



The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham Coventry Group

Sunday 3rd December 2023
First Sunday of Advent



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Collect

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

First reading *Isaiah 63:16d-17; 64:1,3b-85*

You, O Lord, are our Father,
our Redeemer from old is your name.
O Lord, why do you make us err from your ways
and harden our heart, so that we do not fear you?
Return for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your heritage.
O that you would tear the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence!
You came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet him that joyfully works righteousness,
those that remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one that calls upon your name,
that bestirs himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquities.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;

we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Second reading *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Brethren:

Grace to you and peace
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to God always for you
because of the grace of God which was given you in
Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in
him with all speech and all knowledge— even as the
testimony to Christ was confirmed among you—
so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift,
as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who will sustain you to the end,
guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
God is faithful, by whom you were called into the
fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel *Mark 13:33-37*

At that time:

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Take heed, watch and pray;
for you do not know when the time will come.
It is like a man going on a journey,
when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge,
each with his work,
and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.
Watch therefore—
for you do not know when the master of the house
will come,
in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or in the morning—
lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.
And what I say to you I say to all: Watch.”

The Advent Prose

Rorate caeli

The Advent Prose is a series of texts adapted from the book of Isaiah.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity for ever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Sion is a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind,
have taken us away;
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us,
because of our iniquities.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen;
that ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord,
and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver
out of my hand.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,
my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud
thy transgressions:
Fear not for I will save thee:
for I am the Lord thy God,
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

Prayers for the Holy Land

Lord Jesus Christ, you know the anguish of the sorrowful, you are attentive to the prayers of those who seek you. Hear your people who today cry out for peace in the land your footprints made holy. Take away the people's fears and still their troubled hearts, heal the wounded and comfort the bereaved, gather into your arms the souls of the dead. You once calmed the storm to take away your disciples' fears; calm now the storm of violence that rages across your Holy Land that brings fear and terror into innocent hearts so that all people may seek the ways of true justice, love and peace together. Amen

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Saint Francis of Assisi

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, who gather today, in a world of incredible violence and pain. We ask you, in your compassion to bring healing to those who suffer from injuries and illness... God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world; peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred. God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront terrible events in our society. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

Pope Benedict XVI

Almighty Father, Faithful God, bless our brothers and sisters in the land of the Holy One. Grant peace in that land, peace in their homes and peace in their hearts. Inspire all men and women to build on your foundations of justice, mercy and peace. Keep the cries of this land in our hearts. This we pray in the power of the Spirit and in union with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O God, who have revealed that peacemakers are to be called your children, grant, we pray, that we may work without ceasing to establish that justice which alone ensures true and lasting peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O God, who show a father's care for all, grant, in your mercy, that the members of the human race, to whom you have given a single origin, may form in peace a single family and always be united by a fraternal spirit. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O God of peace, who are peace itself and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.
Ephesians 3:20-21

Notices and news

Recently departed

Anniversaries of death

3 rd	John Gannon
4 th	Aubrey William Prince
6 th	Paul Foster
	Harold Henry Sweatman
	Frederick Albert Oliver

O GOD, the Father of mercies: grant unto the souls of thy servants a place of refreshment, the blessedness of rest, and the brightness of light; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Ann Wilson is received into the Church



It was a great joy to receive into the full communion of the Church and confirm Ann Wilson last Thursday during the evening Mass on the Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle. Thank you to everyone who was able to come – it was a really lovely occasion and I know that Ann greatly appreciated your presence and prayers. Ann has been a part of the Ordinariate community for some time while she was discerning and preparing, but now, praise God, she is in full communion with the Church and is one with us in receiving the Holy Eucharist.

Thank you also to Pat for providing some delicious refreshments so generously and lovingly.

Christmas Meal

John Ingram has booked a table for a Christmas Dinner at the Greyhound Pub at Sutton Stop on **Tuesday 19th December** at 6.30pm. Please let John know as soon as possible if you would like to attend, with your food choices. The website doesn't seem reachable, so here is a photo of the Christmas menu.


2 courses £20.95

3 courses £24.95



The Precious Blood & All Souls Coventry

SOLEMN EVENSONG & BENEDICTION



Monthly at 7pm
Wednesday 13th December
Wednesday 24th January
Wednesday 28th February
Wednesday 20th March

Kingsland Avenue, Coventry CV5 8DX 02476674161

Above are the dates for our monthly **Solemn Evensong and Benediction into 2024**. As you can see, the next is on **December 13th**. Thank you for your support for this initiative, which seems to be bearing fruit, and is a most enjoyable experience. Please invite someone personally, and please bring some food along for afterwards.

