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Sunday 27th November	ADVENT SUNDAY (Year A) 10.00 am Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 28th November	of Advent 8.30 am Adoration, Rosary 9.30 am Mass
Tuesday 29th November	of Advent No Mass
Wednesday 30th November	St Andrew, Apostle Patron of Scotland 10.30 am Mass at St Anthony's School
Thursday 1st December	of Advent 8.30 am Adoration, Rosary 9.30 am Mass 4.00 pm Endsleigh School Mass at St Anthony's Church
Friday 2nd December	of Advent 8.30 am Adoration, Rosary 9.30 am Mass
Saturday 3rd December	St Francis Xavier Migrants' Day No Mass
Sunday 4th December	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10.00 am Mass: People of the Parish

**Confessions are available before and after Mass,
or on request.**

Advent Wreath Candles

During each Sunday of the Advent Season, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us: **Hope, Love, Joy** and **Peace**, three purple candles and one pink candle. On the First Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is typically called the 'Prophecy Candle' in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold of the birth of Christ.

On the Second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. This candle typically represents love. Some traditions call this the 'Bethlehem Candle', symbolising Christ's manger.

On the Third Sunday of Advent the pink, or rose-coloured, candle is lit. This pink candle is customarily called the 'Shepherds Candle', and it represents joy.

The fourth and last candle, often called the 'Angels Candle', represents peace and is lit on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

The Lighting of the First 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.**

NOTICES

Parish Boiler Appeal

The church boiler has been ordered but we are still urgently fund-raising to cover the cost, almost £13,000 (including VAT); so far, we have raised just 11% of the cost. There are donation boxes in the church porch and coffee area, and they will be there every Sunday for any donations you are able to make. Alternatively you can donate through your bank directly or by cheque (payable to 'St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy Parish'). If you'd like to stay warm at Sunday Mass, can we encourage you to please give generously.

Children' Liturgy

There will be Children's Liturgy every Sunday until Christmas

Mass at St Anthony's School

On Wednesday 30th November there will be a Mass for the children at St Anthony's School at 10.30 am. Everyone is welcome.

Endsleigh Holy Child School Mass

On Thursday 1st December there will be a Mass at 4.00 pm in the church for the children of Endsleigh School. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Advent Reflection and Mass - Wednesday 7th December

Father Paul McCourt has kindly agreed to give an Advent Reflection at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 7th, and this will be followed by Mass. Please note the change of date.

St Anthony's Annual Christmas Parish Raffle

Tickets will be available after Mass every Sunday until 11th December. The prizes will be distributed on Sunday 18th December.

Endsleigh Holy Child School Carol Concert

On Friday 16th December, at 1.30 pm, the Endsleigh School children will have their annual Carol Concert in St Anthony's Church. Everyone is welcome.

S.V.P. Children's Gifts Appeal

Today, 27th November, is the last day to leave a gift for the SVP annual collection of Christmas gifts, for children who would probably not receive any Christmas presents this year. Gifts, which should be up to the value of £5.00, gift wrapped and labelled with the age, and girl or boy, for which it is suitable. Gifts will be distributed during December. Many thanks for all the gifts already received.

St Anthony's Parish Christmas Card

Cards should be available in early December. Thank you in advance for generous donations to the charity working in the Holy Land - EMBRACE-ME (Middle East)

A Thank you from CAFOD

'Thank you for your prayers and for holding a collection this Family Fast Day. Your donations of £470 for CAFOD's World Food Crisis Appeal mean that food and clean water can reach more families. Please keep all those affected by food crisis - including those here at home - in your prayers.'

CAFOD World Gifts

Give a gift of hope this Christmas

The World Gift Catalogues are in the porch, please take one as you leave. Appropriately, on this First Sunday of Advent, with its theme of Hope, we can share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at:

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

World gifts such as 'super soup kitchens', 'trees for life' or 'water for a family' will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges.

Hull Lourdes Sick Fund

An invitation to join the Lourdes Family at their Christmas 'get-together' on Saturday 10th December at Sacred Heart Parish Centre from 2.00 - 5.00 pm. If you are able to join us, please ring Jean Campbell on Tel: 875698 for catering purposes.

St Mary Queen of Martyrs Organ Recital

There will be an Advent/Christmas Organ Recital by David Craggs, on Saturday 10th December at 7.30 pm after Mass. Admission is free, and the recital will be followed by wine or juice.

Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club

Ladies! Come and join us for lunch.

The Luncheon Club meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 12.45pm in the Kingston Theatre Hotel. There is an interesting programme of speakers and a raffle for charities. The next event is the Christmas Lunch on December 13th.

You are warmly invited to come along and bring a friend (or two!)

Please contact Jayne Wilson for further information or to book a place. Tel: 446565, or email: jayne.wilson24@ymail.com

Ecumenical Service

The Service, which was planned for 29th November, has had to be postponed and now will be on Tuesday 24th January at 6.00 pm. This is a very suitable date as it falls during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Christmas Concert with the New Park Singers - CANCELLED

Due to the boiler problems, the Concert has been cancelled and it is hoped to reschedule it in the New Year.

Next World Youth Day

In August 2023, the Pope will meet young people in Lisbon for the next World Youth Day. It is hoped that a group from the Diocese will travel with Bishop Terry from 31st July - 7th August to join in this wonderful event. If anyone, aged 18 - 35 by August 2023, would like to go to Lisbon, please contact Fr Philip Cunnah to register your interest by email at: frphilip.cunnah@rcdmidd.org.uk, and to receive further details.

Hospital Chaplain

If you, or someone you know, is in hospital and would like a visit from the Chaplain, please contact Deacon Bob directly on 470456. This also applies over the holiday period - he will be visiting the hospital on Christmas Day.

Prayer for those affected by the Pakistan Floods

O Lord, in the goodness of your constant love,
be with the people of Pakistan
as they face devastating floods.

At this time of great loss –
loss of lives, homes and crops –
may we be filled with your compassion
and moved to reach out in love.

As we stand alongside our sisters and brothers, we pray that
they may find consolation in their sorrow,
strength as they seek shelter and safety
and courage to carry on.

Forgive us, O Lord,
for our part in the climate crisis,
and inspire us all to play our part
in protecting the earth, our common home.

So that together we may build a world
that reflects your glory,
where hope drives out despair
and all things are made new.

Prayer for Ukraine

(Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic Church)

God of peace,
your prophet Isaiah promised swords
would be turned into ploughshares,
and your Son's mother Mary
proclaimed the mighty would be put down
and the humble exalted.

Visit the people of Ukraine:
deliver them from fear, violence, attack,
injury, destruction and death;
and give them courage, solidarity,
and allies in their hour of vulnerability and sorrow.

Turn the hearts of those bent on war and invasion.
Strengthen the hand of all seeking to halt conflict,
restore order, and pursue justice.

And make this moment of peril an occasion
for your Holy Spirit to show your world the cost of conflict,
and our dependence on one another.

In Christ our Lord who went to his death
because of our hatred,
and rose again
because our hatred is never stronger
than your indomitable love.

Amen.

Prayer sent by Missio