



**St. Patrick's R.C. Church**

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**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

The third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete" Sunday, it is a time of joy, a time of being thankful for all that has been given, the promise of the Saviour who has come, who is present and who promises a return. Advent is a time of waiting. John the Baptist has been patiently waiting for the Messiah and sends messengers to ask Jesus if He is the One he has been waiting for. Jesus replies that the people should look at the signs of healing, raising from the dead and the bringing of the Good News. Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophets. The message of Advent is that we should wait patiently for the Lord to come into our lives. This can be a time of enrichment, He is present to us in Word and Sacrament, but He is also present to us in the words and gestures of other people.

*You're invited!*

**St. Patrick's RC School . . . Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come! You are warmly invited to join our pupils in their Advent preparations** by using the self-guided Prayer Stations that will be situated around the church and to add a prayer to the tree in the porch of church.



The church will be open from 08:15am - 09:00 and from 15:00 - 16:00 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will draw the event to a close before the final school Mass of the year on Friday. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. May Christ be seen in us. Mr S. Williams (Headteacher)

**Exciting news! All parents, carers, parishioners, and wider members of our school community are warmly welcomed to Our Lady and St Bede's Christmas Afternoon Tea** on Monday 19th of December 2.00pm-3.00pm. Come along for an hour of festivities, mince pies, a warm drink and a performance, or two, from our choir! Attendance is free. To gain a free ticket, please visit: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ourladyandstbede>

**The Parish Men's Club would like to invite you to a New Year's Eve Social** in the Parish Hall, with music, quiz, bingo and raffle. From 8ish till Latish. Admission £5 per couple (singles half price!) Please bring your own food and drink.

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**Used Postage Stamps . . .** Gwen Gallagher is collecting used stamps for the Assistance Dog Charity and would be grateful for any used stamps. Please leave your used stamps on the shelf in the entrance lobby at the back of church or give them to Gwen. Many thanks.

**SPUC CLUB DRAW . . .** The next draw will take place on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December. Could you please let Christine, Eileen or Maurice have any outstanding monies? Many thanks

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>			
11	Sunday	9.00am	Fred & Bessie Cain
12	Monday		No Mass
13	Tuesday <i>St Lucy</i>		
14	Wednesday <i>St John of the Cross</i>		
15	Thursday	6.00pm	Holy Hour ~ Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
16	Friday	9.15am	Linda McGloin
17	Saturday	9.15am	Anthony Ward Sacrament of Confession after Mass
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>			
18	Sunday	9.00am	Kath Callaghan
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		Sheila Walker, Peter McLoughlin, Helen Genery, Kathleen Ferguson, Patrick Casey (PJ), Thelma Brown, Ronald Healey	
		Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Brian Lee	
<b>Reader for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December ~ Rosanne Delplanque</b>			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Lord, may the constant light of the third candle of Advent serve as an example of the kind of constant patience we are to have in our living and in our relationships with one another.

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**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December**

We pray that volunteer not profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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**Parish Shop:** Christmas Cards and Gifts, Advent Calendars, Diaries and Cards for all occasions, on sale after Mass.

**Christmas Masses and Carol Services**



**St. Patrick's RC Church** (Christmas Eve) **Carol Service ~ 6pm** **Mass ~ 6.30pm**

**St. Mary's RC Church** (Christmas Eve) **Carols ~ 11.30pm** **Midnight Mass ~ 12.00**

**St. Cuthbert's RC Church** (Christmas Day) **Mass ~ 10.00am**

**For Christmas Day we need a volunteer reader,** please see the Notice Board at the back of Church and sign your name if you wish to read.

**The Vicariate for Faith & Mission have produced a series of reflections on the readings used throughout our Advent preparations.** The reflections have been written by members of the Diocese and offer an opportunity to pause and reflect. The third and fourth week of Advent reflections are now available to download. Visit the Diocesan website and select Liturgy and Prayer. [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)

**Fairtrade Christmas . . .** There will be a Fairtrade Stall this Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 11am to 1.30pm in Ropner Park, Stockton at their Christmas Fare.