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FIRST SUNDAY

OF

ADVENT

(Year A)

1 December 2019

Today's Scripture Readings PMB pp. 82-4 Prf p.65 EP3 p.28

Isaiah 2: 1-5 Isaiah's vision has been essentially fulfilled: the Law of the Lord has gone out from Zion through Christ's life, death and resurrection. Sadly the "many peoples", including ourselves, have not as yet hammered their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Romans 13: 11-14 After Christ's death and resurrection, in the (temporary) era of the Church, we are to live as "children of the light", in full transparency.

Matthew 24: 37-44 Whether this passage refers to the destruction of the Temple and the devastation of the land of Israel by the Romans shortly after the birth of the Christian community, or to the expected imminent return of Christ or is taken as referring to the individual deaths of each one of us, a response on our part is clearly proposed in the second reading.

COFFEE AFTER 10.30 MASS

Traditional Latin Mass at 3.15pm.

WEEKDAY MASSES Mass on Monday (Latin) and on Friday at 9.30am.

THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES have declared 2020 to be **YEAR OF THE WORD**. The Year starts today, the First Sunday of Advent. The Bishops ask us to consider how we celebrate, live and share the Word of God. For anyone who feels they would like to pay more attention to the Bible but are not sure where or how to start, I have some YOUCAT (Youth Catechism) Bibles for sale at £20 which offer an explanatory and painless way into both the Old and New Testament, together with helpful quotes, comments, historical parallels and timeline diagrams in the margins. There is an inspection copy in the sacristy.

LES MILLER, long-standing parishioner and member of the choir died on Sunday 24 November, aged 98. Funeral at St Wulstan's Monday 9 December 10.30am.

THE SOWER: Free copies of the Birmingham Diocesan quarterly magazine available at back of church.

ADVENT CALENDARS AND COPIES OF WALK WITH ME available at back of church.

MEN'S GROUP Please see notice on stand at back of church and sign up if interested.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES: Sunday 8 December 5pm St Joseph's, Malvern.

Friday 13 December 7pm. Holy Trinity, Ledbury.

Sunday 15 December 3pm Blackmore Park.

Change of time this week for Lectio Divina: 4pm on Tuesday 3 December in the parish room.

All local Parliamentary Candidates: HUSTINGS at Lansdown Grove Methodist 8 December 2.30pm.

PPC minutes are on notice board at back of church.

Confessions every Saturday 4.15-4.45pm. (please come to Sacristy).

Centering prayer: third Saturday of month 11am (parish room).

Pray for Les Miller, who has died, for Harry Bradbear who died recently, for John Bilsborough, Pat Higgins, Paul Hothersall, Rosemarie Kay, Christopher Kouwen, Andy McGowan, Pauline Mills, Peter Onions, Nicholas Ratcliff, Raymond Turner and Ellen Verdult, who are unwell/housebound.