

The Lantern

Third Sunday of Advent

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Psalm: *My soul rejoices in my God.*

Gospel: *The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.*

He has sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Vigil Mass	6.00pm	Our Lady's	Peter and Joyce Griffin RIP
Sunday 11	9.00am	Our Lady's	Intentions of Adrian Field
	10.30am	St Edmunds	Geoffrey Clarke RIP Anthony Clarke RIP
	12.30pm	Our Lady's	Polish Mass
	5.30pm	St Edmunds	John & Colm Callaghan RIP Tommy Lyne RIP
Monday 12	7.30am	Our Lady's	Private Intention
Tuesday 13	12.20pm	St Edmunds	Intentions of Sr. Alphonsus
	7.30pm	Rushden	Confessions
Wednesday 14	12.30pm	Our Lady's	Elizabeth Bledowski RIP
Thursday 15	9.15am	St Edmunds	Intentions of Maureen and Family
	7.00pm	Our Lady's	Confessions
Friday 16	10.00am	Junior School	Anthony Greasley RIP (First Anniversary)
Saturday 17	10.30am	Our Lady's	Intentions of Frances Redden
	11.00am	Our Lady's	Rosary and Confessions

FROM FATHER EDMUNDS DESK This is "Gaudete" or "Joy" Sunday. Nowadays people do not associate Christians with joy. They are more likely to associate us with long faces, with carrying the Cross and with suffering. But we should be people of joy because our faith gives us hope; we know who we are, why we are here, and where we are heading. We know that in the long run there is no need to be afraid because no matter what happens, good or bad, God's love for us is absolutely reliable: more trustworthy than the best things that can ever happen to us, more powerful than the worst things that can ever happen to us. We know that this life is not all there is. We know that God's plan is for us to be with Him in His everlasting Kingdom.

FINANCE NEWS Thank you for your Offering last week of £991. This week there will be a Retiring Collection for **Christmas Flowers**.

SUNDAY MISSALS If you have not collected your order, see Fr Edmund after Mass. Price £18

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS with details of all Christmas Services available today.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RESULTS We raised £1,786 after deduction of all expenses and raffle prizes. Thanks to everyone for an enjoyable day, especially to Yvonne Tall for all her dedicated work of organization. Net proceeds from every stall were as follows: Bottle Stall £244.60; Cake Stall £336.41; Edz Stall £15; Gift Stall £220.70; Glenda's Cakes £162.65; Handbag Stall £91; Michele's Jewels £20 donation; Monday Group £281.90; Raffle £589.30; Refreshments £98.90; Repository £147.67; Toy Stall £91.08; Donations £40.

REGULAR EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday Group meets for tea and a natter **Monday from 2 to 4pm** in the Lourdes Room.

Jesus Prayer Group meets on **Monday from 7.30pm to 9pm** in Our Lady's.
Holy Face Rosary is prayed on **Tuesday at 12pm** at St Edmunds before the morning Mass.
St Edmunds Prayer Group meets on **Tuesday from 2pm to 4pm** in the Lourdes Room.
Contemplative Prayer Group meets **Tuesday from 7.30pm to 8.30pm** in Our Lady's
The Legion of Mary meets on **Wednesdays from 7.30pm to 8.30pm** in the Presbytery.

SVP ANNUAL APPEAL for non-perishable groceries for Christmas Gift bags. Please place in boxes at the back of both churches. They will be distributed on the weekend of 17th/18th. Please take one if you know someone who would appreciate it.

ALSO we are looking to help a young person in need of furnishing items like a cooker, fridge and washing machine. If you can help, please phone Rosemary on 675364.

ADVENT OPEN DOOR AT ST EDMUNDS This **Thursday 15th**, we will be opening St Edmunds between 3.15pm and 3.40pm after School. This will give our children and their parents or carers the chance to say a little prayer and spend a few minutes with The Lord.

CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS

Outdoor Carol singing on **Friday 16th**. Meet at 6pm on the corner of Redhill Way and The Downs in Redhill Grange.

Carol Service with Readings on **Wednesday 21st** at 7pm at Harrowden.

Town Carol Service outside All Hallows Church in the Market Place at 6pm on **Friday 23rd**.

THE TALE OF THREE TREES is our Christmas Play which will be performed by our Youth Choir, Edzplosion, and children from our schools on **Tuesday 20th** at 7pm at St Edmunds. Since entrance on the night is by ticket only, please contact Penny Bailey after the 10.30am Mass or phone the Junior School Office on 01933 222396.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER TREES Both churches now have an undecorated Christmas Tree with a box of paper decorations made by members of Edzplosion and our Junior School. Children and adults are invited to write the name of someone you want prayed for on the back of one of the decorations and then hang it on the tree.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS **Tuesday 13th** at 7.30pm in Rushden; **Thursday 15th** at 7pm in Our Lady's; **Saturday 17th** at 11am in Our Lady's; **Tuesday 20th** at 10.30am in St Edmunds. **Please avail yourself of one of these opportunities.**

TOGETHER IN FAITH Bishop Peter has asked us to celebrate today as Together in Faith Sunday, a celebration of all that has been achieved with the support of individuals and families throughout the Diocese. Here in Wellingborough, 128 people have raised £154,662, 147% of our target, which is close to the average for our Diocese. This will give a great boost to the four main needs of our Diocese. There will be greater security for the needs of sick and retired priests, more funds to support the on-going training and formation of clergy, more funds to support seminarians and the growth of vocations, and more funds to support lay formation and training. Your efforts will also result in £50,230 being returned to the parish to reduce our overdraft. Thanks for all your support. And if you have not yet contributed and would like to do so, there is still time to take a Pledge Form from the back of the church which must be returned to Father Edmund on Monday so that I can send the Diocese our final figures on Wednesday.