



# PARISH NEWS

Sunday: 11am Sung Mass

Holy Days: As Announced

**A Very Warm  
WELCOME  
Today is  
Advent III**

**Commemorate: Conception  
of the BVM**

**13th December  
2020**

The Propers are on  
**Page 323** of the red  
Book of Common Prayer

Today there will be no

## Hymns

At the end of the service we  
conclude with the  
**Angelus** (in the back of the  
white **Mass Booklets**)  
Turning to face the Statue of  
Our Lady.

**Government Covid-19  
Guidelines and Rules**

In accordance with Government  
guidelines we ask those using the  
Church to wear facemasks in  
Church (clergy in the Sanctuary are  
permitted to remove theirs in the  
sanctuary) to practice safe  
distancing and use hand sanitiser.



**Please  
Turn off Your  
Mobile Phones**

Our Organ doesn't like them

*Thank you*

*Dear Friends,*

Sometimes we are apt to invest in our scientific and technological breakthroughs and discoveries, the trappings of infallibility. Together with all the awe and wonder that accompanies claims of infallibility. Reason and Fact reign supreme and Faith and Belief play second fiddle. A scientist (who was an avowed atheist also), so famous I forget his name, once said he would *"rather live in an age of reason nurtured by science than the age of myth and mysteries nurtured by superstition and religion"*.

Was he right in adopting a dismissive tone and bundling up superstition and religion into the same thing?

What does this word *mysteries* mean? For a Christian it means *"that which is known to the initiated"*: In the New Testament it means *"the things once hidden but now revealed in the Gospel."*

Mysteries are facts. Myths are fables. Mysteries can only be imparted to the spiritually receptive. Myths may be related to lovers of fiction.

The scientist was right to highlight them, but wrong in concluding they are the same thing. It is extremely important to be on one's guard in this matter of distinguishing between mysteries and myths. Mysteries are perfectly Christian. Myths are not. Our Lord reserved imparting certain things to His disciples until they were ready to receive them. *"I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth shall come, he will guide you into all truth."*

Baptism and a period of growth in Christ. Catechetical instruction in the principles of the doctrine of Christ. Confirmation which is the strengthening with the Holy Ghost, and is

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accompanied with daily increase in the manifold gifts of grace: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness and the Spirit of holy fear. All this must come first. Then comes the climax of the final initiation into the Eucharistic Mysteries. After that, the unfolding of the life which is hidden with Christ in God. So is *"the mystery, which hath been hid from ages and from generations, made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you the hope of glory."*

Theology was once known as the 'Queen of the sciences'. Science and Religion are not at 'odds' as many modern folk might imagine. Scientists, that is, honest scientists, often have to revise their conclusions as they discover new things. God has revealed his plan of salvation and we are living in the concluding period of his revelation. But despite the passing of time and seasons becoming ever so

## December

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Sunday 13th December

*Advent III*

*(Comm Octave of the  
Conception of the BVM)*

11am Low Mass

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Sunday 20th December

*Advent IV*

11am Low Mass

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Thursday 24th  
December

*Christmas Eve*

6pm First Mass  
of Christmas

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*This Christmas we will  
confine our Christmas  
Services to the Mass on  
Christmas Eve.*

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Sunday 27th December

*St John*

*(Comm Octave of Nativity)*

11am Low Mass

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urgent and the ever approaching hour of our deliverance, there is no short cut in this business of becoming a Christian. The cultivation of holiness is as painstakingly difficult for the Christian, as scientific research can be, not because we are dealing with the unknown BUT precisely because of the opposite - we are dealing with the known. God's holy Word and his commandment; to live in love of him and each other – made manifest in the person of Jesus Christ—as we are told today in our Gospel Reading when St John the Baptists sent his disciples to ask of Jesus ***“Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?”*** Although mastering our response seems akin to trying to split an atom with a hammer and chisel!




**Christmas Service 2020**

**Christmas Eve**

**6pm First Mass of Christmas**

Followed by Carols in the Car Park\*  
(\*Weather Permitting)

*Everyone of goodwill  
is welcome to join us in Worship*

**Please support our single  
Christmas Service this year —  
on Christmas Eve at 6pm.**

Requests for names to be added to our weekly prayer lists may be made by writing the prayer intention (names and reason) in clear printed writing on paper and given to the clergy. If you wish the intention to remain private—note that and the details will not be published on this weekly sheet

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Fr Don & Di Walker, Chris Bosworth, Margaret and Laurence Mead, Paul Fletcher, Barbara Henderson, Todd, David and Sheila, Margaret Miles, Danny and Colin Rumens, Frederick Chadwick, Ann Chapman, Diane Young, Pauline Allison, Harrison and Edward Eckert, Ina Bond, Margaret and Peter Martin, Dulcie Fidge, Margaret Bendelow, Dorothy Hipkiss, Fr Miles Maylor, Fr Roger Bell, Vickie Wall, Pat Johnson, Liz Bakker, William and Nancy Spencer, Stacy Sawyer, Kody Sawyer, and all those effected by or suffering from the Coronavirus and other infectious diseases.

*For those who read these Parish Notes on the Notice Board outside and all who receive email or paper copies.*

- For our neighbours and the people of **Painters Forstal** and **Ospringle** and the surrounding countryside, the **growth** of our **Church Family**.
- For **persecuted Christians** especially in Africa, Pakistan, the Middle East and China.

*For those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*

- Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic, Bishop Ordinary - Rt Rev Donald Lerow;
- The Board of Ministry and the Ordinands of the DUK and vocations to ordained and lay ministry.
- Christian Social Workers and Counsellors especially marriage and bereavement counsellors.

*And we remember the recently departed: Edward Wilkinson, specially, AND those whose anniversaries falls at this time*

**P:** ✕ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord **R:** And let light perpetual shine upon them



**CHURCH FLOWERS**  
*To make a donation for Flowers in Church – Please see Mrs Margaret Mead*

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