

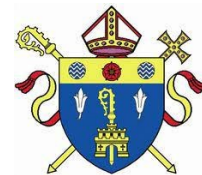


First Sunday of Advent (Year B)

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Parish News & Events

Key: SM = St Mary, SG = St Gregory, OLSM = Our Lady & St Michael,

Sat 2 Dec 2023 Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent

17.45 SM Confessions
18.00 SM Mass (Bernard & Winnie Hanratty)

Sun 3 Dec 1st Sunday of Advent

09.15 SG Confessions
09.30 SG Mass (Yvonne Byers)
10.30 OLSM Mass (In thanksgiving (KM))
18.00 OLSM Mass (People of the Parish)

Mon 4 Dec St John Damascene

10.00 OLSM Mass (Sick Person)
18.00 OLSM Evening Prayer

Tues 5 Dec Tuesday of Advent, week 1

09.30 SM Adoration
10.00 SM Mass (Sheila Rumney)
18.00 OLSM Evening Prayer

Wed 6 Dec St Nicholas

11.30 SG Lectio Divina
12.00 SG Mass (The Young Family)
18.00 OLSM Evening Prayer
18.15 OLSM Mass (Eleanor Hodgson)

Thur 7 Dec St Ambrose

10.00 SM Mass (Lily Hutchinson)

Fri 8 Dec The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

08.00 SJ Mass in St Joseph's School
11.30 SG Adoration
12.00 SG Mass (Elizabeth Cantley Snr)
18.00 OLSM Evening Prayer
19.00 OLSM Latin Mass

Sat 9 Dec Saturday of Advent, week 1

10.00 OLSM Mass (Ann Teresa O'Neill)
10.30 OLSM Confession, Adoration & Rosary

Sat 9 Dec 2023 Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Advent

17.45 SM Confessions
18.00 SM Mass (People of the Parish)

Sun 10 Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent

09.15 SG Confessions
09.30 SG Mass (Margaret McManus)
10.30 OLSM Mass (Neil Magean)
18.00 OLSM Mass (The Woodall Family)

Sanctuary Lamps (week beginning 03.12.2023)

OLSM: In Loving Memory Neil Magean

Lady Altar: People of the Parish

SG: Gerard Sloan (Anniversary)

SM: Holy Souls

Sacred Heart Altar: Parish Cleaning Team

Please remember in your prayers the sick & housebound:

Catherine Wilson, Mabel Tognarelli, Doreen Doran, Fletcher Ditchburn, Anne Braniff, Dennis & Susan Castleton, Jack Gullen, Veronica Tubman, Joan Rodgers, Margaret McAleavy, Ibrahim Tobbya Shsha, Maureen Dolan, Brendan McManus, Donald Pettitt, Linda Tallentire, Mary Cronolly, Gilbert Carruthers, Marie Blair, Mary Murphy, Jim Cunningham, Geoff Williamson. **And those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** Edmund Hansen, Frank Briers, Anne Collins, Edward Rice, Annie Hawley, Ronnie Jardine, Sheila Rumney, Michael Jeffery, Michael Browne, Margaret Telford, Eleanor Hodgson, John Lyons, John & Rhys Murray, Norah Finn, Neil Magean, Sally Talbot, John McAleavy, Betty Whitelock, Olive McDonald and Harry O'Neill.

Thank you for last week's Offering £729.99. Online banking donations for October: Offertory £3694, WSMP Restoration Fund £120, Special Collections/donations £505. Details for online banking: Account - LRC DTR Christ the Good Shepherd. Sort Code: 40-27-02. Account No. 91752146.

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent

(Sunday readings year B). Five minutes before the celebration of a Mass we will pray the first of the Advent prayers (on the yellow sheets) to focus minds and hearts, followed by a time of silence before the opening hymn. Advent is a time of waiting, of stillness and expectation and silence teaches us to treasure these spiritual dispositions. In the Advent prayer the word 'Maranatha' comes from two Hebrew words, maran'athah, meaning 'Our Lord comes'. Advent is the Good News that the Lord is coming towards us.

There will be a special collection for the Diocesan Poor Missions Fund.

Parish Christmas Market. A big thank you to all those who helped in some way to make the Christmas Market a huge success: Those who did the organising, helped set up and clear away, man the stalls and to those who attended. We raised £2684.80 on the day, plus online raffles etc £371 giving a total of £3055.80 for the parish restoration fund. A wonderful effort, thank you all very much. A list of raffle prize winners is at the back of each church.

Parish Prayer & Social Group, meet 7.15pm, Stella Maris Room, Thursday 7 December for a talk on the parish bees, all welcome.

St Patrick's School Carol Service, Friday 8 December at 10am, Our Lady & St Michael's church - Parishioners welcome.

Family Candlelit Carol Service Our Lady & St Michael's church, Sunday 10 December, 3pm - Everyone is welcome, the service is particularly geared up towards children with blessing of crib, carols, and, for those who have little baby Jesus's for their home cribs (bambinelli), please bring them with you so that they can be blessed too. Gift bags will be given to all the children. The whole service shouldn't last more than 45 minutes.

Parish Reconciliation Service at St Gregory's church, 6.30pm on Thursday 14 December, with Confessions and Adoration.

Christmas Festive Organ Recital with carols, Our Lady and St Michael's church on Friday 15 December, 7pm, Tickets £7, available from the Parish office and Ann Diamond.

Open Door. St. Gregory's church on Mondays, 9.00-10.30am. St Mary's church hall, Harrington, Thursdays, 10.30am. Our Lady & St Michael's (Stella Maris Room) Fridays, 10.00am. The parish is grateful to Cumbria Community Foundation who are supporting this initiative as part of their Warm Spaces Scheme.

Christ the Good Shepherd Christmas card delivery A 1st class stamp is £1.25 and 2nd is 75p. We are asking for a donation of 50p per card. A collection box for the money will be placed by the post box and will be emptied weekly. The boxes will be placed at the back of all 3 churches for 3 weeks starting 25 November to 10 December, (please note the dates). If you know of someone that can't attend Mass please let them know that we are offering this service. Mark your envelopes with the name & address, including the area within Workington i.e., Salterbeck, Moorclose, Ashfield or Town centre (if not in an estate). The boundaries are Seaton, High Harrington, Clifton, Northside and Siddick. Volunteers to help deliver the cards are always welcome.

Please collect a leaflet from the back of each church detailing events being held in the parish during Advent and Christmas.

Wanted: Household items - Bedding new or used but clean, especially double bed winter duvet covers, crockery, cutlery, kitchen utensils, single bed, double bed (it needs to meet fire regulations and be free from stains). Transport for furniture items - van or truck or large car would be appreciated. **Thank you Sister Eleanor 01900 602028**

Other News and Events

www.axis.org Connecting Parents, Teens, & Jesus in a Disconnected World. Lots of resources and weekly updates to help parents to understand the fastmoving culture of young people. Particularly good Advent resource with a daily reflection.

Free Webinar organised by Divine Renovation at 7pm on Thursday 7 December entitled, 'Thriving or Closing: Where is your parish going' with Fr James Mallon and Bishop Oakley of Northampton. This will be an excellent webinar and follows on from much of the thinking we have been doing as a parish on vision. Please sign up on www.divinerenovation.org/events

Churches Together Men's Breakfast at 9.30am on Saturday 9 December at Carnegie **Churches Together in Workington Christmas in Company.** If you will be alone on Christmas Day or know of someone who would like some company and a festive lunch, please ring Sue on 07443951675. (Transport can be provided)