



Newsletter

2nd Week of Advent –8th December 2024

ADVENT MUSIC

Priest (spoken invocation)

Cantor: Kyrie, eleison.

All: Kyrie, eleison.

Priest (spoken invocation)

Cantor: Christe, eleison.

All: Christe, eleison.

Priest (spoken invocation)

Cantor: Kyrie, eleison.

All: Kyrie, eleison.

(Kyrie, eleison. Is Greek for Lord have mercy and Christe, eleison means Christ have mercy.)

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.

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, whooo!

We are marching, in the light of God. (x2)

Sanctus: Mass of Christ our Saviour.

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.

NOTICES

Communion Procession: There are two priority areas for anyone who is unable to walk in the procession to Holy Communion.

There are benches at the front with extra leg room and space for any who uses a wheelchair. Holy Communion will be brought to you. Just sit on the bench or situate your wheel chair there.

New Lectionary Translation: If you are curious to know more about why we have a new lectionary and a revived translations two videos go into more depth. The Bishop of Aberdeen, Bishop Hugh Gilbert, breaks down the new translation of the Lectionary. www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary-video-esv/ Fr Paul Denney answers the questions about what is the lectionary and why is it important? www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary-video-importance/

Mass Books: Take away with you a set of Mass Books that covers all three years of the cycle of reading. This is an unique opportunity to be able to reflect on the Word of God at home and be nourished each week. Any remaining books will be thrown away in two weeks.

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

ADVENT AT OUR LADY'S

Advent Fridays: Candle lit evening Mass at 7pm, followed by stillness in adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Night Prayer at 8pm and Benediction. Perfect for people who want some escape from the countdown to Christmas and people who cannot be at Mass on weekdays.

Advent/Christmas Singers: Do you like Christmas carols, would you like to learn some new music at Mass, would you like our church to be filled with Christmas joy? Then come along to Church on Saturdays at 10am on the 14th and 21st December.

Advent Reconciliation: There will be the opportunity for confession each Saturday 11.30am-11.50am. On Wed 18th December there will be Advent Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions. Come and prepare the way of the Lord.

Decorating Church: Sunday 22nd 12noon-1pm. 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. Please sign up at the back of church to help. Let us make Church look special for all those who will come.

CAFODs On-line Advent Calendar: Great way to get a message each day of Advent with a prayer and reflection. Why not make this part of your Advent journey? Just sign up cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar

Cribs at Home: Pope Francis said “the nativity scene is a like a living Gospel...I encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene at home, in the workplace, in schools hospital and town squares.” This year can we see if each home could have a family crib?

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.

CHRISTMAS

Mass Times:

Christmas Eve: Mass for Children & Families 5.30pm

Christmas Eve: Candlelit Carols & Readings 8.30pm followed by Sung Mass 9pm.

Nativity of the Lord: Mass 10.30am

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 will be in the wall at the back of church set aside for this. There are new CAFOD World Gift catalogues at the back of Church. They are a great way to change the lives of families and communities. CAFOD World Gifts range of charity Christmas presents, and stocking fillers are also great Secret Santa gift ideas, and as they are charity gifts, they make a life-changing difference to people in poverty.

New Christmas cards: Now available in the Piety Shop. It is estimated that only 1 in 100 Christmas cards convey the Nativity or other Christian image. One way we can continue to share the Christian message is by sending a beautiful card that depict the reason why we celebrate Christmas. The Piety Shop has attractive cards, please consider buying a pack this Christmas.

New Year Celebration: Mass 12noon Wed 1st Jan followed by prosecco, drinks and food. All Welcome!

EPIPHANY

Epiphany: Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th Jan normal weekend Mass times. Christmastide is a number of feasts that include the Nativity, the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord. At these Masses all the children are welcome to come dressed up as Kings. We will have the blessing of the Church and also the blessing cards for your homes 20*CMB+25.

Epiphany: International Celebration: The Magi came from different countries to worship the infant Jesus. At Jesus' birth the Gospel writers make clear that the Messiah's role is gather the scattered people's of the earth to worship God. We are blest in this parish to have people from different nations, different cultures and different languages. Perhaps in our Masses parts could be in different languages or other cultural contribution and dress? After each Mass share some food together from different countries, regions and cultures.

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.



Weekly Collections
1st December 2024
Envelopes & Cash: £420.96
S/O online: £908.00
TOTAL: £1,328.96
WEEKLY TARGET £1358
THANK YOU!

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

Mon13th October - Mon 20th October 2025 | £1350 per person based on two people sharing. Single supplement £285. Inclusive of ,flights ,accommodation, breakfast and evening meal, airport transfers to hotel and Assisi.

All are welcome from the parish and beyond to go on pilgrimage in this Jubilee year. Walk through the Holy Door, explore Rome and its magnificent basilicas and history. In Assisi deepen your connection with St Francis, St Clare and Blessed Carlos Acutis who will be canonised in July. Embark on this sacred journey in this Holy Year.

Parish Liturgy and Activities for the Week

Date / Time	Intention	Parish Events
Saturday 7th Dec 12:00noon 2nd Week of Advent 5:00pm	Kay Duggan Joseph Kavanagh RIP	10:00am: Christmas Choir Practice 11:30am-11:55am: Confessions & Exposition 12:30pm: Tea/Coffee after Mass
Sunday 8th Dec 9:30am 11:00am	The McNeillis Family People of the Parish	12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room)
Monday 9th Dec		12:00noon: Mass at Bishop Eton 12:00noon: Over 50's Club (OLA Club) 2:30pm: Legion of Mary (Romero Room)
Tuesday 10th Dec		9:10am: Mass at Christ The King 10:30am: Funeral Service for William Gill
Wednesday 11th Dec 9:30am	Funeral Mass for John Fenerty-Loughnane	4:30pm: SVP Meeting (Romero Room)
Thursday 12th Dec 9:30am	Christina Fox Birthday Remembrance & Holy Souls	7:30pm: AA Meeting (Romero Room)
Friday 13th Dec 7:00pm	A Private Intention	6:00pm: 9:30am Mass Social Gathering (Romero Room) 7:30pm: Exposition, Night Prayer and Benediction
Saturday 14th Dec Mass 12:00noon 3rd Week of Advent 5:00pm	Holy Souls John Fenerty-Loughnane	10:00am: Christmas Choir Practice 11:30am-11:55am: Confessions & Exposition 12:30pm: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room)
Sunday 15th Dec 9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish John Judge	12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room)

We pray for all those enrolled in the Mass Guild: Anthony McNeillis, Margaret Fearon, Ellen Murphy

Monday: Vetch Hey Tuesday: Vicarage Lawn Wednesday: Victoria Falls Road Thursday: Viennese Road Friday: Viola Drive Saturday: Bluebells Nursery

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