

**Parish of St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy
Beverley High Road, HU6 7JJ
2nd December 2018**

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Sunday 2nd Dec	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10.00 am Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 3rd Dec	St Francis Xavier 12.30 pm Funeral Mass
Tuesday 4th Dec	of Advent 9.30 am Mass
Wednesday 5th Dec	of Advent 6.30 pm: Adoration and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass
Thursday 6th Dec	of Advent 9.30 am Mass
Friday 7th Dec	St Ambrose 9.30 am Mass
Saturday 8th Dec	Immaculate Conception of Our Lady 9.30 am Mass
Sunday 9th Dec	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Bible Sunday 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 FIRST CANDLE

This living flame will be for us a sign of the promise made to God's people which was fulfilled in Christ Jesus, the light of the world.

**Father in heaven,
our hearts yearn for the warmth of your love
and our lives search for the light of your word.
Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour,
and make us grow in the strength of his kindness,
that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence
and eager to welcome the brightness of his truth.
This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen**

First Sunday of Advent: 'Prophecy Candle'

Called the Prophecy Candle in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah. (Isaiah 7:14)

Second Sunday of Advent: 'Bethlehem Candle'

This candle typically represents love. Some traditions call this the Bethlehem candle symbolising Christ's manger. (Luke 2:12)

Third Sunday of Advent: Shepherd's Candle

This pink candle is customarily called the 'Shepherd's Candle', and it represents joy. (Luke 2:8-11)

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

Tuesday 4th December at 6.00 pm: First Communion Group

The Gift of Friendship.

Thursday 6th December: Rotary Club Carol Concert - 7.00 pm

Once again, we are fortunate to be hosting the Rotary Club of Holderness Carol Concert with the Hull Citadel Salvation Army Band and the Endsleigh Holy Child VC Academy Choir. Lots of carols to sing! Free admission and light refreshments. A collection will be taken for CAFOD and Rotary Club Charities. This is always a very enjoyable evening, please support it.

Christmas Raffle

The draw was made during the week and prizes are available to collect after Mass.

SVP Christmas Appeal

Thank you very much to everyone who has already brought in a present. If you haven't brought yours in yet, please bring it next Sunday, 9th December, as that will be the last day for collecting gifts. .

Christmas Concert

With the New Park Singers on Tuesday 11th December in St Anthony's church at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5.00, include refreshments. All proceeds in aid of Parish Funds.

St Anthony's Parish Christmas Card

We hope the cards will be ready for distribution on 9th and 16th December, and on 23rd if there are any still not collected. 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.

New Hymn Books

Unfortunately some of the hymn numbers in the new books are not the same as in the old ones. Please check the index if you have the wrong number.

'MAD' Quiz

Congratulations to our team who won their heat in the first round of the Quiz last Sunday. They had all learnt their questions from the sheets in the porch, and were equally as good on the unseen general knowledge questions. They now go through to play St Francis in the next round which will be on Sunday 24th March 2019 at St Vincent's School. It was a very enjoyable afternoon with a 'Horse Racing' game which both the adults and young people enjoyed. At the beginning of the afternoon the Dean, Fr Michael Marsden, spoke about last year's charity, which was 'Railway Children', and about the life these homeless children live. Last year the MAD Quiz raised £1,150 for the 'Railway Children'

Irish Coffee

On Sunday 16th December, appropriately Gaudete (Rejoicing) Sunday, Irish Coffee will be served after Mass with all proceeds to parish funds.

Lourdes Christmas Get-Together

Saturday 8th December at 2.00 pm in the Sacred Heart Hall. All pilgrims and helpers are welcome.

Lourdes 2019

The dates for next year's pilgrimage are Friday 24th to Friday 31st May. Please see poster for full details.

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. 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.

‘Share the Journey’ CAFOD Advent Service

On Sunday 16th December at 3.00 pm Bishop Terry and Bishop Alison will be present at the annual CAFOD Service at St Charles Borromeo. Please put the date in your diary.

Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) Appeal

As Christmas time is approaching the AoS is appealing for gifts for seamen who arrive in the Port of Hull this year. Items welcomed such as toiletries, sweets and other small gifts. There is a box in the porch for any donations.

Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham

The Slipper Chapel statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be visiting every English Catholic Diocese and Cathedral between 2018 - 2020. It will be in Middlesbrough on 13th to 15th December. Flyers with the timetable are on the table by the noticeboard, or go to:

www.dowrytour.org.uk

Catholic Marriage Care - Leeds and Middlesbrough

There are nine Marriage Preparation Day Courses planned for 2019. All couples planning to get married will be expected to attend a course. There is a list of the dates on the Parish Noticeboard.