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3rd Sunday of Advent (Year A) — 14th Dec 2025

If you wish to make a donation — Sort Code: 30-15-52, Account Number: 54579560

Readings

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Ps 146(145):6c-7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R Matthew 5:3
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Masses & Services

<i>St Lucy, V, M</i>		
Sat 13	4.30pm	Adoration
	5.30pm	Confession
	5.30pm	Rosary
	6.00pm	Mass: Berne Connolly R.I.P.
<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>		
Sun 14	9.00am	Confession
	9.00am	Rosary
	9.30am	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 15	<i>Note</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tue 16	7.00pm	Mass: Edward Craggs RIP
Wed 17	9.00am	Rosary
	9.30am	Mass: Craggs Family
Thu 18	10.30am	Funeral: Kathleen Mary Timmins
	5.30pm	Adoration
	6.00pm	Rosary
	6.30pm	Mass: Sarah Russell R.I.P.
Fri 19	<i>Note</i>	Day of abstinence from meat
	9.00am	Rosary
	9.30am	Mass: Gabriella Mansutti
Sat 20	4.30pm	Adoration
	5.30pm	Confession
	5.30pm	Rosary
	6.00pm	Mass: People of the Parish
<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>		
Sun 21	9.00am	Rosary
	9.00am	Confession
	9.30am	Mass (Children's Liturgy): People of the Parish

Please keep in your prayers those who have passed away

Sarah Russell, Pauline Cain, Zygmunt Weselak, Peter Drake and Kathleen Timmins.

Please Pray for the Sick, Elderly, and House-bound

Including: Rosemary Roberts, Judy Kearney, Veronica Creaney, Geoffrey Prendergast, Cynthia Lloyd, Alan Challinor, Jenny Jarvis, Margaret Russell, Rob Davies, Andrea Burns, and Tricia Cannon.

Christmas Masses

<i>Christmas Eve</i>		
Wed 24	4.00pm	Children's Mass
	8.00pm	Vigil Mass
<i>Christmas Day</i>		
Thu 25	10.00am	Mass

Message from Fr Patrick

It was great to celebrate the birthday of the parish church last Monday. Many thanks to all who helped make it run so well. It was wonderful as well to welcome the school community to the carol service on Wednesday.

This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday. Rose-colour may be used in the liturgy, and it is a time of rejoicing that Christ's birth is so near. The second half of Advent (17-23 December) contains the *O Antiphons*, prayed at Evening Prayer. They speak of humankind's longing for the Saviour. In Latin they read:

O *Sapientia* (Wisdom),
O *Adonai* (Lord),
O *Radix Jesse* (Root of Jesse),
O *Clavis David* (Key of David),
O *Oriens* (Dawn of the East),
O *Rex Gentium* (King of Nations),
O *Emmanuel* (God-with-us).

The first letter, in reverse order, spells *Ero Cras*, meaning in Latin, "I will come tomorrow." Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus! Many thanks to Pascal and Paul for the music this Sunday.

St Clare's SVP Conference

As Christmas approaches if there is any help that we can give as the local SVP Conference then please let us know. Thanks to those who drop off ink cartridges. Every little helps. God bless. Steve

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 9.30 Mass

This week it's CAFOD and next week it's Catherine and Elaine with proceeds to the St Clare's SVP Conference

Tea and Coffee after Wednesday 9.30 Mass

Volunteers are sought to help with the tea and coffee after Wed Mass. Please see Father Patrick for details.

Foodbank Donations

Please continue to bring items in and put them on the trolley in the cupboard next to the Altar of the Sacred Heart. They will be taken to the Warehouse when the trolley fills.

Red Mission Boxes

Tony Austin asks Red Mission Box holders to bring their boxes to the church for emptying. Please ensure that your name is on the label attached to the bottom of the box. Many thanks

The Catholic High School Christmas Fair & Carol Service

Tuesday 16th December, 4pm to 6pm in the school Hall. Entry fee is £1 and all welcome! Santa's Grotto, stalls, amazing food and music. Please come support this event! After the Christmas Fair, there will be a Carol Service in the Lyceum (6th Form building) at 6:30pm. Enjoy mince pies and a glass of wine at the interval before a final blast of Christmas songs and dance!

Sunday Music

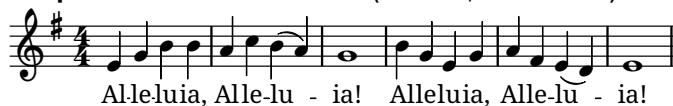
Rejoice in the Lord

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say "Rejoice"
Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say "Rejoice"
Rejoice! Rejoice! and again I say: "Rejoice"
Rejoice! Rejoice! and again I say: "Rejoice"

I confess... — Kyrie Eleison — 519

Psalm 146/145 : Come, Lord, and save us. (page 15)

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia (Advent, Veni Veni...)



Offertory: The Angel Gabriel from Haven came — 113

Holy Holy: Revised gathering Mass — 570 (sung offertory)

Acclamation: RGM — 571c

Great Amen: 555

Lamb: Mass of Hope — 592

Post-Communion: Time of reflection and prayer, maybe talk to Our blessed Lord Jesus, tell him of your hopes and worries at this Advent time... Maybe bring to him a person you are concerned about or thank him for something good in the last week...
(reflective music may sound in the background)

Final Hymn: O come, O come Emmanuel — 112