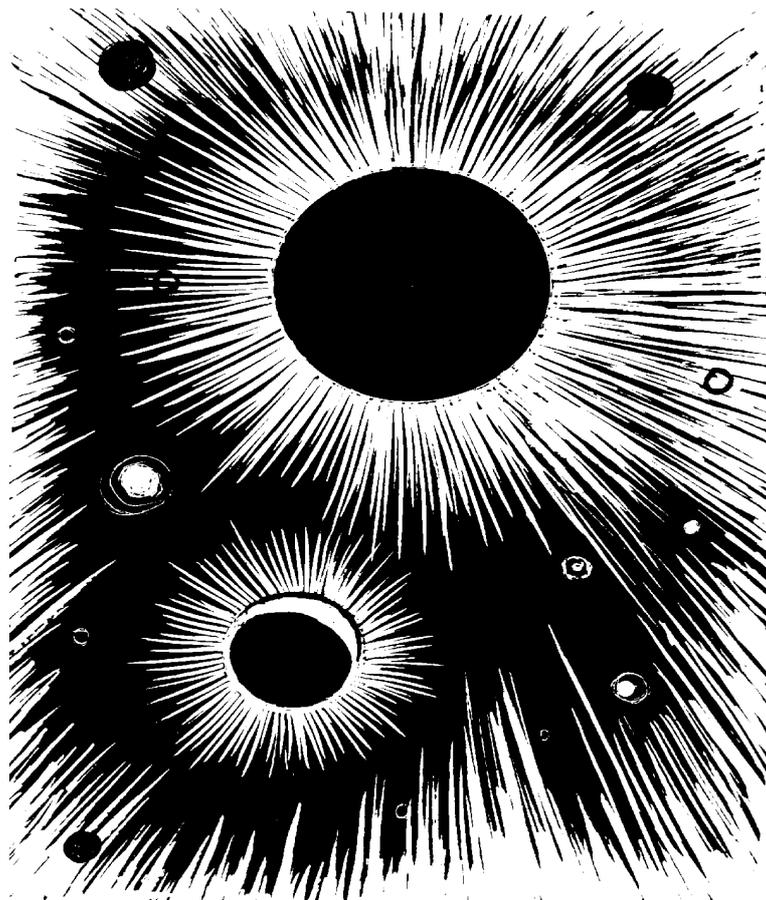
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Parish bulletin for Sunday 2nd December, 2018



Parish mission statement: Our mission is to witness, in our daily lives, to the presence of the living Christ in our parish and local community. To this end, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are a people grounded in the sacraments and prayer, in the Word of God, and in the teachings of the Church.

Please pray for sick in our hospitals & nursing homes around the parish.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH :Joseph Alkins, Jessie Popple,

General

Holy Communion preparation 2019. Please give names of any children of 7 or over to register for the course to Fr Ikeokwu or Julia Tucker.

2019 Missals still available @ £5.95. Please see Fr Ikeokwu

2019 Liturgical diary now available @ £6.50 each, Directory @ £5 each.

The Food Bank has requested contribution to their Christmas Hampers which they will be distributing to needy families in the local community. Please see the poster on the notice board. Usual items like tea & coffee would be welcome along with Christmas puddings/cakes/crackers/mince pies etc. The hampers will be made up on Monday 17th December at 2pm at Rockwell Green Christian

Fellowship Church and any volunteers to help with this would be much appreciated.

CAFOD World Gifts catalogues available in porch.

At Wellington unless noted			Mass this week: 	
1st Sunday of Advent	Sunday	2nd	9.00am	<i>Wiveliscombe</i>
			10.45am	Rosary
			11.15am	For the parish Followed immediately by Exposition
St Francis Xavier	Monday	3 rd	9.15am	
St Osmund	Tuesday	4 th	9.15am	
	Wednesday		9.15am	
			9.45am	Rosary
	Thursday	6 th	10.00am	<i>Wiveliscombe</i>
St Ambrose	Friday	7 th	9.15am	

Immaculate Conception of BVM	Saturday	8 th	10.00am	
2nd Sunday of Advent		9 th	9.00am	<i>Wiveliscombe</i> For the parish
			11.15am	
Confessions: Usually Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am				
Hymns for 11.15am Mass Ent:133 ; Kyrie; Gloria: ; Gifts:613 ; Holy Holy:47 ; Mem acc:47 Amen:47; Agnus Dei:452/29 . 1,6,4; Comm:762; Recess:65 Psalm response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.				
Collection: Cash: £284.56 + direct debits c.£350 Second collection: Catholic Youth Service: £111.44				

Last Week

November 100 club winners: 1st Mary Lawrey, 2nd Margaret Riley, 3rd Pat Sweet

This Week

Prayer & fasting for Life: Friday 7th December pray and fast for an end to abortion and euthanasia. See poster in porch.

First Holy Communion preparation class: Saturday 8th December at 11am in the Parish Room.

Next Sunday: second collection for flower fund and Christmas flowers

Coming Events

Carols on the Green: Wednesday 12th December at URC Green with Silver Band at 6.30pm.

Holy Father's December mission intention:

That in their dialogue with culture, people involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find a language that is appropriate to the present time.

Gospel commentary for 1st Sunday of Advent year C

It may come as a shock to hear the readings from the scriptures that the Church sees fit to proclaim during this season.

We believe in a saviour who is risen, ascended, glorified, but first he had to be crucified. There can be no Christmas without Advent. Jesus teaches us that we cannot journey with him to the joys of heaven unless we first take up our cross and follow him to Calvary. He warns us, on this first day of the Church's year, that days of agony and menace lie ahead. We cannot skip them and proceed directly to the sweetness of the nativity story, with its jolly shepherds, glittering angels and exotic kings.

If we look back through the course of human history, it consists of little else but nations in agony. The people for whom Luke wrote his Gospel – the Gospel that the Church will be reading throughout this new liturgical year – would have been very familiar with such things themselves. In their own time they knew how the Jewish people had rebelled against the Roman Empire, and how the Roman armies, with great ferocity, had defeated the rebels, occupied Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple.

We ourselves know of two very bloody world wars in times not distant from our own, and of other distressing conflicts, of ethnic cleansing and genocide, of the migration of refugees on an enormous scale, fleeing from unspeakable violence and oppression. Christ never said that if we followed him we would be spared these disasters.

Even those of us who have not lived through the cruelty of war in person have suffered disasters on the more ordinary level of our everyday lives.

This is not the end of the story. Christ predicts these disasters, but his message is still one of hope. “Stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand,” he tells his listening disciples, and the message is for us too. The crucifixion must come, but it is followed by resurrection and glory, for us as for Christ. Fortified by this hope, we may well stay awake, and stand with confidence before the Son of Man.
