

**Parish of St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy**

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<b>Sunday</b> <b>17th December</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY ADVENT YEAR B</b> <b>10.00 am: Mass.</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>18th December</b>	of Advent No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>19th December</b>	of Advent <b>9.00 am: Rosary</b> <b>9.30 am: Mass.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>20th December</b>	of Advent <b>9.00 am: Rosary</b> <b>9.30 am: Mass.</b> <b>6.30 pm: Penitential Service</b>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>21st December</b>	of Advent (St Peter Canisius) <b>9.00 am: Rosary</b> <b>9.30 am: Mass.</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>22nd December</b>	of Advent <b>8.30 am: Adoration</b> <b>9.30 am: Mass.</b> <b>1.30 pm Endsleigh Holy Child School Carol Concert</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>23rd December</b>	of Advent (St John Kanty, Pr) <b>9.00 am: Rosary</b> <b>9.30 am: Mass.</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>10th December</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B</b> <b>10.00 am: Mass.</b>

**Christmas Mass Times at St. Anthony's**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December: CHRISTMAS EVE**

6.00 pm      Carols

6.30 pm      Solemn Christmas Vigil Mass

9.00 pm      Syro-Malabar Christmas Qurbana

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December: CHRISTMAS DAY**

10.00 am      Solemn Mass of Christmas Morning

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

### Rotas for 17th December

	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>First Reading:</b>	Tony Finn	Claire
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Amy Rollinson	Helen
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Diya George	

### Rotas for 24th December

	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>First Reading:</b>	Chris Awre	Steve
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Margaret Appleyard	David
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Thanmaya Thomas	

### THE LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE

Priest: These living flames will be for us a sign of joy, a light that burns brightly in the midst of all the tragedies of this world, as we prepare for the coming of your Son, in the company of your faithful servants, Mary and Joseph  
On the third Sunday of Advent the pink, or rose coloured, candle is lit. This pink candle is customarily called the 'Shepherd candle', and it represents joy.

**All: All powerful God,  
your eternal Word took flesh  
when the Virgin Mary placed her life in your hands.  
Lift up our minds in watchful hope  
to hear the voice that announces our Saviour,  
and open our hearts to receive the Spirit,  
who prepares us for his coming.  
Do this as always for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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**Gaudete  
by Brad Reynolds SJ**

**Because Christmas is almost here  
Because dancing fits so well with music  
Because inside baby clothes are miracles.**

**Gaudete**

**Because some people love you  
Because of chocolate  
Because pain does not last forever  
Because Santa Claus is coming.**

**Gaudete**

**Because of laughter  
Because there really are angels  
Because your fingers fit your hands  
Because forgiveness is yours for the asking  
Because of children  
Because of parents.  
Gaudete  
Because the blind see.**

And the lame walk.  
Gaudete  
Because lepers are clean  
And the deaf hear.  
Gaudete  
Because the dead will live again  
And there is good news for the poor.  
Gaudete  
Because of Christmas  
Because of Jesus

## Notices

### St. Anthony's Christmas Parish Raffle

Prizes will be available today after mass.

### Advent Penitential Service

There will be an Advent Penitential Service at St. Anthony on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Diouf and Fr. Joseph.

### St Anthony's Annual Parish Christmas Card 2023

The cards are now available. Please give your donation for the cards to Jean Campell. Donations can be given up end of January. All proceeds will go to 'Embrace the Middle East', a charity which seeks to improve the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the middle East.

### St Anthony's Parish urgently needs YOUR help!

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, and Sheila has reluctantly decided that now is the time to hand over the weekly parish newsletter.

#### 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.

### The Universe Catholic Weekly Online and PRINT EDITION Newspaper

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Below is the link to the latest edition of the Universe Catholic Weekly:

<https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/universe-weekly-newsletters/september-2023/UNIVERSE-22-SEPTEMBER%20v3.pdf>

## **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!

## **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*