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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	10:00am	November Mass
Tuesday	10:00am	Private Intention
Wednesday	10:00am	Fr Terence Fichter RIP & Deceased Parish Priests
	4:00pm	Benediction
	7:00pm	Maria RIP
Thursday	10:00am	Prayer Service
Friday	10:00am	Priest's Intention
Saturday	6:00pm	People of the Parish
<i>Second Sunday in Advent</i>		
Sunday	8:30am	Yolanda Chapman RIP
	10:00am	James Dermody RIP
	12:00noon	Intention of Richard

BENEDICTION

Every Wednesday at 4pm with the school children. All are welcome.

CAFOD at Christmas

Here are some ideas and costs for giving presents to those who will greatly benefit from your generosity this Christmas:

Happy Queen Bee	£4
Vegetable Garden	£5
Wonderful Worms	£10
Tree For Life	£8
Green House	£54
Marvellous Cow	£150
Goat	£28
Chickens	£20
Teach Someone to Read	£10
Community Water Supply	£750
Health Clinic	£4000

Look for something each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder.

Fr Jack

At 73, I begin to wonder how many more times I can start. I hear many of you saying the same thing, first Sunday of advent, time to begin again.

And why not let us begin again with a sense of excitement! Christ is bringing a new and fresh dimension to our lives. With Christ all things are new.

Don't waste your time wondering when the end will be. There has always been much vain and useless argument about the second coming.

When will it be and what will it be like?

No one knows only the Father. Just be ready.

Have buckets of love to present to him because that's the only thing you can take out of this world.

The Gospel today makes it clear that History is going somewhere:

The Stoics (3rd century BC), believed that you needed to live an ethical life, but they also believed that history repeated itself every 3,000 years which meant that history was going nowhere and people were trampling around on an eternal treadmill.

But Christians know that life has a goal and that all things are leading to Christ.

That is all we know and all we need to know.

Like Mary, we need to get pregnant by the Holy Spirit. We need to let the **word** take such root in us that it begins to become part of our actual flesh.

Then, like any woman who's pregnant, we have to lovingly gestate, nurture, and protect what is growing inside us, until it's sufficiently strong so that it can live on its own, outside us. . .

CONFESSION

Advent is a time to prepare. Go to confession and have a review of life.

We all need it from time to time.

Every Saturday in my office from 2 to 4pm, or by appointment.