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Sunday 15 th December	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10.00 am: Mass
Monday 16 th December	Weekday of Advent No Mass
Tuesday 17 th December	Weekday of Advent 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Wednesday 18 th December	Weekday of Advent 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Thursday 19 th December	Weekday of Advent 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Friday 20 th December	Weekday of Advent 8.30 am: Adoration 9.30 am: Mass
Saturday 21 st December	St Peter Canisius 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Sunday 22 nd December	4th 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 Third Candle

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 announce the Good News of Salvation and try to put your love into practice in our daily lives.

**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.**



Catholic Voice

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

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 15th December**. Thank you for your kindness.

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.

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

If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all

St Peter Canisius SJ

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: Mary Brown, Patrick Williams, Brian Stephenson, Emma Brown, 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 15th December

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

Rotas for 22nd December

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Children's Liturgy
F. Tabitha	Saji	Sarah
S. Amy	Brian	Preciosa
I. Richard		Brenda

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

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!

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.

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/>.

Christmas music

Christmas music meetings/practices will take place as follows:

15th December, after Mass
21st December, 1-2pm (following the organ recital)
22nd December, after Mass
23rd December, time tbc

Gabrielle would like to invite children and young people in the Parish to join the singing for Christmas Eve Mass. Please see her after Mass today or email Gabrielle. Anyone under 18 should be accompanied by an adult when attending practices

Christmas Eve readers

Readers are required for the Mass on the evening of Christmas Eve. Please let Mary Broadhead know if you are able to help with this.

Organ music

The endpiece organ postlude for this Sunday will be an improvisation on the hymn, Gaudete