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1st Sunday of Advent

Weekending 2nd/3rd December 2023

Mass Times This Week

Saturday Vigil – 5.30p.m. Sunday – 9.30a.m.

Monday 8.30a.m., Wednesday 8.30a.m., Friday 8.30a.m.

Eucharistic Services This Week

Tuesday 8.30a.m. & Thursday 8.30a.m., Saturday 12.15p.m.

Confessions

Saturday 11.30a.m. - 12.00noon

Baptisms

Every Saturday – 2.00p.m. (By Appointment)

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – (Liturgical)

Sunday **1st Sunday of Advent**
Wednesday **St Nicholas**
St Nicholas was a 2nd century Turkish bishop who is remembered for giving presents to people in secret at Christmas.
Thursday **St Ambrose**
St Ambrose was a 4th century Bishop of Milan who is renowned for his charity and eloquence. He was a prolific hymn-writer and preacher. He also Baptised St Augustine
Friday **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Sunday **2nd Sunday of Advent**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – (Parish)

Sunday **10.30a.m.** *Coffee Morning prepared and served by the McGlade family*
 10.30a.m. *The Credit Union Office is open*
 7.30p.m. *Taize Advent Service (See below)*
 7.30p.m. *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*
Monday *The Rosary will be recited after the 8.30a.m. Masses and after the 8.30a.m. Eucharistic Services this week*
 7.00p.m. *Scripture Group Meeting*
Tuesday **9.30a.m.** *Jackpot Draw*
 7.30p.m. *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*
Wednesday **8.45a.m.** *Babies' & Toddlers' Group*
 8.00p.m. *Keep Fit!*
Thursday **1.00p.m.** *Big Church Clean – I*
 5.00p.m. *Big Church Clean – II*
 6.00p.m. *Big Church Clean – III*
 7.30p.m. *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*
Saturday **12.15p.m.** *Eucharistic Service (See below)*
 1.00p.m. *St Vincent de Paul Luncheon*

Sunday **10.30a.m.** *Coffee Morning prepared and served by Irene Blaylock and Annette White*
7.30p.m. *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO:

- every one who prepared and assisted at the school's Christmas Fair last Sunday
- everyone who supported the Christmas Fair
- Peter Cunningham and John Fraine for conducting Eucharistic Services during the last ten weeks during my illness

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR MICHAEL BODEN – on the occasion of his being received into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church last Tuesday afternoon. I am sure the parish will benefit from his presence and on behalf of the whole parish and myself, may I wish him many years of devoted service within the Church.

THE CHRISTMAS GIFT TREE – has, once again, been erected at the side of the sanctuary. You are invited to take a tag, (or a few tags, if you wish!), from the tree, **this weekend**. There are 350 tags to choose from. The idea is to purchase the gift on the tag, wrap it up and stick the tag on the parcel so we know what is inside. Then please place the parcel under the *Christmas Gift Tree* on, or before, 3rd Sunday of Advent, i.e. 17th December. The gifts will be donated to our *Welcome Centre*, the local *Women's Refuge* and the *DePaul UK Young People's Project*. Please only donate gifts that are listed on the tags. Finally, gifts must be brand-new – not second-hand. Thank you. (3/12)

THE ADVENT EDITION OF MY DAY BY DAY – is on sale in the *Piety Shop* **this weekend** priced £1.00. (26/11) (3/12)

THE ADVENT EDITION OF BIBLE ALIVE! - is on sale in the *Piety Shop* **this weekend** priced £3.00. (26/11) (3/12)

CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS – are on sale in the *Piety Shop* **this weekend**. Please find the time to pop in and have a good browse! Whilst it is getting more and more difficult to purchase religious Christmas cards in shops, there are plenty to choose from in our *Shop!* (5/11) (12/11) (19/11) (26/11) (3/12)

A TAIZE SERVICE FOR ADVENT – will be held at 7.30p.m **this evening (Sunday)**. For further information please see the notices in the church porches. This special time of prayer and praise is a fitting preparation for the

Holy Season of Christmas. I hope you will avail yourselves of this opportunity. (19/11) (26/11) (3/12)

OUR ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY – is hosting another *Saturday Luncheon*, this time **next Saturday** in the *Community Room* at 1.00p.m. after the 12.15p.m. *Eucharistic Service*. Everyone is invited and it is free-of-charge! The *Luncheon* will include sandwiches, pastries, cakes, tea, coffee, soft drinks and wine! Anyone who requires transport is invited to telephone the *St Vincent de Paul's* hotline. The number may be found on page 1 of this *Newsletter*. Anyone who would like to provide transport for the guests should telephone the same number. Thank you. (26/11) (3/12)

AS SALFORD DIOCESE - works to reach its goal of being net zero by 2038, the diocesan environmental team is looking to find out more about the travel patterns of people across the diocese. The team has put together a short survey to find out more about how people travel to and from church and would be very grateful for your response. The survey can be found at <https://forms.gle/skCHYCknBzhDrvbn9>. (26/11) (3/12)

CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK – in partnership with *St John of God Hospitaller Services*, an international Catholic charity, with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war with people in the Catholic community, willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then they would love to hear from you. For more information please visit: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> or pick up a leaflet from one of the tables in the church porches.

- There are also some prayer cards on those tables, for invoking the intercession of Our Lady of Kiev. Please feel free to take them and ask Our Lady's help for a solution to the conflict between Ukraine and Russia. (19/11) (26/11) (3/12)

Keep safe and keep well.

May God bless you and St Aidan and St Oswald pray for you.

Fr Stephen. ©