

# First Sunday of Advent, Year A

## 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> November 2025



Saint Michael Archangel,  
defend us in battle,  
be our protection against the  
wickedness and snares of the  
devil;  
may God rebuke him,  
we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the  
heavenly host,  
by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan and all the evil  
spirits who prowl through the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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## Parish Advent Carol Service

A time of spiritual preparation with Advent readings and carols to support us as we watch and wait for the coming of the Kingdom of God. **Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> December** in the church, at 7.30pm. All welcome. Followed by festive refreshments.



## FLOWER FUND

A box for donations will be at the back of the church after all weekend Masses from next weekend up to Christmas. Many thanks for your generosity.

## Big Christmas Clean

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 10am – 1pm. Could you spare some time to help make the church beautiful to greet the birth of Jesus?



## Christmas Mass Times 2025

### Wednesday 24th Dec – Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass (children's nativity) 5.00pm  
Christmas Carols 7.30pm  
Mass of Christmas Night 8.00pm

### Thursday 25th Dec – Christmas Day

Mass of Christmas Dawn 8.00am  
Mass of Christmas Day 10.00am



## First Friday Soup

Everybody is welcome to share in a soup lunch in the Cenacle after 12 noon Mass on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

## First Holy Communion Preparation 2026



- Initial meeting for parents and children after 10am Mass on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December.
- Classes begin Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026, 4.15 – 5.15pm in the Cenacle.
- First Holy Communion Mass 10am on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026



## The Saint Vincent de Paul Society

The SVP in partnership with the Weller Centre will be collecting selection boxes and Christmassy food treats during advent.

These items will be distributed in our local community to support families who are experiencing financial hardship.

Please put one extra item in your shopping and put a smile on the face of a child who would normally go without.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.



## Weekly income 22-23 November

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Contactless:           | £ 243.00 |
| Candles                | £ 62.00  |
| Loose plate            | £290.45  |
| Catholic Youth Service | £183.30  |
| Shrine offering        | £ 20.00  |
| SVP quiz               | £130.00  |
| Our Lady's Lamp        | £ 10.00  |
| Tea/coffee             | £ 41.20  |
| Shop - November        | £155.50  |

Weekly S Orders: £820.00

## St Anne's Catholic Primary School Christmas Fayre

18<sup>th</sup> December 3.30-5.30pm. Free entry.

Includes:



Santa's Grotto

Stalls and games

Festive refreshments

Tel: 01189375537

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### Youth Group Ten pin bowling trip



All young people Year 7-Year 11 are invited to come bowling with our church youth club on Sun 7 Dec. 5-7pm.

Cost £13.50 per person for 2 games and a drink, at Bowl Central Reading on Caversham Road. To secure your place, please speak to a Youth Club leader - Clare, Lucy, Rebecca or Catherine - at Youth Club on Sunday 17 November 5-7pm (in the school hall) or after Sunday mass.

- 7 Dec - Bowling (offsite)
- 21 Dec - Christmas party in the school hall



Dates for your diary:

- Tamesis Chamber Choir "Advent into Christmas" Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 4-6pm, here at Our Lady & St Anne church. Tickets available at [Tamesis Advent into Christmas](#) or on the door
- **Christmas Clean** - Wed 17<sup>th</sup> December 10am-1pm
- **Parish Advent Carol Service** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm with festive refreshments

### Second Collection for Poor Parishes Fund

This will be taken at all Masses on Sat 6<sup>th</sup>/Sun 7<sup>th</sup> December.

### POPE LEO'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

In November, we pray with Pope Leo that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts will find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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# Mass intentions

## First Sunday of Advent

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
[First Friday]

## Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

## Year A

4.30pm *Confession*

5.30pm Tony Lundy RIP

10.00am People of the parish

9.15am Hugh & Eileen Magee RIP

No Mass

6.30pm Intentions of Elaine Layden

9.15am

12 noon

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4.30pm *Confession*

5.30 pm Gerard Lawrence RIP

10.00am People of the parish



## OUR LADY'S LAMP

Lit this week for:

**Ronald Francis Pfeil**

Please keep him in your prayers this week.

Evening Prayer  
before Saturday  
Mass, approx.  
4.45pm.



Everybody is welcome.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are **Sue Houghton** and **Julia Feeney**. They can be contacted at: [sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.