

**Parish of St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy  
Beverley High Road, HU6 7JJ**

**23rd December 2018**

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**Sunday**  
23rd Dec **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers  
10.00 am Mass: People of the Parish

**Monday**  
of 24th December  
6.00 pm Carols and Children's Nativity  
6.45 pm approx. Mass of Christmas: For the Parish

**Tuesday**  
25th Dec **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
10.00 am Mass: For the Parish

**Wednesday**  
26th Dec **St Stephen, the Protomartyr**  
7.00 pm Mass

**Thursday**  
27th Dec **St John the Evangelist**  
9.30 am Mass

**Friday**  
28th Dec **Holy Innocents**  
No Mass

**Saturday**  
29th Dec **St Thomas of Canterbury**  
9.30 m Mass

**Sunday**  
30th Dec **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
10.00 am Mass: People of the Parish

*Confessions: 10.00 am Saturday,  
before Mass on Tuesdays, Thursdays  
Fridays at 9.00 am, and before  
Sunday Mass  
(at other times on request)*

## THE LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE

These living flames will be for us a sign of joy,  
a light that burns brightly in the midst  
of all the tragedies of this world,  
as we prepare for the coming of your Son,  
in the company of your faithful servants Mary and Joseph..

**All powerful God,  
your eternal Word took flesh  
when the Virgin Mary placed her life in your hands.  
Lift up our minds in watchful hope  
to hear the voice that announces our Saviour,  
and open our hearts to receive the Spirit,  
who prepares us for his coming.  
Do this as always for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Symbolism of the Advent Wreath Candles

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent: 'Angels' Candle'**

The fourth and last purple candle represents peace and often called the 'Angels' candle. (Luke 2:13-14)

#### **Christmas Eve: 'Christ Candle'**

The white centre candle represents the life of Christ that has come into the world. The colour white also represents purity; Christ is the sinless, spotless, pure Saviour. (Isaiah 1:18)

## Notices

### Prayers for the Sick - GDPR Legislation

Please remember that the written consent of those who are ill (**they and they alone can give it**), is required before their names can be published in the Parish Newsletter. (To simplify this there are forms available on the porch table which just require a signature.) Likewise, Mass Intentions for those who are living should be simply listed as a '**Private Intention**' with the surname of the donor'.

### **Retiring Collections**

This Sunday, 23rd December: Parish Funds

Next Sunday, 30th December: Parish Funds

*The Collections on 24th December and on Christmas Day will be for the Clergy*

### **Wanted - Used Postage Stamps**

Please continue to save your used postage stamps, leaving a margin of a quarter of an inch all round each stamp. There is a box at the back of the church, and they will be donated to a charity that will be able to recycle them. Thank you.

**Lourdes 2019**

The dates for next year's pilgrimage are Friday 24th to Friday 31st May.

Application forms are now available in the porch for non-supported pilgrims.

**Children's Liturgy**

A reminder that the Children's Liturgy is intended for children who are aged four and over. Generally they continue to be a part of the group for one year after their First Holy Communion, and after this they should be ready to remain with their families during the Liturgy of the Word. We use a simpler form of the readings of the Sunday, but children younger than four are not yet able to understand and contribute to the group. Children should be confident enough to attend without a parent, although you are very welcome to take them in for the first time.