

St Francis of Assisi Church

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First Sunday of Advent

27th November 2022

This week's Hymns

Introit	375	Ring bells, ring ring ring
Gloria is sung		
Offertory	172	All I own and All I do
Recession	243	Hark! A herald voice is calling

Psalm Response: *I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'*

Gospel Welcome:

Alleluia! Alleluia. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and show us your saving help Alleluia!

Mass Intentions

Sunday 27th	9:00am 5:15pm	Mgr Tony McDermott dec'd Tegan Blake dec'd
Monday 28th	9:30am	Word and Communion
Tuesday 29th	11:00am	Funeral Mass Annie Dooner
Wednesday 30th	7:00pm 7:30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Word and Communion
Thursday 1st	9:30am	Dennis Horner dec'd
Friday 2nd	9:30am	Word and Communion
Saturday 3rd	11:00am	Pauline Lambe dec'd
Sunday 4th	9:00am 5:15pm	Baby Hope Robinson dec'd Anne Beale intentions

FINANCE

Collection: 20th November: £274.90

Standing orders: £119.00 each week.

Second collection for Catholic Youth Services: £109.13

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Deacon: To You, O Lord we lift up our souls

People: We trust in you; let us never come to shame

The first candle is lit –

Priest: No one who waits for the Lord is ever put to shame

FUNERAL OF ANNIE DOONER (SISTER OF ITA CHAPMAN)

Annie's Funeral will be here at St Francis. Mrs Dooner comes into St Francis of Assisi, at 5:00pm on Monday 28th November. The funeral Mass will take place at 11:00 am on Tuesday 29th November.

CHRISTMAS CARDS ETC

There are some lovely Christmas cards, advent calendars etc in the Baptistry, please come and have a look. Please put money in the wall at the back of the Church.

ADVENT CANDLE SERVICE

The UCM are holding their annual Advent Candle Service on Tuesday, 6th December at 10:30am in the Church. Please come and join in this lovely festive service and enjoy mince pies and a hot drink afterwards.

SVP ADVENT GIVING TREE

Once again we are supporting our local families who are in need of a gift this Christmas. Please take a label from the porch and return your gift the following Sunday. SVP members will deliver donations before Christmas. Thank you for making a difference to someone in need this Christmas. Contact: 07526753986

JUST ONE WEEK TO GO TO BIGGLESWADE'S BAZAAR

This Saturday 3rd December from 10.30 to 2pm in St Peter's. Be sure to bring a friend along with you.

AT Society Christmas Concert at St Nicholas Church, Harpenden on Saturday 3 December, 7.30pm

Be entertained by an evening of Christmas music interspersed with readings at the beautiful church of St Nicholas in Harpenden. Tickets are available in advance from the AT Website <https://atsociety.org.uk/product/concert/> or by calling the office on 01582 760733. £12 - adults (£15 on the door), £8 - concessions and under 16 (£10 on the door) and £30 for a family ticket.

ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT

Thursday 1st December, 7.30pm, Walking by Starlight. Advent can be the busiest time of the year, and one when we most long for time with God. Join r John Udris and Avril Baigent as they journey with the Magi for our online Advent retreat, Thursday evenings from 1st December, or catch up with the recordings later. https://walking_by_starlight.eventbrite.co.uk

CONFIRMATION FORMATION – MEETING NEXT WEEKEND

We will be holding welcome meetings for both candidates and parents/guardians at Biggleswade after 6:30pm Mass on Saturday 3rd December and at Shefford after 9am Mass on Sunday 4th December. Because the parishes are organising Confirmation formation together, you do not need to necessarily attend the session taking place at your own parish. The Bishop will be visiting us for a Confirmation Mass at 3pm on Sunday 26th March 2023. If you wish to be confirmed and have not yet submitted a form, please do so as soon as possible. You must be 11 years of age or over on 31st August 2023. Forms are available at the back of both churches. If you have any questions, please talk to Deacon Peter (Shefford - see newsletter for contact details) or Neil Spencer (Biggleswade - confirmation@st-peters.uk, 07910 211824).