

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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**Third Sunday of Advent – 13 December 2020**

“The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.”

Isaiah 61,1/Luke 4, 18

## **MASSES DURING DECEMBER FOLLOWING LOCKDOWN**

During Advent, there will be an additional public Mass at 10am on Saturdays. This will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.00am.

No booking is required for this morning Mass.

## **ADVENT COURSE 2020**

Fr Patrick will be running his Advent Course on Zoom this year for obvious reasons. If you would like to join, please pin the details to your calendar or look on the website for the link which will be the same each week.

Topic: OLASA Advent Course

Time: 7:30

Join Zoom Meeting

[OLASA ADVENT COURSE](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84943731720>

Meeting ID: 849 4373 1720

The course will be on Zoom on Monday 14 December and Monday 21 December (Winter Solstice) from 19.30 to 20.30.

## **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

There will still be a restriction on numbers of people at Mass over Christmas due to social distancing but every effort will be made to accommodate all those who would like to be at Mass to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord.

Christmas Masses on Eventbrite from 10<sup>th</sup> December onwards.

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

6pm (please aim for 5.45pm)

10pm (please be in church by 9.45pm)

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

9am, 11am

### **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December**

10am, 5.30pm

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December**

10am

All Masses during the following week will be at 10am.

## **DONATE TO THE PARISH WHILE YOU SHOP ONLINE**

Just sign up to The Giving Machine and nominate Our Lady & St Anne RC Church as your charity. We have a designated number of 267066. Find out how it all works at <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/how-tgm-works/>

All the major supermarkets make a donation so if you click and collect or have a delivery every little helps 😊

## **READING VOLUNTARY ACTION COVID SUPPORT**

<http://rva.org.uk/coronavirus-community-action/> - if you would like to volunteer or need some help have a look at what is available here.

The diocesan Privacy Policy is available at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy> or by request from the parish office.

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**Third Sunday of Advent (Year B – Mark):** When John greeted Jesus on the banks of the Jordan he was as yet unknown to most people in Galilee and Judea. At that time he had not yet begun his ministry, but in our day the words of John – ‘he is standing among you, unknown to you’ – have a particular relevance. We live by faith in Jesus the crucified and risen Lord present in our world. In preparing for Christmas we want to renew our awareness of that presence and to help others be aware of it. In Advent we, like John, are called to be witnesses to the light he brings. In small but important ways we can bring light into the lives of those around us. Simple acts of kindness, sharing our time, talents or resources with those in need, is the only way Christ’s light will shine for many people this Christmas. In our time, through the gift of the Spirit, the Word becomes flesh in us. Moreover, we must embrace this latter part of the Advent season with joy and increasing self-assurance. Today, on this third Sunday of Advent, we are urged to rejoice: Gaudete, and the rose coloured vestment is worn.

**First Reading (OT): Isaiah 61, 1 – 2, 10 – 11:** The opening verses of this reading have a very significant role in the Gospels: they were the words read by Jesus in the synagogue of Nazareth when he launched his public ministry (Lk. 4, 16 – 18). The prophet uses the theme of the Year of the Lord’s favour, i.e. a Jubilee Year, to show what God intends for the people. The Jubilee was an event occurring every fifty years which gave the people an opportunity to make a fresh start (Lev 25, 8 – 55). Debts were cancelled, slaves were freed and those driven off the land by poverty had a chance to return home. The prophet points to God’s presence with the people by telling them that he has been anointed to proclaim this year of grace. The response to such good news is likened to the joy experienced by a bride and groom on their wedding day for the prophet recognises in this action the renewal of God’s covenant love, a time when everyone can rediscover their true dignity as children of God.

**Second Reading (NT): 1 Thessalonians 5, 16 – 24:** The theme here is one that has become familiar to us since the beginning of Advent: waiting. Paul is speaking of the second coming of Jesus. This waiting is not a passive exercise, rather it is an active pursuit of the things that God asks of us. Therefore we are asked to keep constantly an attitude of prayer and to be happy. We must realise that we cannot maintain this discipline thanks to our own efforts alone, we must open our hearts to the grace which God gives. It is the life of the Spirit which should animate us and give direction to our lives.

**Gospel: John 1, 6 – 8. 19 – 28:** We take leave of Mark between now and Christmas. John has no nativity narrative in his gospel, rather his great prologue casts Jesus in his role as the divine Son of God who enters the world as Word, a god who speaks to his people. John has intuited something of Jesus’ unique character and, deflecting attention from himself, he points out that he whose coming the prophet had designated him to proclaim had now arrived. He was among them.

# Mass Intentions for the Third week of Advent

Tues. [9.15], Thurs [08.00] and Saturday [10.00]  
are public weekday Masses.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 Sheila Buckley

## Third Sunday of Advent [Gaudete]

## Year B

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 17.30 People of the parish

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 Willy O'Brien

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 09.15 Private Intention

*Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor*

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 09.15 Nigel Jones

*Feria of Week 3 of Advent* 12.30 Requiem - Andrea Rakowicz

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 09.15 Ian Hartley

*Feria of Week 3 of Advent*

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 08.00 Private Intention

*Feria of Week 3 of Advent (O Sapientia)*

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 12.30 Father Lucas Lissnijder

*Feria of Week 3 of Advent (O Adonai)*

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 Private Intention

*Feria of Week 3 in Advent (O Radix Jesse)*

## Fourth Sunday of Advent (O Clavis David) Year B

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 17.30 People of the parish

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 Private intention

12 noon Family Mass