

Advent opens our journey to the stable at Bethlehem. This is one of the most beautiful and spiritually rewarding seasons as immersing ourselves in the themes of Advent is a good antidote to the commercialism of the never ending Christmas trade. **Sunday December 2nd is the First Sunday of Advent** with High Mass at 11am.

For over 20 years the **Norwich LGBT+ Carol Service** has been held at St John's Timberhill. This year it will be on **Monday December 17th at 7.30pm**. The Preacher will be the Rev'd Father Alaric Lewis, the Vicar of St George Tombland & St George Colegate. Everyone is welcome at this popular and joyful Service, - do stay for mince pies after.

Our **Parish Carol Service** will take place at **St Julian's Church** on **Sunday December 23rd at 5pm**. This is a traditional Service of lessons and carols in a candle-lit, holy space and it is a perfect beginning to the Feast of Our Lord's Nativity so do bring family and friends.

Sunday December 23rd is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The 9am Mass at St Julian's and the 11.00am Parish Mass at St John's will be Masses of Advent. The first **Mass of Christmas, Midnight Mass**, with the blessing of the crib, will be at **St John's at 11.00pm on Monday December 24th**. On Christmas Day there is no Service at St John's and the church is closed. The **Mass of Christmas morning** is beautiful and quite simple and takes place at **10.00am at St Julian's Church**.

On **Boxing Day, the Feast of St Stephen**, there will be a Low Mass at **St John's at 12.00 noon**.

The year ends with the **first Sunday of the Christmas Season on December 30th** - the Feast of the Holy Family - masses will be at the usual time of 9am and 11am.



**St John the Baptist,
Timberhill
with St Julian's**

**November &
December
2018**

**Sunday Services:
Low Mass at
St Julian's 9.00**

**The Parish Mass
11.00 at St John's**

Weekday Mass Times

Monday	10.00	St Julian's
Tuesday	12.00	St John's
Wednesday	19.00	St Julian's
Thursday	No Mass	Today
Friday	17.00	St Julian's
Saturday	12.00	St John's

St Julian's

Monday 10.30, Holy Rosary
Friday 17.00, Mass with
Shrine Prayers

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The **Feast of All Saints**, November 1st, falls on a Thursday this year and there will be Mass in Julian's cell on the **Wednesday 31st October**, the eve of the feast, at **7.00pm** in **St Julian's**.

The Feast of all the Holy Saints who have gone before us is of course followed by **All Souls Day** on **Friday November 2nd** when we pray especially for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed in our own family and friends and in our congregation. The traditional Eastward facing High Mass of Requiem at **St Julian's** on that day will again this year be at **12 noon**. This is to allow more people to attend, especially those who don't enjoy coming out on a dark November evening. The chantry list of souls to be prayed for will be available in St Julian's before Mass on All Souls Day. Please write very clearly the names of those to be prayed for, and most importantly come to Mass!

There will be a High Mass with asperges at St John's on **Sunday November 4th**. The mass at noon on Tuesday 6th November will be the monthly requiem for the departed in our parish whose anniversaries fall in November.

On **Wednesday November 7th** the Archbishop of Canterbury begins a two day visit to our Diocese, including Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham. We are invited to join a very short ecumenical Service of welcome at St John's RC Cathedral at 12 noon that day if we are able.

Remembrance is a commemoration which grows in importance every year in this country. It will be especially so this year as we mark the centenary of the peace of 1918 at the end of the Great War. The Rector will take the Remembrance Service for Norfolk Police on **Friday November 9th** at Norwich Cathedral at 9.30am, quickly

followed by the Service for Aviva in the Marble Hall at Surrey Street at 11am. The civic ceremonies in the city will take place on Armistice Day, **Sunday November 11th** and these will include an evening candlelit event at 6.45pm with bells being rung throughout the city.

Our Parish Mass on **Remembrance Sunday, November 11th**, will be an Eastward facing High Mass as is our tradition at St John's. Do remember to be in your places by **10.55am** as the Mass begins at two minutes to 11am. This is a good Sunday to encourage friends, family or neighbours to come to church to be part of the nation's act of remembering before God with thanksgiving the lives of those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we might live in freedom and in peace.

The November Sundays close with the **Feast of Christ the King on November 25th**. Our High Mass will be at 11am as usual. This is the day that our Diocese says goodbye to Bishop Graham James after nearly 20 years as Bishop of this Diocese and his departure will be at a farewell Service of Evensong at Norwich Cathedral at 4pm that day.

Lynton's famous **Advent Stall** of seasonal produce and gifts will be after the Parish Mass on that Sunday and again on Advent Sunday.

The annual **World AIDS Day Service** takes place at St John's Timberhill at **6.30pm on Saturday December 1st**, as St John's is the custodian of the AIDS related Book of Remembrance for the County. The main speaker will be the Vicar of Lakenham and Tuckswood, Father Paul Rider. Please consider coming that evening as it is a moving Service and shows care and concern for those still affected by all the aspects of AIDS and HIV, past and present.