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EDITORIAL

December: Welcoming God who comes to share our lives

On Sunday 29 November, we enter the season of Advent. This first Sunday is marked by the visit of Bishop Aubert to our parish. His presence among us reminds us that we do not walk alone: we are part of a living Church, called to journey together towards the Lord.
Advent is a time of waiting and hope. Yet waiting for Christ is not simply about counting the days until Christmas. It is about learning to make room for Christ in our lives, opening our eyes and hearts to his presence, sometimes quiet and discreet, in our everyday lives.
On 3 December, we celebrate Saint Francis Xavier, a great missionary who devoted his life to proclaiming the Gospel. His example reminds us that the faith we have received is a faith to be shared. Preparing for Christmas also means rediscovering the desire to make Christ known to those around us.
On 8 December, the feast of the Immaculate Conception invites us to spend a little more time with Mary. Preserved from sin from the very first moment of her conception, through a special grace from God and in anticipation of the merits of Christ, she was prepared to welcome the Son of God. In her, we see what a life entirely devoted to God can become. Her “yes” made it possible to welcome the One who comes to dwell among us. Mary teaches us to wait for Jesus with trust and an open heart.
And then comes Christmas. In the simplicity of the Nativity scene, we contemplate this extraordinary mystery: God becomes man. He does not remain distant from us but comes to share our human condition, our joys, our sorrows and our weaknesses. The Child of Bethlehem reveals to us a God who draws close to us and comes to save us. The feasts that follow Christmas continue this joy.
On 26 December, Saint Stephen, the first martyr, bears witness to his faithfulness to Christ, even to the point of giving his life.
On Sunday 27 December, the feast of the Holy Family invites us to look to Mary, Joseph and Jesus. In their everyday lives, with their joys and difficulties, we discover a family that welcomes God and learns to live in trust, love and service.
As the New Year approaches, let us take time to give thanks for the year that is drawing to a close and entrust the coming months to the Lord.
May the light of Christmas accompany us, and may Christ, who came to share our humanity, find a place in each of our lives.
Fr Grégoire

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Mass times at the Oratory

Wednesdays,tuesday, thurday at 6:00 p.m. and Fridays at 9:00 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the presbytery: please contact Father Grégoire.
Parish office hours at the presbytery:
Monday morning from 9:00 am to 11:30 am.
You can meet Father Grégoire by appointment

Mass Times on Sundays

• Saturday, 5 december – 6:00 p.m.	ROYERE DE VASSIVIERE
• Sunday, 6 december – 11:00 am.	BOURGANEUF
• Tuesday, 8 december - 6:00 p.m	CHAPELLE NOTRE DAME DU PUY
• Saturday, 12 december – 6:00 p.m.	JANAILLAT
• Sunday, 13 december – 11:00 am.	BOURGANEUF
• Saturday, 19 december – 6:00 p.m.	MONTBOUCHER
• Sunday, 20 december – 11:00 am.	BOURGANEUF
• thursday,24 december- 9:00 p.m	SOUBREBOST
• thursday,24 decembre- 6:00 p.m	BOURGANEUF
• Friday, 25 december – 11:00 am.	BOURGANEUF
• Sunday, 27 december - 6:00 p.m	ST DIZIER LEYRENNE
• Friday, 1 january- 11:00 am.	CHAPELLE NOTRE DAME DU PUY

Mass Times in Care Homes

• Friday, 18 december – 2:00 p.m	MONTEIL AU VICOMTE
• Friday, december –.3:00 p.m	ROYERE DE VASSIVIERE
• Tuesday, 22 december –. 2:30 p.m	THAURON
• Tuesday, 22 december –.3:30 p.m	ST PIERRE BELLEVUE

Parish Schedule – december

- 3 December – Catechumenate, 8 pm.
- 4 December – Divine Mercy Chaplet, first Friday of the month, at 3 pm in Saint-Hilaire-le-Château.
- 4 December – Maison du Semeur online meeting, 8 pm.
- 5 December – Confirmation in La Souterraine, at 5 pm.
- From 6 December – Let's build our church Nativity scene together, after each Sunday Mass.
- From 10 December – Nativity Scene Competition. Bring your creations to the church and follow the instructions provided.
- 9 December – MRC meeting, 2.30 pm.
- 13 December – Maison du Semeur, monthly gathering on the second Sunday of the month, at 9 am.
- 17 December – Catechumenate, 8 pm.
- 20 December – The Scouts will bring the Peace Light of Bethlehem during Sunday Mass at 11 am.
- 24 December – Christmas carols in Bourganeuf church, at 8.15 pm.

Funerals

Soubrebost
6 november Vincent Suzanne, aged 90
Mainsat la Courrière
18 november, Chezeaud Maurice aged 79
Vidaillat
20 november, Vergnaud Marie Louise , aged 92
Saint Amand Jartoudeix
27 november, Fumet Lili aged 93
Royère-de-Vassivière
19 november Besse Maurice, aged 78

A Christmas Nativity scene built together

This year, our Christmas Nativity scene will take on a very special meaning. From Sunday 6 December, we invite you to join us in building it together in Bourganeuf church.

Every Sunday during Advent, children and adults alike will be able to contribute and watch the Nativity scene gradually take shape, until the figures of the Nativity are placed a few days before Christmas.

This year, our Nativity scene will be inspired by the Pope's message: "So that the world may have life."

More than simply creating a Christmas display, this initiative will be an opportunity to share moments of fellowship, creativity and friendship as we journey together towards Christmas.

May everyone make their own little contribution, so that this Nativity scene truly belongs to our entire parish community.

Our traditional Nativity Scene Competition is now open!

From 10 December, you can bring your Nativity scenes to the church and follow the instructions provided to enter the competition. The competition will end on 24 December.

Visitors will vote for the Nativity scene that has touched them the most. A prize will be awarded to the lucky winner, and every participant will receive a consolation prize.

Let your imagination run free! All materials are welcome, including recycled materials, cardboard, wood and more. Create on your own, with friends or as a family, and above all, have fun!

Let's sing Christmas carols together in church

This year, a parish choir has been formed especially for Christmas. Come and rediscover the magic of traditional Christmas carols on **Thursday 24 December at 8.15 pm in Bourganeuf church.**

Everyone is warmly invited to share this moment of joy and prayer before Christmas Night Mass, which will be celebrated at 9 pm.

A wonderful way to welcome the birth of Christ together.

