

Parish Liturgy and Activities for the Week

Date / Time	Intention	Parish Events
Saturday 6th Dec Mass 12:00noon 2nd Sunday of Advent 5:00pm	Stephen Whitely Tony McNeilis RIP 1st Anniversary	11:15am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30am: Confessions
Sunday 7th Dec 9:30am 11:00am	Terry Turner RIP People of the Parish	12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room) 12:30pm: Baptisms: Paisley Mae Coulter & Ashton Joseph Brown 4:00pm: Carol Singing (Black Bull Pub)
Monday 8th Dec		Church open for private prayer 10:00am: Choir Practice (in Church) 12:00noon: Funeral Service for Margaret Brown 12:00noon: Over 55's Bingo (Our Lady's Club)
Tuesday 9th Dec 12:00noon	Carole Hart RIP 4th Anniversary	
Wednesday 10th Dec 9:30am	Brenda Cowie RIP	
Thursday 11th Dec 9:30am	Agbo A.C. & Family Prayers for Chindu	7:30pm: AA Meeting (Romero Room)
Friday 12th Dec		Church open for private prayer
Saturday 13th Dec 12:00noon 3rd Sunday of Advent 5:00pm	Leo Corrigan RIP Passing of Rita Huxley	11:15am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30am: Confessions
Sunday 14th Dec 9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Winston	12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room) 12:30pm: Ecumenical Carol Singing at Belle Vale Shopping Centre
<i>We pray for all those enrolled in the Mass Guild: Patrick & Margaret & Family, Thomas, Philomena, Chloe, Patrick McDonogh and Maughan Family</i>		
<i>Monday: Damson Road Tuesday: Dauntsey Mews Wednesday: Dignum Mead Thursday: Dinaro Close Friday: Dunlin Close Saturday: Arena Housing</i>		



Newsletter

2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday 7th December 2025

ADVENT MUSIC

Penitential Rite:
Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison

As we light the first Advent candle
we sing:
**Christmas is coming the church is glad
to sing and let the Advent candles
brightly burn in a ring.**
The second is for the Prophet
Who said that Christ would come.
With good news for many
And angry words for some.
**Christmas is coming the church is glad
to sing and let the Advent candles
brightly burn in a ring.**

Advent Children's Liturgy of the Word
Dismissal Song.:
Please all join in as the children leave:
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God. x2
We are marching, we marching, whoo!
We are marching, in the light of God. x2

Sanctus:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven
and earth are full are full of your glory.**
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes.
Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation:

**Save us, save us, saviour of the world, for by
your cross and resurrection, you have set us**



free.

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ADVENT

Advent Preaching Series: The Jubilee year of Hope comes to a close at the Epiphany. Over the next three weeks I will be preaching a homily series based on hope and Advent.

Fr Stephen

Second Sunday of Advent:— God plants hope where life looks cut down.
When everything looks cut down, God is already coaxing new life out of what seems dead.

Third Sunday of Advent: — God grows hope even in the barren places.
Where we only see dryness and disappointment, God plants joy strong enough to make even wastelands rejoice.

Fourth Sunday of Advent: — We cooperate with hope by listening, trusting, and acting as Joseph does.
Hope matures in the silence where Joseph listens, trusts, and steps into God's surprising plan.

Advent: There are so many things happening in the parish in Advent, there is a separate sheet with everything on.

Wreath Making: Thank you to all who came along to the Wreath Making event at Our Lady's Club. It was a wonderfully festive occasion making £627.00 for our Lourdes fund! Wow!

Ministers: Can all welcomers, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, servers etc sign up for serve at the Nativity Masses. The list on the sacristy corridor

New Christmas cards: Now available in the Piety Shop. £2 for ten Cards conveying the Christian joy of Christmas.

Christmas cards to fellow parishioners:
World Gifts: Maybe this year you could agree with your friends who you will see in church over Christmas to put the money towards buying a gift for the world's poorest instead of a card. A box is in the wall at the back of church set aside for donations. There are new CAFOD World Gift is available on-line <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/christmas-collection> They are a great way to change the lives of families and communities.

Advent Family I Faith I Fun Afternoon:
Thank you to all who made the afternoon a great time for families to gather together and prepare for the Nativity.

Christmas Singers: Can you sing on Christmas Eve? Carols at 8.30pm and Mass at 9pm. We have had lots of enquiries, thank you! Rehearsals continue Monday 8th December 10am-11am and each Monday following. You are welcome to come and prepare for making the Nativity celebrations such a wonderful experience.

How to give support to God's Mission through the Parish

On-Line: Scan the QR

Text:

Text OLA to 70450 to donate £3.

Text OLA to 70460 to donate £5.

Text OLA to 70470 to donate £10.

Standing Order:

Forms at the back of church and on website.



Peace and Joy this Christmas Posters:

This weekend take one of the attractive posters to display in your porch or window wishing everyone who passes a Christian message during the season. Just one way we can keep Christ in Christmas.

Christmas Mass Intentions: The intentions for the Christmas Eve/ Morning Masses will be combined. Envelopes for intentions are now available in the entrance and in the Piety Shop.

Decorating Church: Sunday 21st December. Please sign up at the back of church to help. 12noon-1:30pm. A Team of people are needed to decorate the Church for Christmas. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together and make the church look amazing for the Christmas season. Let us make Church look special for all those who will come.

NOTICES

30th Ordination Anniversary: Thanks for the cards, Masses and continued prayers and support as we journey together in discipleship and mission.

Fr Stephen

Weekly Collections

30th November 2025

Envelopes & Cash: £352.46

S/O online: £910.00

TOTAL: £1402.96

THANK YOU!

7th Dec: Christmas Flowers/
Candles

Local Panto: Dick Twittington: Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th January from £6.00. Join young Dick and his clever cat on a magical journey to seek their fortune in Netherley! www.valleytheatre.co.uk

Daughters of St Paul: Oops.. Incorrect link was given out last week. To shop on-line go to www.paulineuk.org/online-shop or go in person to Pauline Book Centre 84 Church Street. A great things to do in Advent.

Free Christmas Meal for Pensioners: Gateacre School are offering a free Christmas Meal for up to 63 pensioners. The meal is 4:30pm to 6:30pm on Wednesday 17th December at Gateacre School, on Hedgefield Road. It is first come first served. If you are interested in going, give Sharon Williams a call on 07821 251 881.

Irenaeus Christmas Events: 9th December, 6.30pm there is a Carol Service and 10th December at 2pm 'Frank Sinatra' afternoon which is Dementia friendly. For any more information, contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or phone 0151 949 1199. Irenaeus Centre, St Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD