

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention in December: The Future of the Very Young:**  
That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

**Year of the Word:** The God who speaks website is full of great resources for us to widen our knowledge of the background of the Bible, 'The Bible Explained'.  
Visit: [godwhospeaks.uk](http://godwhospeaks.uk).

**Our Lady of the Nations: Marian apparitions and Shrines:** When: Saturday, the 29th of February, 2020, from 10. am to 4 pm. The course is open to people of all faiths and none, to those who already have knowledge about Marian apparition shrines, and those who do not. Where: Sarum centre for contemporary spirituality, Sarum College, 19 the Close, Salisbury, SP1 2EE. This one day course will cover shrines and apparitions of Mary in modern (19th and 20th century) Roman Catholicism, with a special emphasis on Europe.

**Piety Stalls** are still available at the back of both Churches. A wide range of religious Christmas cards, Advent calendars & gifts are available.

**New Missals for 2020 -'Living Liturgy':** are available to buy at the back of both Churches - price £6.25. A short reflection is included for each week to help us in the Year of the Word.

**Bell Ringers at CC:** Would you like to learn to ring the bells at Corpus Christi? New ringers will be trained in the New Year so if you are interested, please speak to Austin or Sharon Bryan or email them @ [austinbryan1@gmail.com](mailto:austinbryan1@gmail.com) or [sbryancl@hotmail.com](mailto:sbryancl@hotmail.com).

**Christmas Gifts to the poor and Needy for Emmanuel House & Clifton Food Bank:**  
Thank you for your generosity.

**T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS:**

*T'was the night before Christmas,  
God glanced over the earth.*

*He looked to and fro, All over its girth.  
They missed it again He said with a sigh,  
A heavy heart and a tear in his eye.*

*I gave them my son, so they could be free.  
My greatest gift, to them from me.  
They traded me in, for a man in red.  
A little tree, and horse drawn sled.*

*How do I save them, and make them see.  
My love is complete, my grace is free.*

*How do I help them, when all they know.*

*Is a talking snowman, and a box with a bow. Maybe next year, they  
will stop and see. The biggest gift of Christmas,  
Is the little child from me. Author unknown*

## Parish Newsletter

### Fourth Week of Advent 22nd December 2019



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THE  
GOD  
WHO  
SPEAKS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Christmas is a time of great excitement for some, a lot of preparations. It's a time for memories, a time especially for home and family. Over the past weeks, we have journeyed through the season of Advent in our Parish community by reflecting, praying and listening to the scriptures which foretold the prophecies of the birth of Christ. We have taken part in the 'Advent Themes' in the Church each week leading up to Christmas such as The Prayer Wall, The Names of Jesus, The Word of God and Our Place in the Crib. In this journey towards Christmas we find that the love of God will never change or diminish, the birth of Christ's story will never end, the story of God's love continues in our life. The story of Christmas teaches us that God sent His son, Jesus and in that precious gift we may rejoice. In our world today as we hear from the mass media, the atrocities and the hatred in the lives of people, we pray at this Christmas that You may give us, O God, the vision which can see Your love in the world in spite of human failure. May the light of Christ shine out so that we might see the world from the manger where our Saviour was laid.

On behalf of the Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers, I wish you and your families at home and away a Very Happy and Blessed Christmas and extend a warm welcome to all who are returning home for Christmas and to all who are visiting.

