



## 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.

**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?

**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 23rd November and the 7th, 14th and 21st December. There are no auditions, this is for anyone who likes singing. Make some new friends and fill your life with the hope of Christmas.

**Peace and Joy this Christmas Posters:** Next week please 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.

**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.

**Advent Family I Faith I Fun Night:** Friday 6th December 6pm at Our Lady's Club. Time to get creative and messy. Families are welcome to come and make things together in preparation for the Nativity. There is food, prizes and fun all ages. Cost £1

**Christmas Mass Intentions:** The intentions for the Christmas Eve/Morning Masses will be combined. Next week envelopes for intentions will be available. There will also be Christmas Mass Intention cards in the Piety Shop.

**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.

**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.

**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](http://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar)