

## WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

### 26th November SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING YOUTH SUNDAY

- 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - James Silcock INT  
9.30 a.m. MASS - Dorothy Briffa RIP  
11.30 a.m. MASS - Hugh Francis D'Souza RIP  
& Muriel Clare D'Souza RIP  
6.30 p.m. MASS - People of Parish

#### Monday 27th November

- 9.00 a.m. MASS - Deceased members of the Hindley and  
Smyth families RIP

#### Tuesday 28th November NO MORNING MASS

#### Wednesday 29th November

- 9.00 a.m. - Trevor Francis INT

#### Thursday 30th November—St Andrew

- 9.00 a.m. Mass - Maria Falco Smith RIP

#### Friday 1st December

- 9.00 a.m. Mass - Stewart McCahill RIP

#### Saturday 2nd December NO MORNING MASS

- 10.00 a.m. -11.00a.m. Confessions  
6.30 p.m. VIGIL MASS - John Duncan Francis Leyland RIP

#### 3rd December First Sunday of Advent

- 9.30 a.m. MASS - Pdraig Garvey RIP  
his wife Mary and family INT  
11.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish  
6.30 p.m. MASS - Mimi Bacon INT

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Solemnity of Christ the King  
26th November 2023 - Youth Sunday



## GENERAL PARISH NEWS

**WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY** is this weekend and is a chance to celebrate the role and significance of young people within the Church and in our parish community.

Each year, this day provides an opportunity for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) and Walsingham House at Abbotswick to not only raise some vital funds which allow us to continue to support and nurture the youth of our Diocese, but also to reach them and those who work with them.

There will be a retiring collection for the work of the BCYS at the end of Mass. You can also giving using the QR codes on the posters in the Church entrances and at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

**THANK YOU** so much for supporting Our Christmas Fayre and helping to make a wonderful community weekend. In the process we raised £3,336.50.

I would like to say thank you to all those who agreed to have boards to advertise the event this really helped to boost the profit and also the awareness of the event.

All the kind donations of Vintage items, New Gifts, Bottles, baking and offers of help set up and run stalls. Everything helps to make the event fun for all.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the following companies for supporting this and the Grand Raffle which we are still selling Raffle tickets for which you can buy after Mass.

Chestnut Nursery School Ltd  
Petty Son & Prestwich  
Provender  
New Boar Abridge  
Stow Brothers

Tickets are £2.00 each and you could win £200 John Lewis Voucher, Fortnum @ Masons Hamper, Amazon Fire Tablet, Restaurant Voucher, and many other wonderful prizes. This will be drawn 17<sup>th</sup> December. Natasha Mansi, Social Committee.

## USEFUL PARISH CONTACTS

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**THE SHEILA LOVELL CLUB** meet every Wednesday from 1.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

**SVP AND WEDNESDAY CLUB JOINT CHRISTMAS PARTY.** The SVP and the Wednesday Club are having a combined Christmas Party on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023. A special Mass for anointing of the sick will be celebrated by Fr Martin at 1.00 p.m. followed by a party and entertainment in the parish hall. All are welcome. If you require transport, please contact Don O'Driscoll on 07923 608074

**MEDITATION** the group meet every Tuesday at 10.50 a.m. in the Pastoral Centre. Any new members will be most welcome to come and will be greeted warmly. So see you all then.

**UNDER 5's** meet every Tuesday in term time from 1.00 p.m. -3.00 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** meet from 2.00 p.m.–3.30 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month in the Pastoral Centre. Please do come along if you are in need of support.

**SICK LIST** A list of the sick and housebound can be found at the entrance to the Church.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** marks the beginning of a child's relationship with Christ. This is also an opportunity for parents to thank God for the gift of their child and to strengthen or rekindle their own relationship with Christ by the practice of their faith, that is, by coming into Christ's presence at the celebration of Sunday Mass.

