

The Parish Church of  
Saint Edward the Confessor, Burgess Hill  
*Building a Community of God's People  
in the Power of the Holy Spirit*

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**SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
2020**

**The Third Sunday of  
Advent  
'GAUDETE SUNDAY'**

**10.00 a.m.  
PARISH MASS**

*Celebrant & preacher:  
Fr. Clay Knowles*

Today is known as '**GAUDETE SUNDAY**' - which means '**REJOICE**'

The desire for happiness lies deep in the human heart. It's also God's deepest desire for us. We have every reason, therefore, to rejoice. The Lord is near and will keep us in peace. May He help us to rejoice in our faith and in our community. Today the liturgical colour is Rose Pink rather than purple to denote that rejoicing even in the midst of our waiting and longing for the Lord's coming.

Your churchwardens would like to remind you that if you need any kind of help over this time, please contact them, there will be someone who can help.

Continue to share your news via WhatsApp, phone, and email  
You are not alone.

*Welcome to everyone gathered together  
this morning*

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

**THURSDAY 24th DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS EVE**

**8 p.m. THE MASS OF CHRISTMAS NIGHT**

***ending with the Blessing of the Crib***

*With the same atmosphere as 'Midnight Mass' but at an earlier time.*

**FRIDAY 25th DECEMBER      CHRISTMAS DAY**

**10.00 a.m. SERVICE for CHRISTMAS MORNING**

*An informal celebration of the Parish Mass*

*as we gather around the Crib*

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Due to the current restriction on the number of people allowed in the church, it has been seen advisable that we take "bookings" for both these services. This includes the 'regular' congregation and any visitors they might bring.**

All will need to **contact Val** who will compile a list of names and keep a check on numbers. 01444 235305 valbroom1944@gmail.com

**Happy Birthday to: Nadine Christiansz (Friday)**

### ST. EDWARDS GREETING CARD

As customary we will produce a Christmas Card with as many greetings on as those who would like to participate (rather than sending individual Christmas cards) which will be given to all members of the Parish Family and sent out virtually. Your personal greeting can be sent to Penny

(pennybb@live.co.uk; 01444 246783 and donation of £5 can be left at church; put through 41 Petworth Drive or the church letterbox, given to the churchwardens or paid by BACS (details from Jonathan, Penny or Val)

**All entries by Sunday 20th AT THE LATEST please.**

### Some family news:

**Joan Williams** has been to see the heart specialist, she's very weak and as they were concerned how fast she had gone downhill, they kept her in to do more tests, to try and get to the bottom what the problem is " Hopefully, they will be able to find and fix the problem soon.

Bumped into **Joy and Martin** in Tesco this week: they are doing 'OK' Finding life a bit of a strain both physically and emotionally at the moment.

Also a phone call from **Eddie Fisher**: They are both keeping well although **Gloria** is not happy with her progress as she hoped to be more active by now.

## PRAYER AND CARE



During our interregnum, pray for the church wardens and officers and all the congregation that we may be empowered to build the kingdom in this community, and for Father Clay as he provides our pastoral care at this time, and for our safety as we return after the last lockdown.

As ever, pray for all those being adversely affected by this pandemic, and those who support them. As vaccination is offered, pray for its success.

### **For those who are sick**

Within our congregation, we would especially pray for

**Gloria Baptist Smith:** Continuing to recover slowly from her illness

**Amelia Hill:** Coping with severe hyper flexibility problems; counselling for pain management and joint issues, and for **Caroline and Simon** under stress also at this time.

**Jack Chitty** for relief from pain.

**Joan Williams:** heart problem – see above

**Audrey Pugh:** Physical well but confused. (Truscott Manor N. Home)

**Stephen Gray and Kathy Sadler:** Multiple health issues

**Cathie Ford:** recovering from a broken arm

**Hannah:** liver problems, Other therapy going well. Very low at present.

### **Also for:**

**Yvonne:** continuing treatment for stage 4 cancer, liver, lung & spine

**Nick Borland:** recovering from his knee operation

**Moyra (café):** recovering from her second hip operation

**Jonathan Davies:** severe injuries after a cycling accident, now home but still a long way to go.

**Camille Orr:** multiple health issues

### **Anniversaries:**

Joan Pernet, Stanley Tilly and David Vickery (Sunday)

Adelaide Betts, Beryl Groves, Jonathan Reeves and Lionel Craske (Monday)

Molly Avis, Wreford Heard, Dick Cory, Ivy Richardson, and Walter Weeden (Tuesday) Dorothy Hambrook (Wednesday)

Niel Heard and Doreen Burton (Thursday)

# *The week ahead at St. Edward the Confessor*

## **SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

13th December 10.00 a. m. **PARISH MASS**  
*Pray for Malta on their Republic Day*

## **MONDAY: Saint John of the Cross, priest & doctor. of the church**

14th December *Pray for all farmers*

## **TUESDAY: in Advent**

15th December 10.30 a.m. **MASS**  
*Pray for Our Royal Family*

## **WEDNESDAY in Advent:**

16th December *Pray for the Beacon Parish: St Margaret of Antioch, Ditchling; St. Martin, Westmeston and Streat Church: their congregations and leaders.*

## **THURSDAY in Advent O Sapienta**

17th December  
*Pray for the residents of Portland Mews and Portland Road*

## **FRIDAY in Advent O Adonai**

18th December: *Pray for all missionaries*

## **SATURDAY O Radix Jesse**

19th December: *Pray for our community Officers*



## **NEXT SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*O Clavis David*

20th December 10.00 a. m. **PARISH MASS**

*Today is designated a Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers*

This Pew Sheet is sponsored by Geoffrey and family  
in Loving Memory of a great Mum and Gran,  
Doreen Burton