

First Reading Isaiah 63:16-17, 6:1, 3-8
A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 79:2-3,15-16,18-19
God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
A Reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.
I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received

through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of the Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 13:33-37

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn, if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

First Sunday of Advent B 23			
<u>Saturday</u>	6.00 pm	Christine Wall RIP	St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30 am	Pauline Bristowe (PF)	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30 am	Dick McNicholas Birthday Memories	Bl Sac
<u>Saturday</u>	Reader	Bill Hall	St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Ann Worth & Dickie Denton	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Max	Bl Sac
<u>Tuesday</u>	9.30 am	Rita Keys Intention's	St Ter
<u>Wednesday</u>	9.30 am	Pam Kershaw & Family	St MM
<u>Friday</u>	9.30 am	Rachel Bullock Anniversary	Bl Sac

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT B 23

SATURDAY	6.00 PM	RACHAEL BULLOCK ANNIVERSARY	ST MM
SUNDAY	9.30 AM	BETTY McDERMOTT	ST TER
SUNDAY	11.30 PM	PAUL HAYWOOD ANNIVERSARY	BL SAC
SATURDAY	READER	JENNY BAKER	ST MM
SUNDAY	READER	JANET LOWE & KATHY FRETWELL	ST TER
SUNDAY	READER	PAM	BL SAC

ANNOUNCEMENTS
OFFERTORY DONATIONS

Thank you to all our parishioners for your generous Offertory Donations

St Ter Envelopes £230.00 Loose Money £26.35
 St MM Envelopes £262.00 Loose Money £50.05 Christmas Board £63.00
 Bl Sac Envelopes £140.00 Loose Money £33.00 Raffle £25.00 Piety £200.00

The last event in the Parish Calendar will be the **Annual Carol Service** To be held at **St Mary Magdalene's** on Wednesday 13th December at 7.00 pm. If you wish to help in any way with Readings, Music or refreshments please see Tony McNicholas, Pam Kershaw or Fr Peter.

St Mary Magdalene's - Christmas Numbers Board – (in place of the Weekly Raffle)
 £1.00 per number – 11 Prizes – including a Christmas Hamper to be drawn
Saturday 16th December

We pray for the sick of the Parish – the housebound – and all who have recently died.

Masses around Christmas Time 4th Sunday of Advent 24.12.2023

Saturday 6.00 pm ST MARY MAGDALENE'S
Sunday 9.30 am ST TERESA'S
Sunday - NO MASS BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Teresa's

Blessed Sacrament

St Mary Magdalene's

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CHRISTMAS MASSES

Vigil Mass 6.00 pm Blessed Sacrament

Vigil Mass - 8.00 pm - St Mary Magdalene's

Christmas Day - 9.00 am St Teresa's

