

Parish of St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy

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Sunday 3rd December	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B Migrant Day 10.00 am: Mass
Monday 4th December	of Advent No Mass
Tuesday 5th December	of Advent 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Wednesday 6th December	of Advent (St Nicholas) 9.30 am: Mass at St Anthonys School (address on the "Times" page)
Thursday 7th December	St Ambrose 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Friday 8th December	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY 8.30 am: Adoration 9.30 am: Mass
Saturday 9th December	of Advent (St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin) 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Sunday 10th December	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10.00 am: Mass

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

Please pray for: Michael Garvey, Paul Hirst, and Josef Socha whose anniversaries occur during the coming week.

Notices

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for your valuable prayers and prayerful greetings for my birthday last Sunday. You all have made my birthday something special with your beautiful flowers, celebration cake, wine etc. This has been a very memorable day. I sincerely thank God for being part of a lovely community.

Fr. Joseph Pinakkattu

SVP Christmas Gifts

The SVP is collecting Christmas gifts for primary school age children this year, aged from three to 11. Gifts should cost around £5.00, and be labelled with the age and sex for whom the gift is intended. Next Sunday, 10th December, is the last date for bringing your gifts to church.

Christmas Parish Raffle

Raffle tickets will be on sale today, 3rd December, and the last day to buy tickets will be 10th December. Prizes will then be ready to collect on Sunday 17th December. All proceeds will go towards parish funds.

Advent Mass at St. Anthony's Primary School

On Wednesday 6th December there will be a mass for the children at St. Anthony's school at 9.30 am. All are welcome!

Advent Penitential Service

There will be an Advent Penitential Service at St. Anthony on Wednesday 20th December from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm. The service will begin with the exposition of the Eucharist followed by an opportunity for individual confession with Fr. Damien Diof and Fr. Joseph.

St Anthony's Youth Music

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th December in the church, at approximately 7.00pm after the First Communion meeting, finishing at 8.00 pm.

St Anthony's Annual Parish Christmas Card 2023

The winning drawing for the Church Christmas card was created by Tamara. Well done, Tamara.

Thank you also to the other five children who took the time to create a Nativity picture for the card.

Jean Campbell will be collecting any donations from families who have signed up to the card. All our donations will be sent to 'Embrace the Middle East' (EmbraceME) who work in the Holy Land.

Cards will be available from mid-December, (one card per signed-up household).

St Anthony's Parish urgently needs YOUR help!

Loving our brothers and sisters in our church includes serving in unseen areas that enable all sorts of things to happen smoothly.

We all think that we are immortal and expect to carry on doing things, as we have always done, forever! The reality is a little different, of course, and Sheila has reluctantly decided that, after many years, now is the time for her to hand over the task of creating the weekly parish newsletter. It doesn't take long to do as there is a basic template, so it is just collating the information and typing it up.

Do you have IT Skills?

Do you have a computer and Wifi?

Do you have a little time to spare each week to compile a newsletter?

The parish now urgently needs one or two people (maybe more to share the task) who can answer 'Yes' to some of the above. Help will always be available. If you would like to know more, please speak to Fr Joseph or Deacon Bob.

Endsleigh Holy Child School Carol Concert

On Friday 22 December, at 1.30 pm, the Endsleigh school children will have their annual carol concert in St. Anthony church. All are welcome!

Hull Prayer and Friendship Group

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th December at Holy Cross (Garden Room) Cottingham, after their 10.00 am Mass. All welcome.

Hull Lourdes Sick Fund

Christmas Get-together on Saturday 9th December 2023 at Sacred Heart Parish Centre, from 2.00 – 5.00 pm. Food, Raffle, Entertainment. If you are able to join us, please ring Micki or Nicky Coyle on Tel: 01482 470086 for catering purposes.

Hull Ladies Choir

Christmas Carol Concert on Friday 15th December 2023 at 7.00 pm at Trinity Methodist Church (corner of Newland Avenue/Cottingham Road), with a Barbershop Quartet as their guests. Refreshments available. Tickets £6 (includes free raffle) available from Jean Campbell Tel: 01482 875698.

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.

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

“They will hammer their swords into ploughshares and their spears into sickles.

*Nation will not lift sword against nation,
no longer will they learn how to make war.”*

Isaiah 2:4

God of peace, bearer of hope,
we seek your help
for the people of the Middle East.

Quiet the clamour of war
and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division
sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction
help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying
bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them,
guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear
and breathe whispers of hope.

Amen.

Linda Jones/CAFOD

Prayer for those in Turkey and Syria affected by earthquakes

God of Mercy,
we pray for the people of Turkey and Syria
following the recent earthquakes.

We mourn the death and destruction,
and pray for those who have died and those who grieve.
Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

We hold in our hearts those who are injured,
and those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods and homes.
Sustain and guide all responding to this disaster.
Grant those affected courage and resilience
as they rebuild their lives and communities.

Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

Inspire us to unite in solidarity,
acting swiftly and generously,
so that help may reach all who need it.

Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

Amen.

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