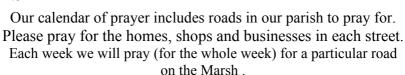


Calendar of Prayer December 2020



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.

1	Tu	World Aids Day Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916	Sunnyside Close Edenbreck
2	W	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	Ashfield Avenue Redvers Street
3	Th	UN International Day of persons with disabilities Francis Zavier, Apostle of the Indies, 1552	Westbourne Road Westbourne Place
4	F	Nicholas Ferror, 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
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6 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT *Marsh*: 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.

7 M Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of Roosevelt Avenue the Faith, 397 Garfield Avenue

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.

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 Ordinands	Leighton Drive Holker Close
10	Th	United Nations Human Rights Day	Astley Court Sizergh Court
11	F	Ember Day Theological colleges	Horrocksford Way Knowsley Close
12	Sa	Ember Day Those testing a vocation	Hoghton Close Greythwaite Court
13	THI	RD 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.

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

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

20 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** *Marsh*: 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.

21	M	O Oriens Dayspring, shed your light on those in darkness.	Ley Court Haig Avenue
22	Tu	O Rex Gentium King of the Nations, may your kingship be acknowledged by all.	Peel Crescent Porrit Avenue
23	W	O Emmanuel 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

