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Sunday 8th December	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10.00 am: Mass
Monday 9th December	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION No Mass
Tuesday 10th December	Our Lady of Loreto 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Wednesday 11th December	St Damasus I 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Thursday 12th December	Our Lady of Guadelupe 9.30 am: Mass at St Anthony's School
Friday 13th December	St Lucy 8.30 am: Adoration 9.30 am: Mass
Saturday 14th December	St John of the Cross 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Sunday 15th December	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10.00 am: Mass

Advent Wreath

During Advent, we light a candle to mark each of the four Sundays during this season in the lead up to Christmas Day. These candles represent the four virtues Jesus brings: **Hope, Love, Joy, Peace**. As each candle is lit, we pray together:

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 use 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.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.**



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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 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 today, **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.

New Lectionaries

We are now using the new Lectionaries. 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.

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

Where there is no love, pour love in, and you will draw love out

St John of the Cross

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 today, **Sunday 8th December**.

Please pray for: Josef Socha, Edith Ellam, Bernard Taylor, Monica Wilkinson, Dick Hainsworth, 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 8th December

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

Rotas for 15th December

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Children's Liturgy
F. Chris	Denise	David
S. Precious	David	Julia
I. Nick		Jackie W.

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.

Christmas services

Services for Christmas at St Anthony's will be as follows:

Tuesday 24th December:

6.00 pm Carols
7.00 pm Solemn Christmas Vigil Mass
9.00 pm Syro-Malabar Christmas Qurbana

Wednesday 25th December

10.00am Solemn Mass of Christmas morning

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

There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at the Third Reading. Early analysis shows that at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages. Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO. *Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.*

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. See also the resources at <https://bioethics.org.uk/educational-resources/resources-on-eas/>.

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.

Christmas Raffle

Jean Daintith has organised an early Christmas raffle this month. **Last chance for tickets!** The draw will be made today and the results announced after Mass. All proceeds will go to the SVP.

Organ music

The endpiece organ postlude for this Sunday will be the Advent Chorale Prelude *Sleepers Awake*, by J S Bach, BWV645