If you wish to have your child baptised, please phone the parish office and register for the next two formation sessions. You will be asked to confirm that, at least, one parent is a Catholic and that you are living in the parish. Parents must attend both formation sessions. The next sessions will be held on *11th and 18th January 2024*, starting promptly at 8 p.m. Please note that this formation is for the parents of babies, including those babies not yet born. If your child is 7 or over, they will have to be prepared in an alternative age appropriate way.

## GREAT NEWS

As the Community supported the event so well and continue to do so with the Grand Raffle, I am pleased to announce that Father Martin would like to donate £1,000 which was raised from this event to the Church Homeless Charity. So once again, thank you for making this possible.

Church Homeless Charity has deep roots in the Christian Church here in England. Anyone can, through no fault of their own and regardless of their background, find themselves living on the streets. They believe in giving everyone the tools and experience to rebuild their lives. A little money goes a long way and can make a big difference to someone.

They have recently helped a lady who had mental health issues who was previously sectioned and found herself homeless. She is now living in supported accommodation and is studying at college and CHC supported her by purchasing books and a laptop to help her rebuild her life.

A young adult who was put in care at 14 is now starting his adult life and got an apprenticeship but needed help with the cost of setting up his first home, with no family to help CHC provided a grant to help him.

To find out more about this wonderful charity please visit [www.churchhomelesscharity.org.uk](http://www.churchhomelesscharity.org.uk)

**HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2025** A Jubilee Holy Year happens every twenty five years and is a special year of grace when we commit ourselves to following Christ as more faithful disciples. Pope Francis has recently declared that the motto for this year is "Pilgrims of Hope".

Would you like to be one of those pilgrims and travel to Rome? At this stage, we are just trying to gauge what interest there might be in a parish pilgrimage that year and we are suggesting the following dates as possibilities: 19 - 23 May 2025 or 26 - 30 May 2025 (which is a half term). If you might be interested in both or one of the dates, please sign up on sheets in the church entrances *before* 17th December.

## ADVENT AND PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

The coming weeks are busy with gift buying, eating and drinking. These very human ways of celebrating Christmas remind us that in Jesus, God took human flesh and that he really did come into the reality of our human lives. But Advent is not only an opportunity to celebrate Christ's birth but also to prepare ourselves for when he will come again. St Cyril of Jerusalem reminds us of this double meaning of Advent:

*We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of divine kingdom.*

*At the first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At his second coming he will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming he endured the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming he will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels.*

Below are some suggestions that might focus our spiritual preparation for this great and joyful Feast.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will take place from 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 14th December. An opportunity to meet the Lord who offers us the forgiveness, peace and healing that alone has the power to renew and restore our lives. A number of priests will be available to hear confessions.

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS** Would you like to help someone to learn to read or help provide clean drinking water for a community? Would you like to make a difference to the lives of the poorest? Pick up a catalogue from the Church entrance.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS.** Please send religious Christmas cards or e-cards to your family or friends. It's a gentle reminder that the origin of all our celebrations is the birth of the Saviour, Jesus Christ. Your card might be the only image of Christ that people have in their homes during this Christmas season.

## Christmas Masses 2023

*Saturday 23 December Fourth Sunday of Advent*

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass

*Sunday 24th December*

10.00 a.m. Mass

### **Christmas Eve Masses**

5.00 p.m., 7.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m.

Carols at 9.30 p.m.

*Monday 25th December*

### **Christmas Day Masses**

9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

*No evening Mass*

**CONFESSIONS** There will be no evening Confessions for the time being. Confessions will be on Saturday mornings from 10.00 a.m.–11.00 a.m.

**CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL** Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need.

**ADORATION** takes place on Fridays from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. All are welcome to come and pray and spend some quiet time in the presence of the Lord.

**WEDNESDAY TEAS** - Come and join us for tea and biscuits every Wednesday after the 9.00 a.m. Mass. We look forward to seeing you there.

**THE DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP** meet every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. Any new members will be most welcome.