

Date / Time	Intention	Parish Events
Saturday 2nd Dec 12:00noon FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 5:00pm	Holy Souls and All Who Mourn Beryl Swords	10:00am: Christmas Choir Rehearsal (in Church) 11:30am-11:55am: Exposition & Confession 1:00pm: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room)
Sunday 3rd Dec 9:30am 11:00am	Mark Carlile People of the Parish	12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room)
Monday 4th Dec		12:00noon: Mass at Christ The King 12:00noon: Mass at Bishop Eton 12:00noon: Over 55's Group (OLA Club) 2:30pm: Legion of Mary (Romero Room)
Tuesday 5th Dec 12:00noon	Monica Jones	12:30pm: Bingo (OLA Club) 7:30pm: Bingo (St. Cyril's Club)
Wednesday 6th Dec 9:30am	Mr. Sweeney	6:30pm: Pizza Night Youth Group (Romero Room) 7:30pm: Bingo (St. Cyril's Club)
Thursday 7th Dec 9:30am	Christina Fox	7:30pm: AA Meeting (Romero Room) 8:30pm: Quiz (OLA Club)
Friday 8th Dec 12:00noon	Funeral Mass for Michael Healy	2:00pm: Friday Club (Romero Room) 6:00pm: Advent Family Faith & Fun Night (OLA Club)
Saturday 9th Dec 12:00noon SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 5:00pm	Patricia Cook RIP Johnny Moon	10:00am: Christmas Choir Rehearsal (in Church) 11:30am-11:55am: Exposition & Confession
Sunday 10th December 9:30am 11:00am	Mark Carlile People of the Parish	12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room) 12:30pm: Baptism: Samuel Murray, Pearl Omar & Lucia Omar
<i>We pray for all those enrolled in the Mass Guild: Marcella Madden</i>		
<i>Monday: Honister Walk Tuesday: Jones Farm Road Wednesday: Kenton Close Thursday: Killister Road Friday: Kings Drive Saturday: Belle Vale Shopping Centre</i>		



Newsletter

1st Sunday of Advent—3rd December 2023

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Music For Advent

Penitential Act:

Priest (spoken invocation)

Cantor: Kyrie, eleison.

All: Kyrie, eleison.

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Cantor: Christe, eleison.

All: Christe, eleison.

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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, whoo!
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.

Recessional Hymn

**Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
Bear his People's burden,
Freely love and pardon.**

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!

Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!

When he comes,

When he comes,

Who will make him welcome?

**God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.**

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Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
When he comes,
Who will make him welcome?

Mary, hail! Though afraid;
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;
Till the time expected
Nurtured and protected.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
When he comes,
Who will make him welcome?

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes!
Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!

ADVENT

Our Amazing Advent Adventure: After the success of last years 9.30am Mass community's 'Amazing Advent Adventure'. This year it is the turn for the 11am Mass community to share a word or a favourite carol to be shared on the parish social media each day of Advent. For this we would like to involve everyone in the 11am Mass community from the smallest baby to the most senior by having your photo taken and for you to share a thought about Advent.

Advent Carols: 11am Tue 5th and 19th Dec at Belle Vale Shopping Centre: Children from Our Lady's School will be singing carols for shoppers. Please go along and support them.

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 Family I Faith I Fun Night: Friday 8th December 6pm Our Lady's Club: The Advent night will involve children and adults being creative, making lots of things in readiness for the nativity and discovering more about some of the people who were part of the first Christmas.

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

CHRISTMAS

Mass Times:

Christmas Eve:

Mass for Children & Families 5.30pm

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

Nativity of the Lord:

Mass 10.30am

Peace and Joy this Christmas Posters: 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.

Christmas Mass Intentions: The intentions for the Christmas Eve/Morning Masses will be combined. Envelopes for your intentions are now available. There are Christmas Mass Intention cards in the Piety Shop.

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.



New Christmas cards will be 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.

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 Saturday Mornings at 10am until 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.

NOTICES

Families of Parishes: Did you miss the recent roadshows? Join a Zoom meeting led by Fr Philip Inch and Fr Matthew Nunes at 7pm Wed 6th Dec. Use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86421512557?pwd=SVd5cFhtQ0dwUFJzQjhLSlQ5VjJlQ09>

Weekly Collections

26th November 2023

Envelopes & Cash: £399.15

S/O online: £924.00

TOTAL: £1323.15 THANK YOU!

TARGET: £1358.00

SVP Collection: £2423.46

Animate Youth: £149.55

3rd Dec: Christmas Flowers & Candles

Youth Group: Since the Ignite Day some parents have come together to think through where we can start in regards to better serving younger people in the parish. The trip to Air-Unlimited was a great success and **Wed 6th Dec 6.30-8pm** there will be a Pizza and Fun night in the Romero Room. Those in years 6-10 are welcome. We will gather some ideas from young people to look at the shape of things for 2024.

Altar Servers: This week we start a new Church year, what a good start it would be if some boys or girls wanted to think about being an altar server. This is a great way to make new friends, be part of a team and understand more of the Mass. Just come along 15 mins before Mass next week and we can give you an introduction. Those years 4 and above are very welcome!

Lourdes Youth Raffle: On the 9th and the 10th of December there will be a Raffle for you to win prizes and support the Youth Group to be able to go to Lourdes in 2024. Lots of great things to win, please get involved! Tickets will be available at the back of Church.

Shrine of St Winefride in Holywell, North Wales. The Shrine has been elevated to the status of a National Shrine for England and Wales. It's one of the oldest places of pilgrimage in Britain and has an unbroken 1,400-year tradition of pilgrimage.