

Parish of The Sacred Heart Tisbury & All Saints' Wardour

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)



Rorate Mass last Saturday before dawn.

A votive Mass in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

A beautiful time to recollect our soul as we await patiently for the coming of our Saviour on Christmas Day. Thank you Father Joseph and all those who helped arrange the Chapel and Music.

Thank you to the Lavan family for organising a lovely family Carol Service on Thursday evening. A very joyous occasion.

Congratulations to Grace, Bertie and Paddy as they receive their Confirmation certificates from Father Anthony at our Youth Mass last Sunday. Three young servers, nine readers and a big group for the Offertory procession- well done. All the parishioners enjoyed it greatly.



You are all warmly invited to the Carol Service at Wardour on 23rd December 5pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies



PRAYERS: for Anne Evans, Susie Blundell, Ann McGrail, Jo Richards, Pat Elwood, Alexandra Van Duivenbode, Anthony Creer, Marlis Gardner, Gilly Hooper. For those who care for the sick. For residents and staff at Albany House, The Hays, Clouds House. For the people of Ukraine and other war torn countries.

Thank you to the kind parishioners who have paid for the Christmas tree and donated towards the Christmas flowers.

Christmas Offertory Collection- please pick up an envelope, a gift aid one if possible, from the back of either Church or use DONA machine or QR code (above right).

The Angelus Bell Appeal is growing steadily and now stands at £6398 Nearly there!

Simon Kenney RIP Sung Mass in memory of Simon will be at All Saints' Wardour on Tuesday 7th January at 9.30 a.m.

Please remember to keep your postage stamps for our Marfan Trust collection. Trim and pop in an envelope and leave in the Sacred Heart porch. *Thank you*.

21 SATURDAY Weekday of Advent II (O Oriens)

Confessions, Sacred Heart 10 a.m.

O Rising Sun, you are the splendour of eternal light and the sun of justice

22 SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)

9.00 a.m. Sacred Heart: Parish Mass (Mass Intention: Christopher Davies RIP)10.30 a.m. All Saints' Wardour: Sung Mass (Mass Intention: People of the Parish)Day of prayer for expectant mothers

Diocesan Prayer List: St Stanislaus, Dulverton; Sacred Heart, Minehead, with Watchet

O Rex Gentium "O King of the peoples, whom they long for, the cornerstone, who make the two in one: come and save man, whom you made from clay."

23 MONDAY Weekday of Advent II (O Emmanuel)

8.45 a.m. Sacred Heart: Morning Prayer (Ps 4)

O Emmanuel, you are our king and our judge, the One whom the people's await and their Saviour. O come and save us, Lord our God.

The sequence of the antiphons is theologically precise, progressing from before the creation of the universe, through the messianic prophecies of Israel, and culminating with the Incarnation and birth of Christ in Bethlehem.

Sapientia, Adonai, Radix, Clavis, Oriens, Rex, Emmanuel- the Last Antiphon

24 TUESDAY Weekday of Advent II

9 a.m. Sacred Heart: Mass (MP 8.45) Mass Intention: Katharine Reeve Tucker

Sacred Heart: First Mass of Christmas: 5.30 p.m.

Carols at 5.30 p.m.; Vigil Mass at 6 p.m.

Mass Intention: People of the Parish

All Saints' Wardour: Mass during the night: 11.30 p.m.

Mass Intention: Kenneth Hook RIP

25 WEDNESDAY SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Sacred Heart Tisbury: Mass at Dawn: 9 a.m.

Mass Intention: Anne McGrail on her 95th birthday

All Saints' Wardour: Mass of the Day: 10.30 a.m.

