

Parish of St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy

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Sunday 22 nd December	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10.00 am: Mass
Monday 23 rd December	St John of Kanty No Mass
Tuesday 24 th December	CHRISTMAS EVE 6.00 pm Carols and Nativity 6.30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass
Wednesday 25 th December	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD 10.00 Mass of Christmas Morning
Thursday 26 th December	St Stephen 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Friday 27 th December	St John the Evangelist 8.30 am: Adoration 9.30 am: Mass
Saturday 28 th December	The Holy Innocents 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Sunday 29 th December	HOLY FAMILY 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 Fourth Candle

*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 to put your love
into practice in our daily lives.*

**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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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.

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

*Let your goodness, Lord, appear to us,
that we, made in your image,
conform ourselves to it.
In our own strength
we cannot imitate your majesty,
power and wonder;
nor is it fitting for us to try.
But your mercy
reaches from the heavens,
through the clouds,
to the earth below.
You have come to us
as a small child,
but you have brought us
the greatest of all gifts,
the gift of eternal love.
Caress us with your tiny hands,
embrace us with your tiny arms,
and pierce our hearts
with your soft, sweet cries. Amen.*

St Bernard of Clairvaux

*Fight all error, but do it with good humour,
patience, kindness and love*

St John Kanty

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 flowers collection this Sunday

There will be a retiring collection this Sunday for Christmas flowers.

Please pray for: Lily Heron, Beatrice Broadhead, Emily Hardy, Edwin Simmons, Bessie Gibson, Kathleen Curwood, Valerie Crook, Leslie Jones, 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 22nd December

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

Rotas for 29th December

Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Children's Liturgy
F. Dave	Sue	N/A
S. Mary	John	
I. Tony		

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
6.30 pm Solemn Christmas Vigil Mass
9.00 pm Syro-Malabar Christmas Qurbana

Wednesday 25th December

10.00am Solemn Mass of Christmas morning

Readers for Christmas Masses

<i>Christmas Eve</i>	1st Reading	Preciosa
	2nd Reading	Chris
	Bidding Prayers	Richard
<i>Christmas Day</i>	1st Reading	Mary
	2nd Reading	John
	Bidding prayers	Margaret F.

Christmas Collection

The collection taken at the Vigil Mass and on Christmas Morning are our customary gifts to Fr. Joseph and Deacon Bob.

Christmas music

Christmas music meetings/practices will take place as follows:

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. Anyone under 18 should be accompanied by an adult when attending practices.

Catholic Voice

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

Eucharistic Ministers

Can all Eucharistic Ministers please collect a copy of the new rota from the back of Church.

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.

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.

Organ music

The endpiece organ postlude for this Sunday will be an improvisation on "Veni Emmanuel".