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Sunday 4th December	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10.00 am Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 5th December	of Advent No Mass
Tuesday 6th December	St Nicholas 8.30 am Adoration, Rosary 9.30 am Mass
Wednesday 7th December	St Ambrose 6.30 pm Advent Reflection 7.00 pm Mass
Thursday 8th December	Immaculate Conception of Our Lady 8.30 am Adoration, Rosary 9.30 am Mass
Friday 9th December	St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin 8.30 am Adoration, Rosary 9.30 am Mass
Saturday 10th December	Our Lady of Loreto No Mass
Sunday 11th December	THIRD 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 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 Second 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**

NOTICES

Parish Boiler Appeal

The church boiler has now been replaced and the new one is working well. Thank you very much to everyone for their generosity, over half of the £13,000 cost has been received or promised already.

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').

Children' Liturgy

There will be Children's Liturgy every Sunday until Christmas

Advent Reflection and Mass - Wednesday 7th December

Father Paul McCourt, Bishopric of the Forces, will be giving an Advent Reflection at 6.30 pm on Wednesday and this will be followed by Mass at 7.00 pm.

St Anthony's Annual Christmas Parish Raffle

Next Sunday, 11th December, will be the last day to buy raffle tickets. 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.

Advent Penitential Service

There will be a Service of Reconciliation on Friday 16th December at 7.00 pm in St Anthony's Church. It has been arranged as a Deanery service and there will be six priests in attendance, to help us 'To Prepare the Way of the Lord'.

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)

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.

CAFOD World Gifts

Give a gift of hope this Christmas

The World Gift Catalogues are in the porch, please take one as you leave, to 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 Ladies Choir - An Evening of Christmas Music

Hosted by Trinity Methodist Church, Hull Ladies Choir presents an evening of Christmas Music on Friday 9th December at 7.00 pm. Humber Wind Band and the Hull Visual Choir will be making guest appearances. Tickets: adults - £7.00, concessions - £5.00, children under 12 free and include entry into a raffle. Tickets are available on the door or from Jean Campbell on 875698. Refreshments available during the interval.

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.

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

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.

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.co

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