Mass Intention: Jo Murray

26 THURSDAY FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

10 a.m. Sacred Heart: Mass

Mass Intention: Jo Hawthorne

27 FRIDAY FEAST OF SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

8.45 a.m. Sacred Heart: Morning Prayer

28 SATURDAY FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

CHRISTMAS WEEK 1

29 SUNDAY THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9.00 a.m. Sacred Heart: **Mass** (MI: People of the Parish)

10.30 a.m. All Saints' Wardour: **Sung Mass**

(Mass Intention: Elena Knight RIP)

Diocesan Prayer League: St Dominic, Dursley; St Joseph, Nympsfield

God our Father, in the Holy Family of Nazareth you have given us the true model of a Christian home. Grant that by following Jesus, Mary and Joseph in their love for each other and in the example of their family life, we may come to your home of peace and joy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, (one) God, for ever and ever. Amen.



30 MONDAY SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

8.45 a.m. Sacred Heart: Morning Prayer (Proper of the Season) and Rosary

31 TUESDAY SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

9.00 a.m. Sacred Heart: Mass (MP 8.45 a.m.)

Mass Intention: Fernando and Jesus Biel RIP

JANUARY 2025

1 WEDNESDAY SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

8.45 a.m. Sacred Heart: Morning Prayer 10 a.m. Mass at St George's Warminster

2 THURSDAY Memorial of Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church

6.00 p.m. Sacred Heart: Mass (EP 5.45 p.m.)

Mass Intention: Fred Hughes

We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin

3 FRIDAY Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

8.45 a.m. Sacred Heart: Morning Prayer

4 SATURDAY Weekday of Christmas Time

CONFESSIONS Sacred Heart 10 a.m.

(Vigil Mass at St George's Warminster 6 p.m. Father Jonathan)

Prayers for Father Jonathan on his birthday today

5 SUNDAY SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9.00 a.m. Sacred Heart: **Mass** (*Mass Intention: People of the Parish*)

10.30 a.m. All Saints' Wardour: **Sung Mass** (*Mass Intention: Sergio Fiorentino RIP*)

O God, you revealed your Son to all people by the shining light of a star. We pray that you bless this home and all who live here with your gracious presence.

May your love be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace be our blessing; through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Wardour Catholic Cemetery Trust's fees (or maybe just 'The Cemetery's fees') have not changed since 2019 but will be increased from 1st January next year as follows:

Table of fees for Parishioners	Now	From 1/1/25
i. Purchase of grave for burial of the body of a resident Catholic	£600	£800
ii. Further burials in the same grave	£300	£400
iii. Purchase of space for ash interment of a resident Catholic	£250	£250
iv. For permission to erect an approved headstone or cross	£200	£200
v. For permission to place a memorial over ashes	£150	£150
vi. For permission to place ashes in an existing grave	-	£250

Details are in the Cemetery Regulations which are available from Trellis House or by email from tisburyparish@cliftondiocese.com

Please put request and cheque (payable to Wardour Catholic Cemetery Trust) in an envelope marked Alan MacDermot, Cemetery Trust Secretary posted or delivered to the Parish Office.

THE BLESSING OF HOMES ON THE EPIPHANY

There is a time-honoured Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula is straightforward:

take chalk of any colour and write the following above the entrance of your home:

$$20 + C + M + B + XX$$

The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "final two-digit number" at the end, mark the year. The letters have two meanings.

First, they abbreviate the Latin phrase, **Christus mansionem benedicat:**

"May Christ bless the house." And they represent the initials of the Magi - Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar-who came to visit Jesus in His first home.

Taken together, this inscription is a request that Christ bless those homes so marked and that He stays with those who dwell within through the entire year. We dedicate our year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work or visit them there. The chalking takes place after Epiphany Mass, when the chalk and water are blessed by the priest. On returning home, holy water is sprinkled, the inscription written and the prayer said. St Matthew writes that when the Magi saw the shining star stop overhead, they were filled with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother (2:10-11).

- In the home, Christ is met in family and friends, in visitors and strangers.
- In the home, faith is shared, nurtured, and put into action.
- In the home, Christ is welcome.

May peace come to this house and to all who enter here.