Livestreamed Evensong Sunday to Thursday

As you know, Evening Prayer is prayed publicly in church **Sunday to Thursday at 5.30pm**, using Divine Worship Daily Office. Sometimes it is just me; on other occasions I'm joined by one or two people. I've recently started livestreaming it, so again there is the potential that others will join in remotely, as I know they have been doing. I'd love you to join me, either remotely or in person if you're able.

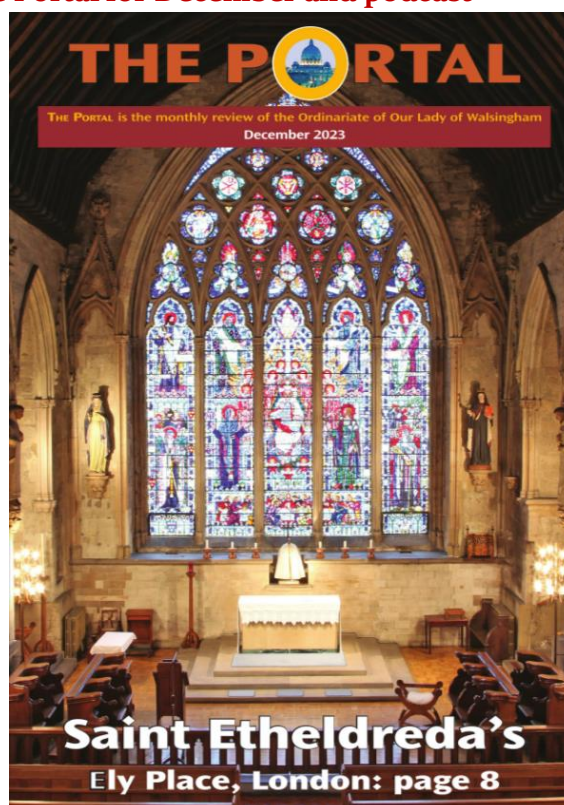
Thursday evening Mass

Please do attend Thursday evening Mass if you are able, which is celebrated according to Divine Worship.

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Praying the Daily Office this week

Evening Prayer is recited publicly in church Sunday to Thursday at 5.30pm and is livestreamed (see the parish website). Please join in.

If you intend to pray daily **Morning Prayer** and **Evening Prayer**, the table below gives you the page numbers for each of the parts of the Office for each day this week. Placing the markers in the correct pages, as indicated in the table below, takes a few minutes each time, but once done, actually praying the Office is quite straight-forward.

The Order of Morning Prayer (MP) (Matins) begins on page 375

The Order of Evening Prayer (EP) (Evensong) begins on page 421

All numbers below refer to *page numbers* in Divine Worship: Daily Office (DWDO), unless otherwise indicated.

Note: the Office hymn is always optional, but encouraged.

Day	Morning Prayer (Matins)				Evening Prayer (Evensong)				Notes
	Psalmody	Readings	Hymn	Collect	Psalmody	Readings	Hymn	Collect	
Sunday 3rd FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	473	625	207	73	476	627	207	73	NB Office readings in this liturgical year are from cycle II (where there is an option)
Monday 4 th Feria	479	628	207	73	481	630	207	73	The Collect for The First Sunday of Advent is said daily throughout Advent, after the Collect of the Day and before the Second Collect of the Office.
Tuesday 5 th Feria	484	631	207	73	486	632	207	73	
Wednesday 6 th Ember Wednesday in Advent	489	633	207	73	492	634	207	73	Collect for the Ember Day
Thursday 7 th St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	495	636	207	177	Pss 113 147:1 2-20	1976	306	177	EPI of the Immaculate Conception
Friday 8th THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Pss 46 87	1976	307	177	Pss 122 127	1977	306	177	
Saturday 9 th Ember Saturday Advent	506	641	207	73	510	642	207	73/ 74	MP Collect of the Ember Day EPI of Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday 10th SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	512	625	207	73/ 74	516	627	207	73/ 74	

For those who are looking initially for something a little simpler, the **Office of Prime** (page 397) is a shorter form of prayer for the morning, and the **Office of Compline** (page 427) is a shorter form of prayer for the evening. These will take about 10 minutes each to pray.

