

**Parish of St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy
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9th December 2018

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Sunday 9th Dec	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Bible Sunday 10.00 am Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 10th Dec	of Advent No Mass
Tuesday 11th Dec	of Advent 9.30 am Mass
Wednesday 12th Dec	of Advent 6.30 pm: Adoration and Benediction 7.00 pm Mass
Thursday 13th Dec	St Lucy 9.30 am Mass
Friday 14th Dec	St John of the Cross 9.30 am Mass
Saturday 15th Dec	of Advent No Mass
Sunday 16th Dec	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 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 SECOND CANDLE

These living flames will be a sign of hope, a light in the darkness of this anxious world, as we prepare for the coming of your Son, by turning away from selfishness and sin and renewing our faith in him.

Father in heaven, the day draws near when the glory of your Son will take away the sadness of this waiting world. May we not hold back from sharing the joy of all those who seek him. May the darkness surrounding us not blind us to that wisdom and truth which fills the minds of all those who find him.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Symbolism of the Advent Wreath Candles

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

During the Week at St Anthony's

Sunday 9th December: Today is the last day for handing in your Christmas gifts for the SVP Christmas Appeal. Thank you very much to everyone who has already brought in a present.

St Anthony's Parish Christmas Card

The cards should be ready for distribution today 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.

Tuesday 11th December: New Park Street Singers Christmas Concert at 7.30 pm. Raffle. Tickets £5.00, include refreshments. All proceeds in aid of Parish Funds'

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Irish Coffee

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

'Share the Journey' CAFOD Advent Service

Next 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 as St Charles is quite cold.

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.

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. Any sick person who wishes to be considered to travel as a supported pilgrim, please see poster on the church noticeboard.

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

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.

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.

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.