

## OUR COMMON HOME

Advent is a season of waiting and preparing. On the Second Sunday of Advent, we hear the call of the prophets reminding us to make a straight path for the Lord. This is not only about our hearts but also about our world. God has given us a beautiful planet, full of life, wonder, and resources that support us every day. But today, our world is struggling. Creation is crying out. We see the signs of climate change around us: hotter summers, stronger storms, rising seas, and the loss of plants and animals. Many communities, especially the poorest, suffer most. Advent invites us to listen to this cry and to respond with hope, courage, and love.

John the Baptist called people to change their ways. In our time, this call includes caring for the Earth. We are asked to live more simply, to waste less, to protect nature, and to think about the future we want for our children and grandchildren. Small actions matter: using less energy, choosing to recycle, supporting clean energy, and speaking out for fairness and protection of our environment.

Advent hope is not passive. It is active and strong. As the second candle is lit, let's pray for the wisdom to see what must be done and the strength to do it. We prepare not only for the coming of Christ into our hearts but also for the healing of creation.

**Penance Service at Our Lady of the Angels,  
Nuneaton** on  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm



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<u>THIS WEEK</u>			
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Advent Feria - Vigil		4.00pm
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Second Sunday of Advent		9.30am
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.		10am
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Advent Feria		10am
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Advent Feria		10am
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Advent Feria - Vigil		4.00pm
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Third Sunday of Advent		9.30am

### *Christmas Masses at St Benedict's*

Christmas Eve	4pm and 7pm
Christmas Morning	10 am

**Safeguarding:** The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the national and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Mrs. Jo Currie** who can be contacted at [sg.stbenedict.atherstone@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stbenedict.atherstone@rcaob.org.uk)

***This Weekend,***

***Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm***  
***Arden Ensemble, Christmas Concert***

*St. Benedict's Church, Owen Street,*

*Atherstone, Entrance £5.*



*Includes: Non-alcoholic mulled wine,*

*Tea, Coffee and Mince Pies*

*Everyone welcome*

***This Weekend,***

***St. Benedict's***

***Sunday 7th December 2025***

***After Mass***

***Christmas Tombola***

***Tea, Coffee and Cake £1:50***

*Please pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time;*

*George Wood, Agnes Brightman, Rita Wright, Anthony Kelleher,  
George Henry Beddoes, Winifred Clarke, Walter Furlong, Nora  
Wilson, Francis O'Hare, Peggy Lapworth, Ernest Jones.*

***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...***

**Christmas Cards are on sale.**



**This year the money will go toward the feeding  
program at  
Chinthowa School, Malawi**

**'The Prince of Peace'**

**is on sale today.**

**This delightful little book has been produced by two  
members of our parish.**

**Brian Ingram has written the text and**

**Rosa Brown has illustrated the book beautifully.**

**An ideal Christmas present for young children! £5.99**

***The Bible Time-line***

***7:00pm***

***Every Monday Evening***

***St. Benedict's Community Hall***



**Collections**

**1st Collection      £121.09**

**2nd Collection      £94.28.**