

**Parish of St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy
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Sunday 16th Dec	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10.00 am Mass
Monday	of 17th December No Mass
Tuesday	of 18th December 9.30 am Mass
Wednesday	of 19th December 6.30 pm: Adoration and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass
Thursday	of 20th December 9.30 am Mass
Friday	of 21st December 9.30 am Mass 10.30 am Endsleigh Holy Child Carol Service
Saturday	of 22nd December 9.30 m Mass
Sunday 23rd Dec	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers 10.00 am Mass

Christmas Mass Times

**Christmas Eve 24th December: 6.00 pm Carols and Children's Nativity
approximately 6.45 pm Mass**

Christmas Day 25th December: 10.00 am Mass

*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 THIRD CANDLE

These living flames will be for us
a sign of your life-giving grace,
a light in the darkness of this dying world,
as we announce the Good News of Salvation
and try and put your love into practice in our daily lives.

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
ever faithful to your promises,
ever close to your beloved people,
we look forward with joy
to our Saviour's coming at Christmas,
and wait in hope for his return in glory at the end of time.
Lighten the burdens that weigh us down,
and prepare our hearts to greet the Lord,
that we may rejoice in his loving presence, now and forever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices

During the Week at St Anthony's

Sunday 16th December:

Young People's Teaching - after Mass this week the topic is 'What I want for Christmas'.

Irish Coffee and Soup after Mass today. All proceeds to parish funds.

St Anthony's Parish Christmas Card

The cards are ready for distribution today, 16th December, and can be collected from the porch. Please give a donation (cash only) for 'House of Hope' in Bethlehem when you receive your card. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Enjoy your card which is yours from all those who signed up, and of course is also your card TO all those who signed up.

Saturday 22nd December:

Children's Nativity Practice at 10.00 am. There is a list in the porch for people to sign, today please, if you are **definitely** able to take part in the Children's Nativity play on Christmas Eve. Please give name and age.

Children's Choir Practice at 11.00 am, for any children who would like to sing in the Youth Choir on Christmas Eve. The practice will be after the Nativity practice.

Church Cleaning at 10.00 am: As Endsleigh Holy Child school will be having their Carol Service on 21st December in the church, we will be cleaning the church on Saturday whilst the Nativity practice is taking place. If a good number of people are able to come and help, the job will soon be done. Please bring a duster and polish.

'Share the Journey' CAFOD Advent Service

This afternoon, Sunday 16th December, at 3.00 pm Bishop Terry and Bishop Alison will be present at the annual CAFOD Service at St Charles Borromeo, which focuses on refugees. Gabrielle will be bringing a choir, which will include people from the 'Open Doors Project' which welcomes refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. There will also be a family from Sudan who will be speaking about their time in the refugee camp. During their time in the camp, two of the family made a series of paintings illustrating their experiences. These powerful paintings will be on display in St Charles. Please do come along and 'Share the Journey', and do wrap up warmly.

Thank You

- a) **SVP appeal for presents:** 71 gifts were taken into the school.
- b) **Christmas Raffle:** This raised £370 for parish funds
- c) **New Park Singers Concert:** This was very well attended and raised over £600.

Thank you very much to everyone who supported these initiatives, they have raised much needed funds for the parish, and also ensured that many children will receive a present who would not have received anything.

Readers' Rotas: the new rotas are available in the porch.

Wanted - Used Postage Stamps

When you receive your Christmas cards please cut off the stamps, leaving a margin of a quarter of an inch all round, and bring them to church - they can be recycled for charity. Thank you

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. All catechists and helpers are DBS checked. (It would be helpful if children did not bring toys in, please, as these are a distraction to everyone.

Help in the Parish

After Christmas it will be time to make the rotas for the various ministries in the parish in the coming year. If you would like to help with **Welcoming**, the **Offertory Procession**, **Coffee Making** after Mass, **Church Cleaning**, tidying the **Hymn Books** after Sunday Mass, **Children's Liturgy** please leave your name and contact number on the list in the porch.

Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) Appeal

As Christmas approaches the AoS is again appealing for gifts for seamen who arrive in the Port of Hull. The school children have sent posters to give you some ideas of what kind of gifts to bring. There is a box in the porch for any donations.