Fr. Wilfred Pereppadan SCJ



<b>22nd December 2019 - 29th December 2019</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services Intention of Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Saturday 21st December 4th Sunday of Advent - Year A</b> Is 7:10-14; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24	5.00 pm - 5.45 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: People of the Parish 7.15 pm Christmas Carol Service	CC CC CC	
<b>Sunday 22nd December 4th Sunday of Advent - Year A</b> Is 7:10-14; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24	9.30 am Mass: Winnie Cowdrey RIP 11.00 am Mass: Joyce Froggat 2.00 pm Latin Mass	OLSP OLSP OLSP	OLSP after 9.30 am Mass Decorating of Church & at 2 pm at CC
<b>Monday 23rd December Advent Feria</b>	9.00 am Mass: Intentions of the Bible Group 9.30 am Church Cleaning 7.30 pm Advent Reconciliation Service	CC CC CC	(No mass in the evening)
<b>Tuesday 24th December Advent Feria</b>	5.30 pm Carols 6.00 pm 1st Mass of Christmas: Margaret & Wilfred Boott 8.00 pm Carols 8.30 pm Vigil Mass of Christmas	CC CC OLSP OLSP	
<b>Wednesday 25th December The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)</b>	9.30 am Christmas Day Mass: People of the Parish 11.30 am Christmas Day Mass:	OLSP CC	
<b>Thursday 26th December St Stephen, Proto-Martyr (Feast)</b>	10.00 am Mass: Guild Mass (Altar Servers Mass)	CC	
<b>Friday 27th December Saint John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist (Feast)</b>	9.00 am Mass: Thanksgiving 9.30 am Adoration	CC CC	
<b>Saturday 28th December The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast) The Holy Family (Feast)</b> Si 3:2-6, 12-14; Cl 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23	9.30 am Confession 10.00 am Mass:  5.00 pm - 5.45 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Lillian Lester RIP	OLSP OLSP  CC CC	
<b>Sunday 29th December The Holy Family (Feast)</b> Si 3:2-6, 12-14; Cl 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23	9.30 am Mass: Mai Cummins RIP 11.00 am Mass: People of the Parish	OLSP OLSP	
<b>Response: Let the Lord enter, he is king of glory.</b>			

**Fourth Week of Advent Prayer: Our Place in the Christmas Story:** We all know the story. The story of the babe of Bethlehem. It beckons us to find a place within. Each of us has a vital place in the story. Each of us has different strengths and different roles to play. God may call us to be like Joseph, Mary, Simon, Ana. Each of us has a role to play in God's redemptive drama. Where do we want to place ourselves in the Christmas Crib? This week you will be given a smiley face in a small card and you can place this card representing you in the Parish Crib or at your home and be part of the our Salvation story.

**Welcome :** We warmly welcome Fr Nochatchawan Peter Phairote SCJ, a new member of the Sacred Heart Community at Clifton. Fr. Peter arrived last Tuesday and shall be helping Fr Wilfred in the pastoral animation in both Parishes. Fr Phairote was ordained in 2004 & worked in North Thailand as a Missionary Priest in Ban Pong for 3 years and with the Karen hill tribe in Nokhonsawan Diocese for 7 years. Most recently he was in charge of the Betharram Seminarians in Bangkok for 3 years.

**A Mass and Services sheet (on blue paper) giving dates and times over the Christmas period is available at the back of both Churches.**

**Tuesday, 24th December Christmas Eve**

Carols at 5.30 pm followed by "First Mass of Christmas" at 6.00 pm. CC

Carols 8.00 pm followed by

"Vigil Mass of Christmas" at 8.30 pm OLSP

**Wednesday December 25th Christmas Day**

Masses: 9.30 am OLSP, 11.30 am CC

**Advent Penitential Service CC: Reconciliation for Christmas:** Monday night gives us an opportunity to reflect on our lives and to identify some thing that is bothering us and leave it with the Lord. John the Baptist and Christians began their ministry with the Word Repent. The words I'm sorry can lead to a big change in all our lives. We will have an opportunity on Monday 23rd December 2019 night at 7.30 p.m. in Corpus Christi Church to say this. Several Priests will be available to hear your confession.

**OLSP Christmas decorating of the Church** will take place on Sunday, 22 December 2019 after the 9.30 am Mass. Please come & join in.

**CC Christmas decorating of the Church** will take place on Sunday, 22 December 2019 at 2 pm. Please come & join in.

**CC Cleaning of Church for Christmas** will take place on Monday, 23 December 2019 after Mass which will be at 9 am on that day. Volunteers needed - everyone is asked to come and help.