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15th December 2024 is the Third Sunday of Advent

Known as Gaudete Sunday, after the first word of the entrance antiphon, which is 'Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.' Because we are now over halfway through Advent, as a sign of softening our penitential rigours, the vestments are rose rather than violet. In the first reading the prophet Zephaniah tells the people of Jerusalem that the presence of the Lord will bring them joy. In the Gospel from Saint Luke, we hear the preaching of John the Baptist. He exhorts the people to repent from their sins, and he also tells them that the Lord is on His way. The Lord will grant His people the Holy Spirit, and will also judge them according to their deeds.

This Sunday

There is a retiring collection for Christmas flowers, originally scheduled for last week. Collectors, please take this as your invitation to stand with the baskets at both doors at the end of Mass.

This Saturday evening the Confirmation candidates are gathering before the 6pm Vigil Mass and will be enrolled in the Confirmation Programme during the Mass.

HCPT Appeal

Many thanks to all who responded to the HCPT appeal last Sunday. So far the total raised is **£1,173** Consisting of £465 in envelope donations and £708 via contactless. More envelopes may be on their way in.

Liturgical Notes

There are no feasts this week apart from the memorial, on Saturday, of Saint Peter Canisius (1521 –1597). He was a Dutchman and a Jesuit, who devoted his life to preaching and teaching in Germany, where he drew many souls back to the Catholic Church and away from Protestantism. He wrote three books of Catechism to explain the faith. He also wrote extensively on Our Lady and he is the one who was responsible for the words 'Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners' being included in the Hail Mary.

This Week

On Monday, choir practice takes place at 6.30pm. New members welcome!

On Tuesday Mass is at 7am. This is the third and last of our Rorate Masses. The faithful are invited to bring their own candles. For safety's sake please bring them in a suitable container, such as a jam jar.

On Wednesday there is an Advent Reflection Group in the Tivey Room from **11:15am-12noon.**

All are welcome. The same meeting also happens on Zoom from **7:30pm-9pm.**

On Wednesday evening the Saint Clemet's School Advent Service takes place at 7pm.

On Thursday, Mass is at 7pm. The A to Z of Catholicism resumes in February.

On Friday, Mass is at 10am as usual and is the Requiem Mass for Maureen Ellis RIP.

On Saturday Confessions are at 10.30am, with Adoration, and continue until at least 11am.

Christmas Singalong

Many thanks to the Social Committee and all who organised the highly successful Christmas Singalong. You may have seen the video and the photographs on our Facebook page. There were mountains of food, lots of drink, and some great singing by everyone, including several soloists. We will definitely do this again next year, though we will co-ordinate dates with the school, as several who took part in the Singalong were also involved in the school Winter Wonderland, which made for a long day. If you want to join our Social Committee, please approach them, as they are looking for new members, and will be happy to hear from you.

Who wants to be an altar server?

You may have noticed that we had five on duty last week at the 10.30am mass, which was excellent as it meant we could have a cross-bearer, a thurifer, two candle-bearers or acolytes, and an incense boat-bearer. This meant that our servers were able to put into practice their liturgical skills learned during the training session to the full. If you want to be an altar sever, the only qualification is to have done your First Holy Communion, along with the commitment to turn up on time and undertake training. Please do not be shy.... We could always do with more.

Our next baptism course is on Thursday 9th January and Thursday 16th January 2025

Please pick up a Sacrament of Baptism leaflet in the Narthex & Pop it into the Presbytery letterbox or email ewell@abdiocese.org.uk if you would like to either help out on the course or to have your child/baby baptised.

Advance Notice of Our Christmas Masses

24th December, Christmas Eve, at 5.30pm (Vigil Mass) and 10pm (Mass during the Night).

25th December, Christmas Day: 8.30am (Dawn Mass) and 10.30am (Day Mass).

The four Masses of Christmas all have different readings, as you can tell from your brand new Missals!

On Thursday 26th December, Boxing Day, the feast of Saint Stephen, Mass will be at 12 noon.

There is poster online (see our Facebook group) with this information. Everyone is invited to share it!

Proclaimers and Ministers

Lists are now in the narthex for you to sign up for the Christmas services.

