



**The Parish of English Martyrs,
St Joseph & St Peter
in Chard, Ilminster and Crewkerne.**



THE GOOD NEWS

17th December 2017

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year B
(*Gaudete Sunday*)**

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near”

The Advent Wreath, with the progressive lighting of its four candles, Sunday after Sunday, until the Solemnity of Christmas, is a recollection of the various stages of salvation history prior to Christ’s coming. According to tradition, three of the candles are violet representing preparation and repentance, and the fourth is rose. Today we light the rose candle, for this colour anticipates and symbolises the Christmas joy announced in the first word of the Entrance Antiphon: “Rejoice” (*Gaudete*).

In the parish we have much to rejoice about with the appointment of a new Parish Priest, Fr Dominic Findlay-Wilson. Fr. Dominic is currently Assistant Priest at Holy Rood parish in Swindon. He studied at Emmanuel School of Mission in Rome, St John’s Seminary, and University College of Wales in Aberystwyth. He was ordained to the priesthood on 26th July 2014, at Clifton Cathedral.



We look forward to welcoming Fr. Dominic to the Parish of English Martyrs in mid-January.

Welcome to this House of God: Talk to God before Mass, listen to God during Mass, talk to others after Mass.

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Induction Loop systems are installed in our churches in Chard & Crewkerne.

BULLETIN BOARD

PARISH COFFEE MORNING

*Saturday 6th January 2018
10am - 11.30am*

This coffee morning will be co-ordinated by Sue and Nick Kirby (723418). If you are able to bake a cake or help in other ways, please contact them.

100 CLUB

The time has come to renew subscriptions for 2018. The cost is only £12 for four draws, which are held in March, June, September and December.

If you are not already a member please consider supporting the parish in this way. If you are a member, why not increase your chances of winning by taking out a second subscription !

Christmas Flowers: Last weekend's Collection has raised £102.35 to date. .

PARISH REPOSITORY: *Christmas cards, calendars, diaries, candles and lots more available after mass each Sunday.*

Our Parish Co-ordination team

is set up to ensure that day to day matters needed to run the parish are dealt with, and to prevent duplication and omissions. This group comprises:

Mick Capps - fabric and utilities 261008

Diane Butler - finances 929893

Pat Hanks - ladies group 62338

Sue Kirby - liturgy and liaison 73418

Any issues you observe or anticipate please bring to the attention of the above.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The envelopes for the coming year will be distributed over **this weekend**. The Gift Aid Organiser will be at all masses to distribute these and to answer any questions that you may have.

If you are not able to collect your set then please contact Geoff Constable on 01460-221085 or email:

geoffconstable@btinternet.com

to make alternative arrangements.

FUNERAL OF JOAN BALDREY: *this will be on Monday 18th December at 11am in Chard. Please pray for Joan and her family.*

EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE *each Tuesday in Ilminster at 10.00am. NB: these will be suspended over Christmas and New Year - please see Diary on page 3..*

TAIZE GROUP: *will meet again in early January, Members are encouraged to pray the Taize chants in their own homes until meetings recommence in the New Year.*

SVP: *December meeting cancelled. Next meeting is on Monday 22nd January 2018.*

MORNING & EVENING PRAYER *will be suspended from Saturday 23rd to Wednesday 27th December inclusive, re-starting on Thursday 28th and continuing until Saturday 30th December. There will be no Morning Prayer on Monday 1st January 2018 (New Year's Day)*

CRIB COLLECTION: *during the Christmas period there will be a basket by the crib for offerings to the Diocesan Children's Society.*

While we are without a parish priest please note that **if you need a priest urgently** these are the contact numbers for our neighbouring parishes:

Axminster: 0129732135, Bridport: 01308422594, Taunton: 01823272700

Wincanton: 0196334408, Yeovil: 01935423549

**AT MASS AND IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS
WEEK**

Please remember with the whole Church, our Pope Francis and those who hold high office under him.

Our whole Diocese follows a cycle of Prayer, so during Advent and Christmas we are asked to pray for openness to the word of God; migrants and refugees; expectant mothers; and give proper thanks and praise for the gift of human life.

