

# The Navigator

## St Brendan's Newsletter

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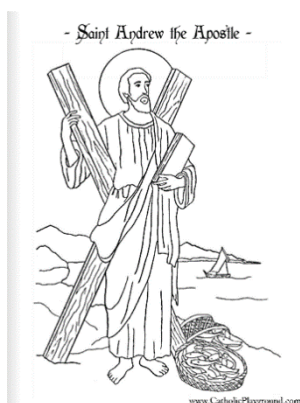
### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**29<sup>th</sup> November 2020**  
**Year B**

#### Sunday:

- 11.00am Mass
- 5.00pm Holy Hour
- 6.30pm Ecumenical Service [Zoom]



#### Monday - Solemnity of St. Andrew, Apostle & Principal Patron of Scotland

- 9.00am Personal Prayer
- 9.10am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass
- 7.00pm Holy Hour

#### Tuesday: Rorate Mass in honour of Our Lady

- 9.00am Personal Prayer
- 1.00pm St. Brendan's School
- 5.00pm Personal Prayer
- 5.30pm Mass

#### Wednesday

- 7.00am Mass

*Fr. Joe's Day Off*

#### Thursday - Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest

- 9.00am Personal Prayer
- 9.10am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Rosary
- 5.00pm Personal Prayer
- 5.30pm Mass

#### Friday - Opt. Memorial of St. John Damascene

*First Friday Devotion to The Sacred Heart of Jesus*

- 9.10am Morning Prayer
- 9.30am Mass
- 7.00pm Holy Hour

#### Saturday - First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima

- 10.00am Morning Prayer
- 5.30pm Vigil Mass
- 6.30pm First Saturday Devotion at the shrine

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 10.30am-11am; 4.45pm-5.15pm

#### Entrance Antiphon: Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted;  
let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you  
be put to shame.

#### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79

God of hosts, bring us back; let your  
face shine on us and we shall be saved.

#### Gospel Acclamation: Ps 84:8

Let us see, O lord your mercy  
and give us your saving help.

#### Communion Antiphon: Ps 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty,  
and our earth shall yield its increase.

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

Isaiah expresses the longing of human hearts for God, expressed in a desire for his return. "You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name ...Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage." The prophet describes a people who have sinned and turned away from the Lord. The prayer and longing is that God the loving father will heal our infirmities and sinfulness by moulding us and shaping us into the people he calls us to be – as a potter moulds clay.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

St. Paul begins his letter with a message of thanksgiving expressing that they have learned to be faithful witnesses to Christ and his teachings. The community at Corinth are told to wait with patient tolerance for the Lord's return.

#### THE GOSPEL: Mk. 13:33-37



Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness speaking to his disciples about the end times. "Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come". Jesus uses the example of the doorkeeper waiting for the Lord's return. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR RIP

William & Mary Rankine,  
SICK

Margaret Quinn, Mary Cuthill and Caroline McGowan

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Canon Gerard Hart, Fr. John Mc Kelvie,  
and Sarah Sweeney

## WEEKLY COLLECTION:

### Electronic Payments:

Log on to the website of the Archdiocese at

[https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity\\_id=1086401&type=2&hidden\\_amount=&amount=&reference=RCAG116](https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086401&type=2&hidden_amount=&amount=&reference=RCAG116), then follow the instructions

**Gift Aid.** Boxes can be obtained in the porch for those who pay tax and wish the parish to benefit.

### Chapel House

Put your collection through the letter box.

## SEASON OF ADVENT



Today, the Church begins the Season of Advent, which marks the start of a new Liturgical Year, year B, the year of the Gospel of Mark.

Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning *coming*. Advent has a twofold character: it is a time to prepare for Christmas, the **First Coming** of the Son of God, who is made flesh and lives among us. During the first two weeks, however, our focus is more on the

**Second Coming** of Jesus at the end of the world.

Let us prepare well. Prayer, penance and acts of charity are the building bricks. Fasting so that we can feast when Christ comes is always helpful but, especially, fasting from sin.

## TABERNACLE PLINTH

David Stancyk and Wojtek Apanowicz have now completed the construction of the new altar, ambo and, finally, for the podium for the tabernacle. This 'labour of love' has been done with great skill and dedication and, I think, enhances the sanctuary and gives glory to God. Whilst, personally, I like to see the veil over the tabernacle as a sign that 'God is at home', I recognise, that it is not obligatory when, in this case, the nature of the construction makes it difficult to use. We did try out the veils, but they all looked a 'sack of potatoes' and took away from the beauty and dignity of the tabernacle. I appreciate that others might also prefer a veil but I am happy to accept that the new setting for the tabernacle and its intrinsic beauty, speak eloquently of the sacredness of their occupant and the reverence and respect due to him. I am open to opinion. Our grateful thanks go to David and Wojtek for the generous gift of their time, their, skill and dedication. May God abundantly bless them and their families. God is never to be outdone in generosity.

## CONFIRMATIONS

Whilst we had to settle for a small number of people, it was most heartening to see 16 of our young people choose to come and present themselves to the Lord and receive the sacrament. With the reception of this sacrament, their incorporation into the Church, the body of Christ, is now completed. We hope and pray that the good seed which has been sown will bear fruit in plenty.

## MASSES FOR THE DEAD OF PAST YEAR

With the extension of the Masses to the parish hall this week, we were able to accommodate most family members for the final Mass. This made a difference to the families for whom the funerals of their loved ones at this difficult time have been so painful and difficult. I greatly appreciate the obliging way they adapted to the frequent changes in arrangements and the wonderful way our stewards have

responded with generosity and kindness. It speaks of a parish with a heart.

## RORATE MASS by candlelight

The Tuesday and Thursday evening Masses during Advent will be celebrated as Rorate Masses. The Rorate Mass is, where possible, a Votive Mass in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the season of Advent and is celebrated by candlelight. The light and darkness speak of the meaning of Advent and the coming of Christ, the Light of the world. The Rorate Mass originated during the course of the Middle Ages as one of the various popular Advent devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary. As the main focus of Advent is Christmas Day, the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, the emergence of these devotions to the Blessed Virgin was natural.

## ADVENT CHARITIES

To keep things simple this year, we would simply ask that you bring an item for the Food Bank and place it in the boxes provided.

### ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me,  
Body of Christ, save me,  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me,  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me,  
Passion of Christ strengthen me.  
O Good Jesus, hear me.  
Within thy wounds hide me,  
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee;  
From the malicious enemy defend me.  
In the hour of my death call me,  
and, bid me come unto Thee,  
that with Thy Saints I may praise Thee,  
forever and ever. AMEN

### PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord, make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is discord, unity;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is error, truth;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is sadness, joy;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Grant, O Divine Master,  
that I may not seek so much 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.

### ANGELUS

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.  
r. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit  
v. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
r. Be done unto me according to thy Word.  
v. And the Word was made flesh  
r. And dwelt amongst us.

### Let us pray:

**Pour forth we beseech you, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts that, we to whom the incarnation of Christ, thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may be his passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.**