

# Third Sunday of Advent, Year A

## 13-14<sup>th</sup> December 2025



### 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

#### Confessions

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec after Mass up to 10.30am  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec after Mass up to 10.30am  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 4.30pm before 5pm Mass  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm before 8pm Mass

Mgr. Keith Newton will be principal  
celebrant for the 8pm Mass of Christmas  
Night.

#### Christmas Offering



The Christmas offering traditionally goes to the parish priest. Please take an envelope home with you and return it over any of the Christmas Masses.  
Also available on the contactless machine.



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?



## Parish Administrator Update

As you are all aware, Lis is retiring at the end of the year.

I'm pleased to announce that, following interviews, an appointment has been made. The successful candidate will be starting in mid-January. More information will follow in the new year.

Please note, Lis' last day in the office will be Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup> December. We are planning to have a farewell gathering to thank her for all her service in the new year. All parishioners welcome to attend and more information will be in the newsletter in January.

## First Holy Communion Preparation 2026

- 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.

## 200 Club Dec 25 – Feb 26

If you pay each quarter, subs are now due for the December to February 26 200 club.

Deadline: 17<sup>th</sup> December.

## Weekly income 6-7 December

Contactless:	£ 183.00
Loose plate reported next week	
Building Fund	£ 30.00
Poor Parishes collection	£184.53

Weekly S Orders: £820.00

## St Anne's Catholic Primary School

- 11th Dec- EYFS/KS1 Nativity @ 9.30am -Grandparents/ parish community/ younger sibling's welcome
- 12th Dec- Bambinella Mass @9.15 am Church- everyone welcome
- 12th Dec- EYFS/KS1 Nativity @ 2pm Grandparents/ parish community/ younger sibling's welcome
- 15th Dec - KS2 Carol service in church @4pm – everyone welcome
- 18th Dec- PSA Christmas Event @3.30pm- everyone welcome
- 19th Dec- End of term Mass @9.15am- everyone welcome

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### Youth Group Ten pin bowling trip



- 21 Dec - Christmas party in the school hall



Dates for your diary:

- **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

### POPE LEO'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

In December, let us pray with Pope Leo for Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, to be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

### Chaperoning at 10am Sunday Mass

There is always an additional adult with the servers before and after Mass. The Sunday morning team needs more volunteers. The role does require a DBS check. If you think you could help, please email [sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk) for more information.

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# Mass intentions

## Third Sunday of Advent

		Year A
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup> December	4.30pm <i>Confession</i>
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> December	5.30pm      Sean & Eileen Mackey RIP
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am      People of the parish
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> December	No Mass
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup> December	4.00pm      School carol concert
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup> December	No Mass
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm      Maria Angelica Ayala RIP
		9.15am      Joe Forde RIP
		7.30pm      Advent Carol Service
		9.15am      Hugh & Eileen Magee RIP
		[end of term Mass]

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Sunday	5.30 pm      People of the parish
	10.00am      Deceased of the Lloyd family



## OUR LADY'S LAMP

Lit this week for:

**Sean and Eileen RIP**

Please keep them 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.