*In our own Parish, we pray for all parishioners and visitors; for those who are unable to be with us today, the sick and the housebound and those who care for them, and all who have asked for our prayers, **all those who have died recently, especially Maeve Warry and Joan Baldrey**, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.*

DIARY

Thursday, 4th January 2018:
Taize Group meets at 7pm. All welcome !

Saturday, 6th January: *Parish Coffee Morning, 10am - 12 noon.*

Tuesday, 9th January at 10am:
Eucharistic Service in Ilminster.

Tuesday, 9th January: *Catholic Ladies Guild meeting at 11am,*

Sunday, 21st January: *Holy Hour, 2pm. (to be confirmed)*

Monday, 22nd January: *SVP Meeting at 10.00am*

Masses in our parish and in the area over the Christmas period

Date	Time	Place	Celebrant	Intention (This parish only)
Saturday 23rd December	5.00pm 5.30pm	Yeovil Ilminster	Fr. Jose Fr. J-P	Stella & Broderick Dale
Sunday 24th December	(No mass in Crewkerne)			
	9.00am	South Petherton	Fr J-P	
	10.30am	Yeovil	Fr. Jose	
	11.00am	Chard	Fr J-P	Clifton Mission Benefactors Fund
Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve)	(No Mass in Ilminster)			
	6.00pm	South Petherton	Fr. David O'Regan	
	6.00pm	Yeovil	Fr. Jose	
	9.00pm	Chard	Fr. Jan	
	Midnight	Yeovil	Fr J-P	
Monday 25th December (Christmas Day)	9.00am 9.00am 10.30am 11.00am	Crewkerne South Petherton Yeovil Chard	Fr. Jan Fr David Fr Jose Fr.J-P	

Next Sunday: Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday 30th, Sunday 31st December	5.30pm 9.00am 11.0am	Ilminster Crewkerne Chard	Fr. J-P Fr. J-P Fr. J-P	Masses today will be offered for all our parishioners, especially those separated from their families at this time.
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We are extremely grateful to our Dean, Fr Louis, to Fr J-P and the Priests in Yeovil & Somerton parishes for their generous ministering to us over this very busy period.

MASS - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2017 (YR B)

- ENTRANCE HYMN:** 112 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, vv 1 - 4
- GLORIA:** Not said during Advent
- FIRST READING:** from the Prophet Isaiah 61: vv 1 - 2, 10 - 11
- RESPONSE:** My soul rejoices in my God.
- SECOND READING:** from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 5: v 16 - 24.
- GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!
- GOSPEL:** from the Holy Gospel according to John 1: vv 6 - 8, 18- 28.
- CREED:** Said
- OFFERTORY HYMN:** 604 - Lord, accept the gifts we offer
- OUR FATHER:** 507
- COMMUNION HYMN:** 627 - This is My Body
- RECESSIONAL HYMN:** 92 - Hark, a herald voice is sounding

NEXT SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Yr B)

Mass & Service Times for this week - Advent week 3

Saturday 16th,	5.00pm Ilminster	Recovery of David Emmerson
Sunday 17th	9.00am Crewkerne	Gaëlle McGovern and her family
December	11.00am Chard	Fr. Basil RIP (anv. of Birthday)
Monday 18th Dec	11.00am Chard	Funeral of Joan Baldrey
Tuesday 19th Dec	10.00am Ilminster	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE
Wednesday 20th Dec	6.40pm Chard	Evening Prayer (No Mass)
Thursday 21st Dec.	9.10am Chard	Morning Prayer (No Mass)
Friday 22nd Dec.	9.10am Chard	Morning Prayer (No Mass)
Saturday 23rd Dec.	Chard	NO Morning Prayer or Mass

Next Sunday: The Fourth Sunday of Advent (Yr B)

Saturday 23rd,	5.30pm Ilminster	Stella & Broderick Dale
Sunday 24th	No mass in Crewkerne	<i>(see Page 3 for alternatives)</i>
December	11.00am Chard	Clifton Mission Benefactors Fund

Please see page 3 for Christmas Eve masses in the area on 24th December.