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27th November 2016 THE NEWSLETTER for The First Sunday in Advent (A)

Parish Masses for First Week of Advent

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sa 26 th	5.30pm St P's	Priest's Intention	Vigil of 1 st Sunday of Advent
Su 27 th	8.30am St P's	For the Parish	1 st Sunday of Advent
Su 27 th	10.00am St J's	Priest's Intention	1 st Sunday of Advent
M 28 th	7.55am	One deceased	Advent Weekday
T 29 th	8.00am	John Edmund Wilcock A	Advent Weekday
W 30 th	8.00am	May Hogan L	St Andrew, Apostle
Th 1 st	7.55am	Priest's Intention	Ss Edmund Campion and Comps. SS JJ, Mm
F 2 nd	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Advent Weekday

L = Lately Dead, A = Anniversary of Death, R = Remembrance M = Martyr, V = Virgin, B = Bishop, Pp = Pope
 P = Personal Intention, S = Sick, B = Birthday D = Doctor, P = Priest, R = Religious

Please pray for the following, the anniversaries of whose deaths occur at this time:

Tom Ashley, Henry Wilkinson, Mary Wilkinson Eliza Brown, Fr Ronald Hull SJ, Fr Edmund Willoughby SJ, Margaret Wilson, Brian Holden, Helen Wells, George Greasley.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Readings at Mass:	First Sunday of Advent	Second Sunday of Advent
First Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5	Isaiah 11:1-10
Second Reading	Romans 13:11-14	Romans 15:4-9
Gospel	Matthew 24:37-44	Matthew 3:1-12

Collections: Very many thanks for your weekly donations for 19/20 November

Vigil	£ 42.65	8.30am	£ 49.46	10.00 am	£ 77.22	TOTAL	£169.33
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The Apostleship of Prayer

Here is a way to pray for the whole world along with Pope Francis as he asks us to pray for intentions close to his heart each month! It's simple.

Begin each day with this prayer: The Morning Offering.

'O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you the prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them to you especially for the Pope's intentions for this month.'

Each month, the Pope's intentions are printed in this Newsletter. For this month, **November 2016**, he asks us to pray

- 1) that countries that take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity and
- 2) that within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

Once you have said the prayer above, carry on with your day. Everything that you pray, work and suffer during the day will all be received by God as your gift of prayer for the good of the world.

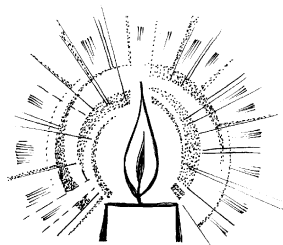
This week-end, Mr Tony Brown, from the **Medaille Trust** will speak at each mass about the work of the Trust which is concerned to help those who are victims of human-trafficking, or put another way, modern slavery which sadly, is rife in our society today. There will be a table at the back of the church displaying items for sale, proceeds from which will go to help support victims and a donation will be given to Mr Brown from the Parish Poor Fund to further this work.

An Advent Course run by St John's Church in St John's Old School Hall. Dates: Mondays 21st & 28th November, 5th and 12th December. Time 7.00pm with a meal followed by a look at scripture in an informal setting led by Philip Elson, a Baptist Minister from Blackburn. More information from **David and Gill Jacques (01254 878222)**

The Three-in-one Coffee Stop on Monday, 5th December will be raising funds for the British Red Cross. Tea, coffee, cakes plus cakes for sale, a raffle, the usual books and nearly new clothes rail. Please come and support if you can. Any offer of cakes and nearly new clothes will be gratefully received. Contact D & G Jacques as above.

The next **Joint Mid Week Service and lunch** is at 11.00am on Wednesday 14th December 2016 in St John's Old School Hall. More news later, meanwhile names, please to Fr Griffiths if you would like to go.

Carol Singing around Hurst Green village and environs! Friday, 16th December 2016 A joint project with St John's and All Hallows churches. Meet in St Peter's Club at 7.00pm.



Congratulations to **Mary Agnes Cardwell** who, last Sunday, was awarded the 'Bene Merenti' Medal for her work on behalf of St Joseph's Chapel for many years and for her public service to the people of Hurst Green and surroundings. On behalf of the many people who have benefited from her dedicated labours, we say, 'Many thanks!'

Many thanks, too, to Mary Bailey and her willing helpers who made cakes and served tea's and coffee's for the reception after the presentation.

Knowing the Faith.

'Classes' on various aspects of Catholic teaching. Venue: the Parish priest's office. Enter by the stepped entrance at the side of the church. Time: 7.30pm.

Monday, 28th November: No meeting as the Parish Priest has to be away. Normal service resumed next week.

St Joseph's Cemetery

Mr Bernard Holden and his team of very willing volunteers continue to keep up the maintenance of the parish cemetery to an extremely high standard, but their efforts can be thwarted by the wintry weather. Recent high winds have brought down some branches and rendered others in a dangerous situation. Remedial help has been ordered and promised in the very near future to render the trees safe and paths cleared, but meanwhile, please take caution when visiting the cemetery and be aware of any possible risks from fallen or about-to fall branches to your safety whilst visiting.

Advance Notice.

Christmas Masses in St Peter's and St Joseph's 2016

St Peter's

Saturday, December 24th Christmas Vigil Mass with blessing of crib 5.30pm

Midnight Mass at 12.00pm preceded with carols at 11.30pm.

St Joseph's

Sunday, Christmas Day 10.00 mass in St Joseph's Chapel