

# St. Gregory's Newsletter

3rd Sunday of Advent

17th December

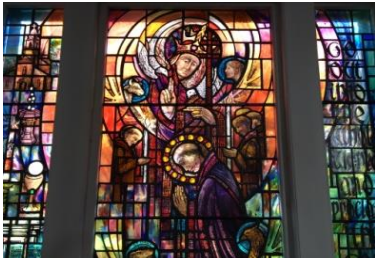
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## Christmas Services

### Services of Reconciliation

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 3:00pm St. Gregory's  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7:00pm Sacred Heart  
Wednd. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7:00pm St. Mary's

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

9:30am Sunday Mass  
**\*Note no Mass at 11am or at 6pm \***

**Christmas** The Nativity of the Lord  
**7:30pm Christmas Eve** Carols in the church  
**8:00pm** " First Mass of Christmas  
**9:30am Christmas Day** Children's Mass  
**11:00am** " Sung Mass

### St. Stephen's Day

11:00am Guild of St. Stephen (Altar Servers)

### Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

10:00am Mass, excl. Friday - Communion Service

### Sunday The Holy Family/New Year's Eve

9:30am Mass  
11:00am Mass **\*Note no evening Mass\***

### New Year's Day Mary, Mother of God

11:00am Solemn Parish Mass  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**, Sunday, 7th Jan.  
Masses at the usual Sunday times

## Advent Reflection

(From MY DAY BY DAY Advent 2017)

Do not lose heart, even if you should discover that you lack qualities necessary for the work to which you are called.

He who called you will not desert you, but the moment you are in need He will stretch out His saving hand.

*Saint Angela Merici*

Beloved, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation:

The church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to His presence, He will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with Him the riches of His peace.

*St. Charles Borromeo*



Love our Lady.  
She will obtain  
Abundant grace to help you  
Conquer in your daily struggle

*Saint Josemaria Escriva*

## Children's Corner

B	Y	D	P	R	O	E	P	H	S	PRISON
L	P	N	O	S	I	R	P	E	O	BLIND
I	P	I	T	L	O	U	H	P	C	LAME
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N	H	B	H	A	O	P	P	Y	E	CLEANSED
P	W	E	H	L	L	I	E	P	A	LIFE
A	T	O	C	A	Y	R	F	R	N	HAPPY
L	S	I	M	C	P	C	I	I	S	CLOTHES
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**A VERY BIG THANK-YOU**  
From our food bank **STOREHOUSE**  
for your generous Christmas gifts

Items always required are tuna, tinned meat such as ham, biscuits, dried packets of pasta with sauce, jam, hygiene products, shampoo, etc.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - Gaudete/Bambinelli Sunday

### 17<sup>th</sup> December

9:30am Hazel Lee (A)  
11:00am Fr. John Smith & Carol Ann  
6:30pm Olive Farnworth (B)  
3:00pm Service of Reconciliation

### Weekday Masses

Monday 8:30am Cyril Moss  
Tuesday 8:30am David & Paddy Lynch  
Wednesday 8:30am Catherine & Cecil DeLacy  
Thursday 8:30am Olive Farnworth (FM)  
10:00am Funeral Service, Angela Barnes R.I.P.  
Friday 8:30am George & Patricia Walker (A)  
Saturday 10:00am Maureen Clucas

Weekly Confession Saturday after morning Mass

### 24<sup>th</sup> December, 4<sup>th</sup> of Advent

9:30am Joseph Robinson, Cyril Iddon, Cyril Moss  
**\*No 11:00am Mass and no 6:00pm Mass\***  
Christmas Night Mass - the First Mass of Christmas  
8:00pm, with Carols starting at 7:30pm

### Feasts of the Week

St. Peter Canisius

St. John Of Canty

Rosary 20 minutes before weekday Mass

### *Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters*

Margaret Wood, Bill Burns, Margaret Bower, Margaret Brindle, Winifred Calderbank, Hugh O'Daly, Victoria Mary Birkett, Lois Chiasson, Mildred Bridge, Agnes Martindale, Robert Stretton, Bill Barnes, Maureen Jackson, Olive Farnworth, Theresa Kershaw, Gerard McGuigan, Julie Hurley, Thomas Moss, Paul Spedding, Maureen Hill

### Baptism

We welcome in baptism today Noah James Harty and wish him and his family many blessings on their new faith journey.

### Bambinelli Sunday

Today we are invited to bring our Baby Jesus to the altar to be blessed. Then take it home and wrap it up to be opened again as the first present on Christmas Day and placed in the crib as a lovely Nativity blessing for the whole family.

### Reconciliation Service

Today at 3:00pm in our church. If anyone is afraid of listing sins and has not committed a mortal sin, to go to a priest and say 'Father I am a sinner in need of God's mercy' will do. See over for times of deanery service.

### Children's Liturgy for Christmas

Next Sunday Children's Liturgy will be at the 9.30am Mass as there will be no Mass at 11 o'clock. **Christmas Day Mass** for children will be at 9.30am as usual. Once again we are supporting the children in orphanages in Romania and ask the children to bring a *small* gift (per family) to be placed by the crib on Christmas Day.

**On Sunday 7th January** we celebrate the feast of the **Epiphany** and at the 11:00am Mass the children are invited to come to church dressed as a character from the Nativity story.

### Christmas List

The two masses on Christmas Day will be offered for those on the 'Christmas List'. Please put the names of your loved ones on the list at the back of church. All offerings for these masses will be sent to SHELTER.

### Palestine/Israel Christmas Cards

The Youth Group and other parishioners have written Christmas cards to express our solidarity with parishes and schools in the Holy Land, where people are suffering great injustice and hardship. Please remember them in your prayers. 86 cards were sent off, - a Christmas greeting in Arabic can be seen on our notice board.

### Carols by Candlelight

All are invited to St. Joseph's at Anderton for a festive carol service, free entry, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. 7:30pm. See poster.

### Collection

Thank you very much for last week's collection of £786.82.

### Used Stamps

These can still bring in money for charities, please save and put them in the box at the back of church.

### Pilgrimage to The Holy Land

In June 2018, arranged by The Irenaeus Project. Please see e-mail on the notice board. Contact: jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

### *Ministering to the Assembly*

<b>Counting</b>	-	18 <sup>th</sup> December	Marie Dewland & Mary Hargreaves
<b>S.A.S.</b>	-	24 <sup>th</sup> December	Mary Wakeman & Liz Fowler
<b>Dial a Ride</b>		24th morning	Phil Southworth & Bernard Hargreaves
<b>Readers</b>	"	Terry Donnelly	<b>8pm</b> Helen Graham
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	"	Jack Knight	<b>8pm</b> Chris Huddy, Yvonne Cunliffe
		Louise Cogan	David Porter, Ulrika Yeomans
		Edward Brierley	Richard Jackson