



# OUR LADY OF ENGLAND

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## ✠ 1st Sunday of Advent Year B - 27<sup>th</sup> November 2011

### **SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

6.00pm Parishioners  
8.00am Anne Cole RIP  
10.00am 1. November Dead List  
2. Thanksgiving for those who helped Shelagh

*All are welcome to **COFFEE IN THE HALL** after 10am Mass every Sunday.*

### **ALSO THIS SUNDAY**

**5.00pm** Evening Prayer and Benediction

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday** after the 9.00am Mass & 11.30am - Noon

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Psalter Week 1*

#### **Morning Prayer:**

Monday to Sunday 7am.

#### **Evening Prayer:**

Sunday 5pm with Benediction  
Monday to Friday 6pm.  
Saturday 5pm.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS**

Parish Collection: £384.06  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Foreign Missions  
£113.90

**TODAY: First Sunday of Advent Year B**

**Next Week: Second Sunday of Advent Year B**

Notes for readers available from the porch or  
[www.norbertines.co.uk/notesforreaders.htm](http://www.norbertines.co.uk/notesforreaders.htm)

### **MONDAY 28, Weekday of Advent**

Mass at 9.00am November Dead List  
(Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11)

**2.30pm MOTHERS PRAYERS:** *A quiet time of prayer to ask the Lord's help for the needs of our children and grandchildren. You are welcome to join us - call 745669. See <http://mothersprayers.mpweb.co.uk/> for more info on this worldwide movement.*

### **TUESDAY 29, Weekday of Advent**

Mass at 9.00am November Dead List  
(Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24)

**2.45pm PARISH PRAYER GROUP** *meets in the Blessed Sacrament chapel. All are welcome. See the poster in the porch for more details.*

### **WEDNESDAY 30, Feast: St Andrew†, Apostle, Patron of Scotland**

Mass at 9.00am November Dead List  
(Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22)

**8pm MUSIC PRACTICE at Lady Place, Monastery Lane. All welcome.**

### **THURSDAY 1, Weekday of Advent**

Mass at 10.00am (Coffee after Mass) Holy souls (Wall box)  
(Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27)

**2.30pm SUNDAY READINGS DISCUSSION GROUP, parish room. All welcome**

### **FRIDAY 2, Weekday of Advent**

Mass at 9.00am Sick person  
(Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31)

**2-4pm First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

### **SATURDAY 3, Mem: St Francis Xavier, Priest**

Mass at 9.00am November Dead List  
(Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8)  
**CONFESSIONS** *After the 9.00am Mass & 11.30am*

### **NEXT SUNDAY 4, Second Sunday of Advent**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2012** Preparations will start in January 2012 for receiving First Holy Communion. Please contact Fr. Martin or call 01903 741731 if you have any queries or questions regarding this, or if you would like your child or family member (year 3's and above) to join the Programme!

**CONFIRMATION 2012** calling all year 10's (and above) if you are interested in taking part in the confirmation preparation programme please give your name to Fr. Martin or call 01798 813639. An introduction to the course will take place in early December!

**PRIORY CHRISTMAS DRAW** Draw tickets for the Priory Christmas draw to be held on the first Sunday of December (next week!) are available. We always make the point that this is the only time that the parish is asked for to contribute to the Priory directly - Christmas and Easter offerings are for the clergy, but that is the case in any parish. **Please return counterfoils and monies by Friday!**

**CAFOD CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 7.30pm on Wednesday, 14 December** - We have the same lovely choir as last year - The Chanctonbury Chorus - and we are keeping the ticket price the same as for the last three years - £7 including mulled wine and mince pies in the candlelit cloisters. This is our main parish fundraiser for CAFOD and the money is needed as urgently as ever to support the fantastic work they do in so many countries. Tickets on sale at all Masses or call (01903) 745691.

**LINK ROMANIA SHOE BOXES FOR CHRISTMAS** Please take a copy of the official leaflet. It is particularly important to follow the Customs Rules about items we must not send. Return your completed boxes as soon as possible, but not later than **next Sunday Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>**. Any questions, call 01798 813 811.

