

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY & ST. KENELM

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## LITURGY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2020 FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT (B)

### TIMES OF MASS & MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 28th Nov	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00 am.	Deceased Members & friends of Foley & Green Families
Sun 29th Nov	1st SUNDAY of ADVENT (B)	10.00 am.	Lilly & Gilbert Wilson (RIP)
Mon 30th Nov	St. ANDREW Ap	12 noon	November Dead List
Tues 1st Dec	St. EDMUND CAMPION PM	12 noon	Sally Crowe (RIP)
Wed 2nd Dec	Wednesday of 1st week of Advent	12 noon	Deceased Members & Friends of Nguyen and Harrison Families
Thurs 3rd Dec	St. Francis Xavier P	<i>in school</i> 12 noon	Private Intention Diane Rudge (RIP)
Fri 4th Dec	Friday of 1st week of Advent	12 noon	Patricia Jones (Int)
Sat 5th Dec	St. BIRINUS B	10.00 am. 4.30pm.	Private Intention Louis Umrit (RIP)
Sun 6th Dec	2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT (B)	10.00 am.	Pro Populo

#### MASS INTENTIONS to Father Stefan please

After the Lockdown ends this week, masses will be **open to the public** on **Friday 12noon, Saturday 4.30pm** and **Sunday 10 am**.

Please note there will not be a live stream of Mass on Saturday evening. The Sunday morning live stream on YouTube ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWKQ3\\_Ft\\_zoDHsTqSXz4uiA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWKQ3_Ft_zoDHsTqSXz4uiA)) will be available all day should people want to watch it at a later time. If you have a problem finding the past live streams, please follow the link off the live stream option on the parish website.

*Red times denote live streamed Masses*

#### Making a Spiritual Communion

- \* Make the sign of the cross
- \* You could read the Gospel of the day
- \* Then share prayer intentions
- \* Say the Lord's Prayer
- \* Make an act of spiritual communion
- \* Close with the sign of the cross.

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen*

#### A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

*Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Heal the sick! Sustain and support the anxious. Be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

*"Make mercy the air you breathe."  
Pope Francis*

#### Message and Reflection from Father Stefan

I will be on the end of a phone should anyone want to ring and talk, and if you need to visit the church for private prayer.

Well the end of the Second Lockdown is now in sight; we know that we will be starting up in tier 3.

Masses are permitted and so there will be public Mass on Friday 4th at 12noon, Saturday 5th at 4.30pm and Sunday 6th at 10am. All other masses this week will be just on the live stream.

This Sunday marks the beginning of our new liturgical year and so the reading are now from Year B!

During Advent, in each year of the three-year cycle, the theme of the first week looks to the end times—the eschaton—with an emphasis on the second coming of Jesus and the need to be ready.

In the early church, there was an expectation that Jesus would return quickly. In their post-Easter faith, believers knew that Jesus had been taken up to heaven at the ascension and that he was remaining with God until the time came for him to return in triumph.

For Mark, it is now the church that waits and must remain always ready to greet the master on his return.

Advent therefore has for us a two-fold character— as a season of preparation for Christmas when Christ's coming in history is remembered; and as a season when that first coming directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time.

So let us open our hearts this weekend, and ask the Lord to enable us to wait for him, so that whatever form our Christmas may take this year that we can nevertheless greet the Lord with Joy on Christmas Day.

Shalom

*Fr. Stefan*

#### May they rest in peace

We continue to remember in our prayers Philip Curtis, Brian Bonehill, Sheila Knight, Frank McCann, John Maddocks, Mick Massingham and Vera Jarvis and those deceased members of our parish whose anniversaries occur about now – Cyril Jones, Anne Simpson, Jack Stevenson and our former Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville.

Please keep in your prayers the lately dead, Roger Haycock (whose funeral will be taking place at St Peter's Lapa) and Sylvia McAndrew. May they rest in peace.



And what I say to you I say to all: 'Stay awake!'

First Sunday of Advent

Next Weekend  
Sat/Sun 5/6 Dec '20

SECOND SUNDAY  
of ADVENT (B)

MASSES at weekend times  
Saturday : 4.30 pm.  
Sunday : 10.00 am.  
(Live streamed)