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## 1st December 2024 – 1st Sunday of Advent, Ordinary Time, Yr C

<u>Day and Time</u>	<u>Mass or Service</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>	<u>RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS</u>
Sat. 6pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	November Dead List	Saturdays 10.00-10.30am 5.15-5.45pm
Sun. 10.30am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish	<b>ADORATION</b>
Mon. 7.30am		Carmel Jayasuriya	Wednesday 1.30pm-2pm Thursday 9.00-10.00am
Tue. 10am	St. Francis Xavier	Joe McMullen	<b>LECTIO DIVINA</b>
Wed. 2pm	St. John of Damascus	Joan Hargan	Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm (in the presbytery)
Thurs. 10am		November Dead List	 <p>Scan this QR code with your mobile device to donate online. If you pay tax and would like to Gift Aid, please contact Franco Napoletano 07903 221263</p> <p>Chris Thorpe Parish Safeguarding Representative: <a href="mailto:psrenglishmartyrs@rcdmidd.org.uk">psrenglishmartyrs@rcdmidd.org.uk</a>, 07711 569880.</p>
Fri. 10am	St. Nicholas	Dorothea Noble	
Fri. 12pm	Bar Convent		
Sat. 6pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	James Largan	
Sun. 10.30am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish	

**NEXT WEEK, 2nd Sunday of Advent, Yr C**  
**LATELY DEAD**, Colin Sharpley, Tom Hudson  
**COLLECTION, £713.84, 100 CLUB**, No.3 Chris & Katy Thorpe

**YOUTH SUNDAY COLLECTION**, We raised £305.87. Thank you very much for your contributions.

**PARISH CAROL SERVICE**, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 3pm, do come along for a true highlight of the Parish year. We are hoping that the children will perform our parish nativity play during the Carol Service. If your child would like to take part, please contact Sarah [opiehawk@btinternet.com](mailto:opiehawk@btinternet.com). It is very informal using narrators so no lines to learn and we keep costumes very simple. We will meet an hour before the service for a run through. Also, we are hoping to keep the tradition of a real baby to play Jesus if there is one - please get in touch if you can help!

**MISSIO -SPONSORSHIP OF STUDENT IN MALAWI**, I am delighted to tell you that we have been assigned a seminarian from Malawi to support and pray for. It costs £500 a year to sponsor Francis Tafara Danga. We will have a voluntary retiring collection for the Sundays of Advent and hopefully we'll raise the necessary amount.

**OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS**, Our Parish Primary School are having their Advent Service here on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Do come along if you can.

**BISHOP ERIK VON VARDEN**, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm Bishop Erik is giving a lecture at Vanbrugh College, at the University. Bishop Varden's topic is "Be Holy!" The challenge and scandal of sanctity in times of anthropological crisis. This is a talk not to miss if you are interested in Theology today. The lecture is free but should be booked through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/be-holy-1-peter-116-tickets-1077246726959?aff=oddtcreator>

**ADVENT**, A time to think and pray and perhaps ask oneself about the wonderful sacrament of reconciliation. Times for Confessions on Saturday 10-10.30am and 5.15-5.45pm. Please feel free to make an appointment.

**FRIDAY FAITH MEETING**, Friday, 7pm in the upper room for anyone interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith. Open to all. We are using the Sycamore programme to aid our discussions.

# SUNDAY PLUS

Wake up to love!

## Life continues

By Sr Janet Fearn FMDM

**L**ife continues. Yet to board the Circumvesuviana means a train journey which rarely loses sight of Vesuvius, a sleeping volcano, which, one day, will erupt again. Indeed, volcanic activity has formed most of the landscape and coastline of the Bay of Naples.

The AD 79 eruption which destroyed the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum also preserved them for future generations. In fact, although the archaeological excavations appear huge, they are only a small fraction of the treasures which are still to be revealed.

Centuries of repeated hardship, conflict and the ever-present threat of volcanic eruption have moulded the vibrant, dynamic personality of the people of Naples, who live for the present, constantly remember the past, and walk towards the future. Volcanic soils uniquely flavour food and wines. Countless shops sell statues representing the souls in purgatory,



reminding people to pray for those who have gone before them. Naples and Neapolitans are alive and active – but they know from whence they have come and keep an eye on the future.

Today, the first Sunday of Advent, Jesus reminds us that, one day, the world will end. Yet between then and now, life continues and what is important is to make the most of our time. We face many unknowns, but Jesus is our sure companion and so, with him, we walk in faith and trust, following the path that he lays out for us. We can't change the past. The future is full of uncertainties, but the present moment is God's gift – if we are prepared to accept the challenge.

*Sr Janet Fearn is a Franciscan Missionary of the Divine Motherhood.*

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## Beginning again

By Natasha Pritchard

We have been in ordinary time for a while and perhaps during that time we haven't given ourselves the nudge we need to come out of our ordinary ways. Today, as we enter an extraordinary time, we have an opportunity to begin again and to ask ourselves, how will we make this Advent different?

In today's readings, we are reminded that we are called to love each other and to grow in holiness. We're reminded to stay vigilant and avoid falling into complacency. As St Paul puts it, we are called to lead the kind of life that God wants for us.

The day is approaching when the Lord will come and fulfil his promises. What are the promises you want to make to God today? What is one small way you might grow in holiness this special season?

*Natasha Pritchard has worked in Catholic hospital chaplaincy, youth ministry and is now Area Support Chaplain at Methodist Homes.*



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

## The Jubilee app

The official mobile app for the 2025 Jubilee Year, "Iubilaeum25", is available for free download. The app, which will make registration for Jubilee events easier, can be downloaded from the App Store for iOS and from the Android Play Store.

The app, available in six languages, will allow access to all the latest news on the Jubilee, and allow the user to register as a pilgrim for the Holy Year and obtain the Pilgrim Card for free. Once registered on the portal, users will also be able to sign up for Jubilee events and pilgrimages to the Holy Door.

By navigating the simple and intuitive menu, users will also be able to "save" the events they are interested in, access their personalized area more quickly and obtain the unique QR code needed for access to the Holy Door.

*Dicastery for Evangelisation*

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your kingdom.

The Jubilee Prayer

**Today:**  
Jeremiah 33:14-16  
1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2  
Luke 21:25-28,34-36

**Monday:**  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Matthew 8:5-11

**Tuesday:**  
Isaiah 11:1-10  
Luke 10:21-24

**Wednesday:**  
Isaiah 25:6-10  
Matthew 15:29-37

**Thursday:**  
Isaiah 26:1-6  
Matthew 7:21. 24-27

**Friday:**  
Isaiah 29:17-24  
Matthew 9:27-31

**Saturday:**  
Isaiah 30:19-21. 23-26  
Matthew 9:35 – 10:1. 6-8

**Next Sunday:**  
Baruch 5:1-9  
Philippians 1:4-6. 8-11  
Luke 3:1-6