**A CHRISTMAS CARD FOR CAFOD** Many of us send Christmas cards to other parishioners. To raise money for Cafod, why not send just **one** Christmas card to **all** your friends in the parish which can then be displayed at the back of the church for all your friends to see? You can then make a donation to Cafod which reflects the money you have saved on cards and postage. If you donate just 20p per card you will be helping to improve the lives of those living in poverty - a wonderful gift at Christmas time.

Nearer Christmas there will be a post box for your 'Christmas card for Cafod' cards and a labelled box for your donations. Please support us in raising funds for this worthy cause.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - ADVANCE NOTICE** It has sometimes (not last year) been the custom to ask parishioners to sponsor a poinsettia in memory of a loved one to decorate the church at Christmas. We will not be having an array of poinsettias this year - a few ordinary ones, and a few large ones. What is suggested this year is that we invite parishioners to donate a £5 sponsorship of the "Christmas Flower Arrangements", with names to be displayed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. There will be the usual second collection for Christmas flowers on the third or fourth Sunday of Advent.

**STARS OF MARY** - next Mass is TODAY (27<sup>th</sup> November) 3pm at St. Richard's Church in Slindon. All welcome. Mass is followed by refreshments.

**ST. PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** invites Senior Citizens in the area to join students and staff in a "Carols by Candlelight" performance on Thursday 8th December 2.30 - 4.30p.m. There will be singing and readings in the school hall, and mince pies and mulled wine, tea and coffee will be served throughout the afternoon. Please contact Mrs Clare Long, Chaplain, at the school to reserve seats (tel. No. 01243 558216)

**friendsfirst** The Bible advises us never to give up hope. That's hard to do sometimes if you've been searching for a soul mate for a long time or your fear of rejections prevents you from branching out. But if you change your attitude and realise that getting a NO is just a normal part of life, then you can start counting Nos as part of your route to success. **friendsfirst** helps people just like you to find soul mates providing hope and encouragement along the way. Call them on 0121 427 1286 for a confidential chat or look at their website [www.friends1st.co.uk](http://www.friends1st.co.uk) They are also on [facebook.com/friends1st](https://www.facebook.com/friends1st).

**ZSAMBEK CHRISTMAS CARDS & TAGS** on sale from 19<sup>th</sup> November - 17<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas crowns too!

**ZSAMBEK PROJECT CHRISTMAS FAIR LAST SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER** A huge thank you for the support given by so many of you, either by making crafts, donating cakes, jam, sweets etc and for gifts, cards, Top Junk items etc, for help in any way on the day, especially those who were able to come along in the morning and spend..... resulting in the fantastic sum of £765.60.

#### **ZSAMBEK TENNER CHALLENGE**

Julian Swarbrick is offering a **day's sailing** on his 27' yacht in Chichester harbour and the Solent for a minimum donation of £20, which you might like to consider as a Christmas present for someone?

**PAYING IN** Many thanks to those parishioners who have already completed their challenge and paid in the proceeds. Please make payments into the collection plates at weekend Masses. Non gift aided funds should be put in an envelope labelled Zsambek with cheques made payable to The Zsambek Project.

Gift aided funds should be in a yellow gift aid envelope labelled Zsambek, with cheques made payable to Our Lady of England Parish. Your initial stake of £10 should not be included in the amount written on the front of the envelope, but should be put inside it along with the proceeds. Thank you for your generous support.

**THANKS** to everyone who supported the children's Zsambek fund raiser last Sunday after the 10am Mass. They raised £137.92.

**NB** To comply with the law and Diocesan guidelines regarding data protection and the publication of electronic

newsletters all parishioners contact details have been removed. Please either consult your Parish Directory or see Fr Martin for these telephone numbers and/or email addresses. However, non parish-specific (for example Diocesan) contact details will continue to be included.