

Parish of St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy

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Sunday **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
24th December **Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers**
10.00 am: Mass

Sunday	CHRISTMAS EVE	
24 December	6.00 pm	Carols
	6.30 pm	Solemn Christmas Vigil Mass
	9.00 pm	Syro-Malabar Christmas Qurbana
Monday	CHRISTMAS DAY	
25th December	Holyday of Obligation	
	10.00 am: MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY	

Tuesday **ST STEPHEN, Proto Martyr**
26th December **9.00 am: Rosary** **9.30 am: Mass**

Wednesday **ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST**
27th December **9.00 am: Rosary** **9.30 am: Mass**

Thursday **THE HOLY INNOCENTS**
28th December **9.00 am: Rosary** **9.30 am: Mass**

Friday **ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY**
29th December **8.30 am: Adoration** **9.30 am: Mass**

Saturday **Sixth Day of the Christmas Octave**
30th December **9.00 am: Rosary** **9.30 am: Mass**

Sunday **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**
31st December **10.00 am: Mass**

Monday **FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**
1st January, 2024 **9.00 am: Rosary** **9.30 am: Mass**

<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Collection The collections taken at the Vigil Mass and on Christmas Morning are our customary gifts to Fr. Joseph and Deacon Bob</p>
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Confessions are available before and after Mass, or on request.

Please pray for: Beatrice Broadhead, Emily Hardy, Edwin Simmons, Bessie Gibson, Kathleen Curwood, Valerie Crook, Leslie Jones, Ally Appleyard, Mary McKechnie, Gladys Sheekey, Patrick McSherry, Sheila Limbert, Gladys Campbell whose anniversaries occur during the coming week.

Rotas for 24th December

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
First Reading:	Chris	Steve
Second Reading:	Margaret A	David
Intercessions:	Thanmaya	

Rotas for 31st December

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
First Reading:	Brother Ivan	Denise
Second Reading:	Julia	Brian
Intercessions:	Preciosa	

THE LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Priest: These living flames will be for us a sign
of your life-giving grace,
a light in the darkness of this dying world,
as we announce the Good News of Salvation
and try and put your love into practice in our daily lives.

All: **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
ever faithful to your promises,
ever close to your beloved people,
we look forward with joy to our Saviour's coming at Christmas,
and wait in hope for his return in glory at the end of time.
Lighten the burdens that weigh us down,
and prepare our hearts to greet the Lord,
that we may rejoice in his loving presence,
now and forever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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Notices

St Mary's College - Proposed School Admission Arrangements 2025/2026

In accordance with our statutory duty under The School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulation 2012. St Mary's College part of St Cuthbert's RC Academy Trust is consulting on proposed school admission arrangements 2025/26.

We are now using our Diocesan model and proposing the following amendment in the oversubscription criteria:

1. Under criterion 7 we are proposing a change from proven aptitude in Sport to proven aptitude in Music. The consultation closes on Friday 26th January 2024.

You may view this on our web site at <https://smchull.org/secondary-school/admissions>

All responses must be made in writing to Admissions c/o St Mary's College, Cranbrook Avenue, Hull, HU6 7TN or to admin@smchull.org

Could you help young people put faith into action?

The St Vincent de Paul Society is looking for volunteers willing to help children put their faith into action. Could this be you?

Volunteers would support teachers or youth leaders wishing to start an SVP primary school Mini Vinnies group in their school or parish. They will talk to children about how they can make a difference to those living in poverty and share resources to support the group.

The role is flexible but does need people with some availability during school hours (at least two mornings or afternoons per month) and who are willing to travel within the diocese (all costs are covered).

You do not have to have previous experience of working with children, as all training will be given. Our next initial training day is on Tuesday February 27.

If you are passionate about helping children discover how they can make a difference in their communities, email Sarah on youngvincentians@svp.org.uk for more information.

New Newsletter Editor: Great News

Thank you for the response to the appeal for help with the weekly parish newsletter. There is now a team, of two. Any items for next Sunday, 7th January, should be sent or given to Chris Awre by Wednesday 3rd January, preferably by e-mail on: clawre@gmail.com or by phone on 01482 348678. Items should always be in by Wednesday, for the following Sunday, please.

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.

Christmas Wishes from the clergy of the parish

*“For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given...
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace”
Isaiah 9:16*

**We wish you all a Holy and a Blessed Christmas
And a Happy New Year!**

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