

For Our Prayers

Sick & Housebound:

Janet Aston, Pamela Anderson, Owen Allaway
Janet Bromley, Kerry Bullows, Mick Bullows
Colin & Diane Bradshaw, Jackie Broom, Cheryl Ball,
Jackie Bell, Chris Cleford, Carla & Craig Bolton,
Emily Cousland, Michael & Carol Connochie,
Michael Crowe, Christopher & Karen Carter
Brian Evans, Ann Foster Jill Watts, Val Dallaway,
David Dixon, Pam Edwards, Simon Glenn,
Wilf Griffiths, Lorraine Garland, Gordon Gaskill,
Martin Horton, Alan Halford, Margaret Holloway,
Glenis Kirton, Ray Stevens, Sean Hughes,
George & Marian Harris, Ron Jeavons, Jacob Smith,
Adrian Shaw, Steve Rolls, Maisie & Steve Marsh,
Brandon Mushi, Karen & Neale Love, Ann Lovesy,
Fr. Barry Smart, Chris Smith, Josie Pountney,
Stefan Cidealau, Cynthia Stokes, Rachel Thomas,
Catherine Thomas, Dorothy & Alan Parsons,
Eileen & John Wooldridge & Fr James Walton

Birthdays

16th Josh Brownsword,

Recently Departed

Darren Murphy, Carol Long, Linda Cartwright
John Bailey, Gail Jones, Roger Stevens,
Denzil Smith & Hilda Busby

Years Mind

14th David Perkes, Norman Roberts,
15th Joan Thomas, Willoughby Allway, Jean Adey,
16th Lilian Burgwin, Daniel Connochie,
17th Raymond Jones, Elizabeth Timmins,
18th Doris Nunn, 19th Joan Rushton, Alice Cartwright,
Kieran Harper, Arthur Evans, Annie Worrall,
Barbara Guise, Wilfred Kidson, 20th Dorothy Gardner,
Clive Whatling, Sheila Millard

Forthcoming Events

14th Dec **Carol Service** 4pm St Chad's

20th Dec **Christingle** St Chad's 4pm

24th Dec **Christmas Eve service**
7pm St James.

Midnight Mass 11.30pm St Chads

Christmas Day 10.00am St Chad's

1st Jan **New Year's Day** 12noon St James

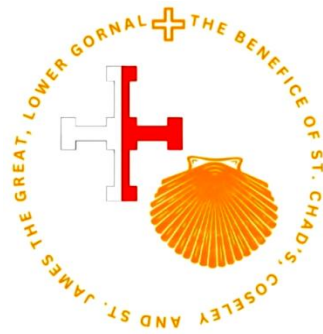
3rd Jan **Christmas Party St Chad's** All are
welcome Bring & Share 7.00pm

31st Jan **St Chad's Burns Night** £12.50

See Kerry for Tickets

Reminder

Over the Christmas period, all Sunday Services
as **NORMAL** Why don't you come along and see
the changing scenes of the Crib



The Parish Church of
St. Chad Coseley
Fr. Gary Hartill
father.gary@outlook.com
01902 881357
www.stchadstjames.co.uk

THIS WEEK



8.00am Mass St. Chad
9.30am Parish Mass St James
11.00am Parish Mass St Chads
4.00pm Carol service St Chads

**Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10,, Psalm 146,
James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11**

Monday 15th

Advent
1.00pm Stretch & Tone
7.30pm Zumba

Tuesday 16th

Advent
9.40am Art Group
7.00pm Line Dancing

Wednesday 17th

Advent
Mass St Chad
9.30am Coffee Morning
10.15am Little Acorns Stay & Play
11.00am
1.30pm Zumba Gold

Thursday 18th

Advent
Mass St. James
10.00am Seated Pilates
12.30pm

Friday 19th

Advent
10.15am Funeral for the late
Roger Stevens St James
7.00pm **Mass St. Chad**
7.30pm **Ti Chi**

Saturday 20th

St Lucy
10.00am **Mass St. Chad**
4.00pm **Christingle St Chads**

4th Sunday in Advent

8.00am Mass St. Chad
9.30am Mass St James
11.00am Mass St. Chad

**Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14,, Psalm 24,
Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24**

Sunday 14 December 3rd Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Collect

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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.

First reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, 'Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Come, Lord, and save us.

It is the LORD who preserves fidelity for ever, who does justice to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the LORD who sets prisoners free. **R**

The LORD who opens the eyes of the blind, the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the LORD who loves the just, the LORD who protects the stranger. **R**

The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The LORD will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, from age to age. **R**

Second reading

A reading from the letter of St James

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be

judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?' And Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 'What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you." 'Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Prayer after Communion

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord.