



Calendar of Prayer December 2020

Our calendar of prayer includes roads in our parish to pray for. Please pray for the homes, shops and businesses in each street. Each week we will pray (for the whole week) for a particular road on the Marsh .

On Tuesdays a group meets to pray for the people of the Marsh. (At present this is a Zoom meeting.) Please join them in praying wherever you are.

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| 1 | Tu | <i>World Aids Day</i>
Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916 | Sunnyside Close
Edenbreck |
| 2 | W | <i>International Day for the Abolition of Slavery</i> | Ashfield Avenue
Redvers Street |
| 3 | Th | <i>UN International Day of persons with disabilities</i>
Francis Xavier, Apostle of the Indies, 1552 | Westbourne Road
Westbourne Place |
| 4 | F | Nicholas Ferrer, Deacon, Founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637 | Westbourne Drive
Orchard Lane |
| 5 | Sa | <i>feria</i> - Shop assistants during especially busy times | Beechfield
Laurel Bank |
| 6 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | | <i>Marsh:</i> Maple Grove |

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

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| 7 | M | Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397 | Roosevelt Avenue
Garfield Avenue |
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God of hosts, who called Ambrose from the governor's throne to be a bishop in your Church and an intrepid champion of your faithful people: mercifully grant that, as he did not fear to rebuke rulers, so we, with like courage, may contend for the faith we have received; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

8 Tu The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Townely Close
Levens Close

Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature and your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in your image and conformed to the pattern of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

9 W *Ember Day* Leighton Drive
Ordinands Holker Close

10 Th *United Nations Human Rights Day* Astley Court
Sizergh Court

11 F *Ember Day* Horrocksford Way
Theological colleges Knowsley Close

12 Sa *Ember Day* Hoghton Close
Those testing a vocation Greythwaite Court

13 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT** *Marsh:* Holly Walk

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

14 M John of the Cross, Poet, teacher d. 1591 Cleveland Drive
Kennedy Close

O God, the judge of all, who gave your servant John of the Cross a warmth of nature, a strength of purpose and a mystical faith that sustained him even in the darkness: shed your light on all who love you and grant them union of body and soul in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

15 Tu *feria* - Pierce Close
'Virtual' carol services Coolidge Avenue

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| 16 | W | <i>feria</i> -
Those who will be alone at Christmas | Truman Avenue
Grant Close |
| 17 | Th | <i>O Sapientia</i> God of wisdom, help us to be wise in the decisions we make day-by-day. | Washington Close
Jefferson Close |
| 18 | F | <i>O Adonai</i>
We acknowledge you to be the Lord. | Jackson Close
Johnson Close |
| 19 | Sa | <i>O Radix Jesse</i> Root of Jesse, the same yesterday, today and forever. | West Road
Storey Avenue |
| 20 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | | <i>Marsh:</i> Laburnum Grove |

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

O Clavis David Key of David, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open.

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| 21 | M | <i>O Oriens</i> Dayspring, shed your light on those in darkness. | Ley Court
Haig Avenue |
| 22 | Tu | <i>O Rex Gentium</i> King of the Nations, may your kingship be acknowledged by all. | Peel Crescent
Porrit Avenue |
| 23 | W | <i>O Emmanuel</i> We thank you that you are God With Us. | Castle Court
Fairfield Road |

24 Th **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

25 F **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**26 Sa STEPHEN, DEACON,
FIRST MARTYR**

Fairfield Close
Kellet Court

Gracious Father, who gave the first martyr Stephen grace to pray for those who took up stones against him: grant that in all our sufferings for the truth we may learn to love even our enemies and to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt, looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us, Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate.

27 JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST *Marsh:* Alder Grove

Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the Church: that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord.

28 M THE HOLY INNOCENTS

County Street
Station Road

Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong: by the suffering of your Son and by the innocence of our lives frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**29 Tu Thomas Becket, Archbishop of
Canterbury, Martyr, 1170**

Long Marsh Lane
Hill Side

Lord God, who gave grace to your servant Thomas Becket to put aside all earthly fear and be faithful even to death: grant that we, disregarding worldly esteem, may fight all wrong, uphold your rule, and serve you to our life's end; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

30 W *feria -*
Families in need

Hasgill Court
Mallard Court

31 Th John Wyclif, Reformer, 1384

Castle Park
Castle Park Mews

