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2nd Sunday of Advent

Weekending 9th/10th 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.

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 **2nd Sunday of Advent**
Tuesday **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Wednesday **St Lucy**
*St Lucy was a 5th century Sicilian martyr who is an
example of faithfulness and innocence*
Thursday **St John of the Cross**
*St John of the Cross was a 16th century Carmelite friar who
was a friend of St Teresa of Avila, with whom he worked for
the reform of the Order. He was also a great poet and
mystic*
Sunday **3rd Sunday of Advent**
Gaudete Sunday
“Rejoice”!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – (Parish)

Sunday **10.30a.m.** *Coffee Morning prepared and served by Irene
Blaylock and Annette White*
7.30p.m. *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*
Monday *The Rosary will be recited after the 8.30a.m. Masses and
Eucharistic Services this week*
9.30a.m. *Reception Class Nativity Play*
7.00p.m. *St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (See below)*
Tuesday **9.30a.m.** *Reception Class Nativity Play*
7.30p.m. *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*
Wednesday **8.45a.m.** *Babies' & Toddlers' Group*
8.00p.m. *Keep Fit!*
Thursday **7.30p.m.** *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*
Friday **6.00p.m.** *Convert's Instructions*
Sunday **10.30a.m.** *Coffee Morning prepared and served by our St
Vincent de Paul Society*
7.30p.m. *Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting*

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO - members of our *St Vincent de Paul Society* for another of their *Luncheons* this afternoon (Saturday), and their guests. Once again, it was a most enjoyable parish event

I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MISSIO – part of which read, “Dear Father, Thank you very much for the kind gift of £600.00 from your parish. You and your parishioners are helping to create a thriving Catholic Church for the future through your prayers and financial support. This generosity and spiritual sustenance will encourage missionaries to continue serving and sharing God's love.....Our Church is a global family. We depend on one another; on our shared prayer and solidarity. I am grateful for your prayers and generosity. I assure you that they make a real difference to the lives and work of missionaries who are sharing the Gospel and caring for the poorest in our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Let us continue to pray that all peoples may experience the saving love and generous mercy of Jesus Christ. With sincere good wishes, Fr Anthony Chantry. Missio National Director.”

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* by, or before, next Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Advent. 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) (10/12)

THE 2024 EDITION OF THE SALFORD ALMANAC – is on sale in the *Piety Shop* **this weekend** priced £3.50. (10/12)

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) (10/12)

THE CHRISTMAS 2023 EDITION OF THE CATHOLIC HERALD – is on sale in the church porches **this weekend** priced £5.00. This is now a monthly magazine, rather than a newspaper. It is beautifully produced and is a really good read for those who like to keep up-to-date with all that is happening within the Roman Catholic Church, both at home and abroad. Being a monthly production, it lends itself to deeper insights of current events. (10/12)

A DIOCESAN SYNOD – has been called by Bishop John Arnold. It will be an opportunity to meet as a diocese to discern what God is asking of his Church at this time, resulting in helping us to live out our calling as missionary disciples. A joint meeting has been arranged for both *Ss Aidan & Oswald's Parish, Royton* and *St Joseph's Parish, Shaw* for **Thursday, 11th January, 2024** at 7.00p.m. in the *Community Room* at *Ss Aidan & Oswald's*. For further information please see either parish's notice boards and their websites. (10/12)

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) (10/12)

Keep safe and keep well.

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

Fr Stephen. ©