Pastoral Plan Feedback

On Tuesday the deanery clergy had their last monthly meeting of the year, at Saint Ann's in Tadworth. There was lots to discuss and not enough time to discuss it all. We are organising a deanery day of reflection as well as our own day of reflection in Lent, the latter of which will be open to all. The first will be at Ladywell Convent, the second at Chilworth. There will be similar day in May at a venue to be decided. In addition we spoke of other 'cross border' inter-community activities. Moreover, the Moderator asked us what we can all do to promote the pastoral plan. So, if anyone has any ideas, please come forward with them. We would like to hear of them.

One idea is a Book Group. Most of us know how these work. Would anyone be interested in starting a theological-spiritual book group? (Nothing heavy, promise...) There are lots of good books of Catholic interest out there which is it might be interesting and fun to discuss.

Confession during Advent

Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas, as we all know, and a time for going to Confession, one of the best ways of preparing to receive the Lord at Christmas time. There will be an opportunity for Confession after every Mass this week (apart from Friday, when there is a funeral) as well as the usual time on Saturday morning.

Moreover, Confessions can also be heard on application at the Presbytery, if the priest is at home.

Missio Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so generously to Missio this year. An interim total of £417.19 has been collected. This amount does not include parishioners who donate directly to Missio via standing orders or direct debits.

We will get an overall total of Parish donations early in the New Year.

At this time of year I need to update details of Missio box holders. If there are any changes such as how you donate, address etc please let me know via the Parish Office email: ewell@abdiocese.org.uk

Forthcoming Events

Sat 14 Dec **4pm-6pm** Confirmation I, **6pm** Enrolment Mass.
Sun 15 Dec Retiring Collection for Christmas Flowers.
Mon 16 Dec **6:30pm:** Choir Practice
Tue 17 Dec **7am:** Rorate Mass.
Wed 18 Dec **7pm:** St Clement's School Advent Service.
Fri 20 Dec 10am: Requiem Mass of Maureen Ellis RIP.
Sun 29 Dec Opening of the Holy Year.

Happy New Year to All

Tue 7 Jan **7pm:** FHC Catechists Meeting.
Thu 9 Jan **7.30pm:** Baptism course.
Sat 11 Jan **11am-12pm:** FHC Session 5.
Sat 11 Jan **4pm-7pm:** Confirmation II.
Sun 12 Jan **8:30am:** FHC Celebration Mass.
Thu 16 Jan **7.30pm:** Baptism course.
Sat 18 Jan **4pm-7pm:** Confirmation III.
Sat 25 Jan **11am-11:45am:** FHC Session 6.
Sat 8 Feb **11am-12pm** FHC Session 7.

Mass Intentions for December 2024

Sat 14	6pm	Vigil Mass	Bernie Sullivan RIP
Sun 15	8:30am	3rd Sunday of Advent	Ints: St Hugh's
Sun 15	10:30am	3rd Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish
Mon 16	10am	Mon: 3rd week of Advent	Richard Nicholls RIP
Tue 17	7am	Rorate Mass	Ints: St Hugh's
Wed 18	10am	Wed: in Greater Advent	Evan Lawrence RIP
Thu 19	7pm	Thurs: in Greater Advent	Gary Bennett RIP
Fri 20	10am	Fri in Greater Advent	Jack Martin 18th Birthday
Sat 21	6pm	Vigil Mass	GE: Morris Family
Sun 22	8:30am	4th Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish
Sun 22	10:30am	4th Sunday of Advent	Laura Dempsey RIP

Holy Book Stall

Will be open next weekend at all Masses.



Small Christmas books for children, Bibles, Missals and books of devotion will all be available.

Saturday 20 September 2025

Festival of Hope

Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Diocese and the Universal Jubilee Year with your family and friends this September. We pray that this inspirational and uplifting event will ignite a spiritual renewal in our own lives and across our communities. Put the date in your diary now, because tickets will be allocated to Parishes in the new year! The event is taking place at Ardingly South of England Event Centre, tickets will be free of charge, with talks and activities suitable for all ages.

The winners for the 200 Club this month are:

Adeline Crouch	No.87	£200
Mark McLoughlin	No.206	£50



Recovery and Well Being

Please pray for: Mary Bruce, Bob Parker, Louise Charge, Kitty Cusack, Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson, Jocelyn Bowen, Joseph Ewing, Martina Savage, Sally Mason, Shona Dane, Elpedio Tavares, Nicholas Ward, Marcia Bancroft and Mel Alvarez.

