

Parish of St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy

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Sunday 1st December	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10.00 am: Mass
Monday 2nd December	Weekday of Advent No Mass
Tuesday 3rd December	St Francis Xavier 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Wednesday 4th December	St John Damascene 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Thursday 5th December	Weekday of Advent 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Friday 6th December	St Nicholas 8.30 am: Adoration 9.30 am: Mass
Saturday 7th December	St Ambrose 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Sunday 8th December	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10.00 am: Mass

Advent Retreat (Age 15 to Young Adults) at Castlerigg Manor, 13th-15th December

The open retreats at Castlerigg give teens and young adults a great, and popular, way to make friends, deepen their faith, and have some fun. The weekend costs £65 but anyone who might struggle with this is invited to get in touch. Contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk. Sign up at castleriggmanor.com >> what's coming up.

Lecture at University of York, Wednesday 11th December

Bishop Erik Varden O.C.S.O. from Norway will be the Guest Lecturer at the University of York this Advent. Bishop Varden was a Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge before entering Mount St Bernard Abbey (Cistercians) where he was elected Abbot. In 2019 Pope Francis appointed him as the Bishop of Trondheim. Bishop Varden's topic is **"Be Holy!" The challenge and scandal of sanctity in times of anthropological crisis**

The lecture is free but should be booked through Eventbrite. There will be transport from the Chaplaincy. Let Fr William know asap if you would like to go. For booking:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/be-holy-1-peter-116-tickets-1077246726959?aff=oddtcreator>

New Lectionaries

We are starting to use the new Lectionaries this Sunday. All donations towards covering the cost of these are very welcome (and will make a good Christmas present for the Church!). Many thanks for your generosity so far, which has contributed £875 towards their cost.

Organ music

The endpiece organ postlude for this Sunday will be the Advent Chorale *Sleepers Awake*, by J S Bach

Items for the newsletter should be given to Chris by Wednesday for inclusion

Hull Ladies Choir

Christmas Concert with guests the Riverside Brass Band on **Friday 6th December 2024 at 7pm** at Trinity Methodist Church corner of Newland Avenue/Cottingham Road. Tickets £6 from Jean Campbell Tel: 875698.

Organ recital

David Craggs will give an organ recital in aid of Church funds on **Saturday 21st December at 12noon**. Come and hear what our wonderful organ can do!

SVP

The St Vincent de Paul Society is keen to welcome new members. If you'd like to know more, please speak to Jean Daintith, Denise Shakesby or Evelyn Hutton for further information.

SVP Afternoon Tea

The SVP is holding its monthly afternoon tea for senior citizens on **Thursday 5th December**, in the Marist small hall, with a quiz and lots of chatter. All are welcome.

SVP Christmas Present Appeal

As in past years, the SVP are asking for the donation of a Christmas gift for a disadvantaged child attending our Parish school. The children are aged 3-11 years and are boys and girls. Please do not spend more than £5. Could you please wrap your donated present and indicate the age and sex of the child it would be suitable for. All presents need to be brought to Church by **Sunday 8th December**. Thank you for your kindness.

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. If you go into Hospital, please specify you would like the Catholic Chaplain to visit.

*In Thee, O Lord, have I put my hope
Let me never be confounded*

St Francis Xavier

Weekly Masses continue this week as per the schedule on the opening page. If you would like to offer Holy Mass for any of your intentions, please contact Fr. Joseph.

Christmas wreaths and table centres will be available for sale after Mass from Sunday 8th December.

Please pray for: Fr Clive Birch, Eva Wright, Louisa McGowan, Michael Garvey, Paul Hirst, and all whose anniversaries occur during the coming week, plus Bernard Swift, Paul Hanson, Ed Robson, Matthew Kirby and all in the Parish who are sick.

Rotas for 1st December

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Children's Liturgy
F. Margaret F.	Chris	Amy
S. Dorin	Kath	Jean C.
I. John		Sandy

Rotas for 8th December

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Children's Liturgy
F. Tony	Claire	Nikky
S. Margaret A.	Helen	Jackie
I. Joan		Tina

Please let Chris know of any changes so newsletter rotas can be updated accordingly – contact details overleaf.

Notices

Preparing for Mass

A reminder of the two bells before Mass: the first to provide a short period of quiet for prayer ahead of Mass, and the second to mark the start of our celebration of Mass.

Thank you!

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone for your valuable prayers and lovely wishes for my birthday last Sunday. You all have made my birthday a memorable one with celebration cake, beautiful flowers, cards etc. Once again, a Big Thank You to all.

Fr. Joseph Pinakkattu

Advent Penitential Service

There will be an Advent Penitential Service at St. Anthony's on **Saturday 14th December from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm**. The service will begin with the exposition of the Eucharist followed by an opportunity for individual confession with Fr. Damien, Fr. Noel and Fr. Joseph.

Confirmation 2025

There have been some enquiries about preparation for Confirmation. If we have enough young people interested in being confirmed next year, preparation will begin after Easter. We follow a course of 6 sessions which are held here at St Anthony's after school on a Tuesday. Please sign the list at the back of church to indicate interest.

Catholic Voice

Please pick up your free copy of December's Catholic Voice

Vote on assisted suicide in Parliament

- A. Notwithstanding the outcome of the vote on Friday 29th November, it remains important that as many people as possible contact their MPs and express their concerns about what has

been proposed. A set of resources to help and encourage people to engage on this issue is at <https://bioethics.org.uk/educational-resources/resources-on-eas/>

- B. Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, Better Off Dead? where she examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada. **Watch for free online** (you do not need a TV licence): <https://righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead>.
- C. *Assisted Dying – the 6 dangers of the proposed legislation*. There is a document on the church website giving more insight into why this is so dangerous and why the disabled, and other vulnerable people groups, are so frightened of it becoming law. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bdStgv4PcLs> is an interview with a Christian Bio-ethicist which is very helpful.

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

The Jubilee Year will officially begin on 29th December 2024. Bishop Terry will inaugurate the Year at the Cathedral 10am Sunday Mass. A special crucifix will be placed in the Cathedral for veneration during the Year.

Hull Lourdes Sick Fund

Mass and Christmas Get-together on **Saturday 7th December 2024. Mass at 2pm** at Sacred Heart Church followed by our get-together in the Parish Hall. Please contact Micky Coyle Tel: 470086 for catering purposes.

Christmas Raffle

Jean Daintith is organising an early Christmas raffle this month. Donations of prizes are welcome and tickets can be bought at the table at the back of Church. All proceeds will go to the SVP.

Thank you (part 2)!

Thank you to everyone for your contributions to the recent CAFOD Fast day, which raised £155.