



Second 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 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)

Mon 11 Dec St Damasus I

10.00 OLSM Mass (Ann & William O'Neill)

18.00 OLSM Evening Prayer

Tues 12 Dec Our Lady of Guadalupe

09.00 OLSM Mass (Molly & Gerard Doran)

18.00 OLSM Evening Prayer

Wed 13 Dec St Lucy

11.30 SG Lectio Divina

12.00 SG Mass (Teresa Taylor)

18.00 OLSM Evening Prayer

18.15 OLSM Mass (Jack Lannaghan)

Thur 14 Dec St John of the Cross

10.00 SM Mass (John & Sarah Quinn)

18.00 OLSM Evening Prayer

18.30 SG Parish Reconciliation Service

Fri 15 Dec Friday of Advent, week 2

08.00 SJ Mass in St Joseph's School

10.00 SG Mass (Raymond & Pat Irving)

12.30 OLSM Funeral - Wilfred Sanderson

14.30 OLSM St Joseph's School Carol Service

18.00 OLSM Evening Prayer

Sat 16 Dec Saturday of Advent, week 2

10.00 OLSM Mass (Joseph & Margaret Woodall)

10.30 OLSM Confession, Adoration & Rosary

Sat 16 Dec 2023 Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent

17.45 SM Confessions

18.00 SM Mass (Paul Pearson)

Sun 17 Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

09.15 SG Confessions

09.30 SG Mass (Bert & Eva Fagan)

10.30 OLSM Mass (Margaret Younghusband)

18.00 OLSM Mass (People of the Parish)

Sanctuary Lamps (week beginning 10.12.2023)

OLSM: In Loving Memory Pauline Chorley

Lady Altar: In Memory of the Stevenson Family

SG: Elizabeth Cantley (Anniversary)

SM: Mary & Joe Byrne

Sacred Heart Altar: In Loving Memory of Jimmy Fallon

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently. Wilfred Sanderson, Funeral Service Friday 15 December, 12.30pm, Our Lady & St Michael's church. The sick & household: Catherine Wilson, Mabel Tognarelli, Doreen Doran, Fletcher Ditchburn, Anne Braniff, Dennis & Susan Castleton, Jack Gullen, Veronica Tubman, Joan Rodgers, Margaret McAleavey, Ibrahim Toba 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: Iain Denny, Sarah Hennelly, Joseph Byrne, Jan Wojcik, Olga Hilton, Colin Dixon, Pauline Chorley, George Thompson, Elizabeth Armstrong and Ria Rooney. Thank you for last week's Offering £686.03, Diocesan Youth Services £154.61. Online banking donations for November: Offertory £3851, WSMP Restoration Fund £120, Special Collections/donations £135. Details for online banking: Account - LRC DTR Christ the Good Shepherd. Sort Code: 40-27-02. Account No. 91752146. Please take careful note of Mass times and where Mass will be held this week.

Coffee in the Stella Maris room after the 10.30am Mass this Sunday.

Family Candlelit Carol Service Our Lady & St Michael's church, this Sunday, 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' 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 & St Michael's church, Friday 15 December, 7pm. Three fantastic organists, Frank Bowler (Director of Music at St Bees), Matthew Haynes (Director of Music at Stonyhurst) & Vaughn Richardson (of Adamas Voces fame) will be playing a mixture of classical music and music from the shows, bringing some festive cheer to the dark nights. The concert will include some singing, so bring your Christmas jumper and your best voice with you. Tickets £7 from the Priory 01900 602114 or from Ann 077593 41295, or can be bought at the door (it does help with refreshments if we know numbers though). Price includes refreshments and programme. Suitable for all ages, and families. Come and enjoy the spectacular Gothic surroundings of Our Lady & St Michael's church and prepare for the wonders of Christmas.

Thinking of becoming Catholic, or maybe you know someone who is interested? We will be beginning our journey of faith programme in the early New Year for those who want to find out more about the Catholic faith and would like to become full members of the Church. Please see one of the priests or contact the parish office if you are interested.

St Patrick's school infant Nativity in the school hall, Tuesday 12 December, 9.30am - parishioners welcome.

St Gregory's school, Christmas Performance in St Gregory's church, Wednesday 13 December, 9.30am - parishioners welcome.

St Gregory's school early years performance in school, Thursday 14 December, 9.30am - parishioners welcome.

St Mary's school Carol Service, Thursday 14 December in St Mary's church, 2pm - parishioners welcome.

St Joseph's whole school carol service in Our Lady & St Michael's church, Friday 15 December, 2.30pm - Parishioners welcome.

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 Thank you for allowing us to deliver your Christmas cards to raise money for the parish. The boxes will be collected after Mass this weekend, 9 & 10 Dec. If you miss the opportunity at St Mary's or St Gregory's, a box will be available at the parish carol service in the afternoon and the 6pm Mass at Our Lady & St Michael's. Cards will then be sorted into areas and given to the volunteers for delivery.

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

Diocese of Lancaster Lourdes Pilgrimage, 23-30 July, led by Bishop Swarbrick. Please contact info@joewalshstours.co.uk or 0808 189 0468 for details. There is also a coach for youth which will include a day of sightseeing in Paris, for enquiries youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk

Cockermouth Rotary is offering free tickets & transport to Keswick's Theatre by the Lake to watch a performance of 'A Little Princess'. To book please contact Valerie Hallard at val.ayre@cumberland.gov.uk with names & mobile contact numbers, (first come first served). Children MUST be accompanied by an adult. Shows: Tues 19 December 7.15pm leaving Workington (Allerdale House car park) at 6pm. Weds 3 January 10.30am leaving Workington (Allerdale House car park) at 9.15am.