

**Parish of St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy
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Sunday 7th December	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10.00 am: Mass
Monday 8th December	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION No Mass
Tuesday 9th December	St Juan Diego Cuahtlatotzin 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Wednesday 10th December	Our Lady of Loreto 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Thursday 11th December	St Damasus I 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Friday 12th December	Our Lady of Guadalupe 8.30 am: Adoration 9.30 am: Mass
Saturday 13th December	St Lucy 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Sunday 14th 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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Christmas updates

- A. The Partish Christmas card will be available for collection from Sunday 7th December for those taking part in this. Donations, to go to the Holy Land, can be made to Jean Campbell.
- B. Donations are requested to help fund flowers for the Church over Christmas – please donate via the basket at the back of Church.

Hull Ladies Choir Christmas Concert

Hull Ladies Choir will be presenting their Christmas Concert at Trinity Methodist Church, Newland Avenue on **Friday 12th December 2025 at 7:00pm** with guests Generation Steel Pans. Tickets £6 (includes raffle entry) available from Jean Campbell, tel. 875698. Refreshments will be available.

Arterian Singers Christmas Concert

The Arterian Singers are holding their Christmas Concert on **Tuesday 9th December at 7:30pm** at Holy Cross Church, Carrington Avenue, Cottingham. Come and celebrate Christmas with us in music. Admission is £10, incl. refreshments, accompanied children free.

Organ prelude and postlude

For the Second Sunday of Advent, there will be a further Bach Advent Chorale Prelude played before Mass, with an extemporisation on Veni Emmanuel as postlude.

Catholic Voice

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

Hospital Chaplain

If you, or someone you know, is in hospital and would like a visit from the Chaplain, please specify you would like the Catholic Chaplain.

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

I am a nobody, I am a small rope, a tiny ladder, the tail end, a leaf

St Juan Diego Cuahhtlatotzin

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

Could **Ministers of the Word** please collect their printed rota from the back of Church. If you are available and would like to read at Christmas, please speak to Mary. Please can all **Eucharistic Ministers** also collect their new rota from the back of Church.

Please pray for: Josef Socha, Edith Ellam, Bernard Taylor, Monica Wilkinson, Dick Hainsworth, and all others whose anniversaries occur during the coming week, plus Bob Shakesby, Nora and Paul Hanson, Matthew Kirby, Denny Marsh, Evelyn Cuthill and all in the Parish who are sick.

Ministers for 7th December

Readers

F. Akash
S. Sayooj
I. Diya

Eucharist

Mike
Keith

Children's Liturgy

Anne
Jackie W.
Brenda

Ministers for 14th December

Readers

F. Ashvine
S. Mary
I. John

Eucharist

Eileen
Brian

Children's Liturgy

Amy
Sandy
Julia

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. Background organ music will be played to help prepare for the Mass.

Advent Penitential Services

There will be an Advent Penitential Service at St Anthony's on two dates:

- **Saturday 13th December, 10.00 – 11.00am**
- **Saturday 20th December, 6.30 – 7.30pm**

May this Penitential Service help us prepare a place in our hearts where Christ can dwell more deeply.

Repair work required on St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy Church

Discussions on costs are currently in progress between the Finance Committee and the Diocese, with a potential wider meeting in early 2026. The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 29th January 2026 and others will be arranged as need be.

It is important we show we can support the work required. Please pick up a pledge form or download it from the Parish website at <https://stanthonyhull.org.uk/parish-pledge-form/> and fill this in where you can so the Parish can gather information on funds that could be donated to assist.

Please pray: Debates on the Assisted Suicide Bill in the House of Lords

The House of Lords continues to debate the Assisted Suicide (Leadbeater) Bill on 10 more Fridays. Those dates are most Fridays between 9th Jan and 27th March, plus 24th April. Please PRAY that on those dates the Peers in the House of Lords will hear the truth of its dangers from the published material from their Select Committee.

PRAY also that they will have the courage to realise that no number of amendments can make this Bill "safe"; especially at risk are those with mental ill health, the elderly and disabled people as experience shows once passed the interpretation and "safeguards" quickly change with legal challenges.

PRAY they'll either throw it out completely (which they can do as it is only a Private Member's Bill) or Lord Falconer of Thoroton, who is the proponent of the Bill in the House of Lords, will withdraw it knowing it will be heavily defeated if it comes to a vote.

SVP collection for Christmas gifts

SVP will be collecting gifts for children at St Anthony's School for Christmas. The gift should be for primary school age and be wrapped and labelled with whether it is for a boy or a girl and their age. Please leave donations in the box at the back of Church by TODAY, **Sunday 7th December**.

Advent & Christmas organ recital

There will be an Advent & Christmas organ recital by David Craggs on **Sunday 14th December at 3:00pm**, accompanied by Matas Domarkas on cello. Free entry, with all donations going to Parish Building funds. All welcome.

Christmas Raffle

Tickets are available for our Christmas Raffle at the back of Church from Jean Daintith. Donations of prizes welcome. Tickets will be available until **Sunday 14th December** and the draw will then be made on Sunday 21st December, just in time for Christmas!

SVP hampers

The SVP is currently collecting donations of food for Christmas hampers for families in need at St Anthony's School (via the box at the back of Church). All donations welcome ahead of **14th December**, when the hampers will be made up for use ahead of the end of term.