Second Sunday of Advent 4th December - 2016



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Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand

Matthew 3:1-12



MASS TIMES and INTENTIONS - 4th-11th December 2016

Date	Feast	Time	Intention
Sun 4 th Dec	2 nd Sunday of Advent	10.30am	Pat O'Brien {Guild}
		5.30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 5 th Dec		10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tue 6 th Dec	St. Nicholas	10.00am	Austin Flynn
Wed 7 th Dec	St. Ambrose	10.00am	No Mass
Thur 8 th Dec	The Immaculate Conception	12 noon	Intentions of SVP & Teresa Carr
Fri 9 th Dec	St. John Diego Cuahtlatoatzin	10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Sat 10 th Dec	-	10.00am	Anne Sheridan
Sun 11 th Dec	3 rd Sunday of Advent	10.30am	ILM of Joe & Maisie Clark {E.C.}
		5.30pm	People of the Parish

Confessions after Saturday morning Mass {10.45am} Children's Liturgy during Morning Mass on Sunday Chapel Times of Adoration: Monday 9.00am-3.00pm; Tuesday 8.00am-3.00pm

Welcomers

4th Dec; Rose-Elaine; Elsie 11th Dec; Rose-Elaine; Jean

Mass Readers 4th Dec

10.30am Sharon McQuiggan 11th Dec

10.30am Brian Conder

Church Cleaners

Two weeks commence 4th Dec Group {E} Karen Clark; Elaine Clark;

Sanctuary Candle: 4th - 10th Dec

Church:

Chapel:

Sanctuary Candle: 11th – 17th Dec

Church: Mary Cooper ILM Jean Hood

Chapel:

Communion Ministers

4th Dec

10.30am Joan Limer; Margaret Bayne John Kelly

5.30am Andy Hayes

11th Dec

10.30am Pat Elliott; Kathleen Kelly; Margaret Davidson;

5.30pm Margaret Wright;

200 Club Week Winner Wk 47 No 55

27th Nov Offertory Coll'n £251.17 Christmas Fayre £1,349.18

Next Sunday: 1st Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 35:1-6,10 2nd Reading from the Letter of St. James 5:7-10 Gospel from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:2-11 TIMES OF SERVICES: Mon, 10.00am Eucharistic Service; Tues, 10.00am Mass; Wed, 10.00am Mass; Thurs, 12 Noon Mass; Fri,; 10.00am Eucharistic Service; Sat, 10.00am Mass; Sun, 10.30am-5.30bm

SICK CLERGY: Bishop Seamus has announced that Rev. Abbot Cuthbert Johnson is very ill. Please pray for his recovery. Your continued prayers are asked for Fr. Leo Coughlin and Fr. David Tanner who are quite ill at the moment and all our clergy who are suffering ill-health at this time.

LADIES' GUILD: 5th Dec. No Guild Meeting; 12th Dec. Closing night prior to Christmas; Bran Tub, etc.

BIBLE SUNDAY: Today we are invited to read and think about the Bible in our Christian lives. Ideally, we all should be reading a page of it daily.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: The children preparing for their First Holy Communion received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time yesterday. Please continue to pray for the children and their families.

ADVENT: The suggestions for the cycle of prayer for Advent are: Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers.

DISPLAY OF CHRISTMAS CARDS: As in previous years, a space will be available at the back of Church to allow Christmas greetings cards to friends in the Parish to be displayed. A donation to CAFOD is requested from those opting to use the board.

PARISH/SCHOOLCHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: A joint Christmas Carol Service with St. Anne's school will take place on Monday 12th December at 6.00pm in St. Anne's Church. Please come along and bring your friends and family to support the children of our school and our parish.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES: Christmas Eve {24th December} 5.30pm: Solemn Chief Christmas Mass; Christmas Day {25th December} 10.00am. Carols will punctuate the Christmas Eve Mass at 5.30pm. Please note there will be no Evening Mass on Christmas Day.

HALF-YEARLY ACCOUNTS: The Parish's accounts for the period April-September 2016 were submitted to the Diocese at the end of October. A summary of these accounts is available on the Parish website and on the noticeboard at the back of church, with copies available to take away. Please take time to have a look at them.

PRAYER GROUP will meet again this Thursday 15th December at 6.30pm in the Chapel. Everyone welcome.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: A fab result! Muchos Gracias to all who worked so hard. The £1,349.18 will just cover nicely my Winter Cruise! Much work and generosity made this sum possible. Thanks enormously again. Do not worry about the cruise; I am not going yet!

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: The feast mentioned by Our Lady when she appeared to St. Bernadette at Lourdes in 1858. Special Mass at 12 noon in St. Anne's. We look forward to a full congregation.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: The next session for the young people preparing for the Sacrament of confirmation will be held this evening Sunday 11th December at 6.30pm in St. Peter's Parish Hall, Low Fell. Please pray for the young people preparing for Confirmation and their families.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: Our Journey in Faith Programme will continue on Wednesday 7th December, in St. Anne's Church at 6.30pm. Part of the Faith experience is providing hospitality and light refreshments. We would greatly welcome two parish volunteers each Wednesday to assist us in this provision. If most parishioners could offer their services, men too, each week, this work will become a very easy task; a wonderful labour of love. Please, please, give it much consideration. Please also continue to pray for all those taking part in the programme and for their families.

CHAPEL ADORATION: Please note the Chapel will close from Tuesday 13th December and will re-open for Adoration on January 9th 2017.

SCHOOL ADVENT SERVICES: St. Anne's School are holding Advent Services as follows: 9th December at 2.30pm; Years 2 & 3; 16th December at 9.30am; Whole School. These will be held in the School Hall. We hope that as many as possible will come along to support the children and the School.

DEANERY CONFESSION SERVICE: This will be held on Wednesday 21st December at 7.00pm in St. Augustine's Church, Leam Lane.

ADVENT ALMS APPEAL: St.Cuthbert Care's two Catholic nursing homes provide invaluable peace of mind often to older people with no family and minimal income. Combined efforts from parishes to date have raised just over £17,000 towards their Hardship Fund and your ongoing support is immensely appreciated. If you would like to find out more about their work or wish to volunteer, please contact Nicola Milne on 0191 242 48709 or email Nicola.milne@stcuthbertscare.org.uk. For further details please see poster at back of church. Thank you for your generosity and support.

HALL BOOKINGS can be made by telephoning Margaret 0191 487 8504,487 5241, 482 2044
CHOIR PRACTICE is at 7.00pm every Monday and new members are always made most welcome.
THE LADIES GUILD meet every Monday 8.00pm. New members are most welcome.
S.V.P. meet every Sunday morning before Mass (9.45am). New members are always made most welcome
THE LEGION OF MARY meet every Tuesday afternoon at 1.30pm in St. Oswald's.
SARDINES AND RICE COLLECTIONS on the first Sunday of each month, Thank you for your generosity.
HALL ACTIVITIES Mon 1.45pm 'Keep Fit'