

## THE FOUR WEEKS OF ADVENT

During the first two weeks of Advent we light the first two purple candles. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. Rose is a liturgical colour that is used to signify joy, so we light the single pink candle on the third Sunday of Advent.

Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait expectantly for the soon-coming birth of the King of Kings.

Traditionally, each of the four Advent candles have a deeper meaning which is depicted in the lovely Four Weeks of Advent Pewter Wreath:

- The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the “Prophet’s Candle” reminding us that Jesus is coming.
- The 2nd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith with the “Bethlehem Candle” reminding us of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem.
- The 3rd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Joy with the “Shepherd’s Candle” reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.
- The 4th Sunday of Advent symbolizes Peace with the “Angel’s Candle” reminding us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.”



### Prayer for the Advent Wreath

**Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ,  
for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people.  
He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.  
He is the Saviour of us all.**

**O Lord,  
let your blessing come upon us as we light  
the first (purple) candle of this wreath.  
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.  
May He come quickly and not delay.  
We ask this in His holy name.  
Amen.**

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First Sunday of Advent

2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Sunday 2.12	10am 11.30am	Thanksgiving mass Mr Andrew Freyne RIP	Jeremia 33:14-16 1 Thess 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28,34-36
Monday 3.12	No Mass		
Tue 4.12	10am	Thanksgiving mass (Henry)	Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24
Wed 5.12	6.30pm	Joyal Tom's intention	Isaiah 25:6-10 Matthew 15:29-37
Thu 6.12	10am	November dead list	Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday 7.12	10am	Ravino Ruzivo - birthday	Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31
Sat 8.12	10am	T U Jose RIP 1st Anniv.	Genesis 3:9-15,20 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12
Sunday 9.12	10am 11.30am	Patrick O'Connor RIP 1st Anniv. Christine Hipwell RIP Anniv.	Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:4-6,8-11 Luke 3:1-6

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1 hour each day before weekly Mass  
Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass on Saturday, or whenever required.**

**Feasts of the week:** Thursday, St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.  
Friday, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Patron of the Diocese of Nottingham.

**11.30 Children's Liturgy** - there will be no children's today at the 11 30 mass due to making preparations for the Christmas Bazaar.

A huge thank you to all that organised our Christmas Bazaar, to the stall holders and the caterers. To all that have donated prizes for the raffle and goods to be sold. And to those who have spent money and worked behind the scenes. Thank you so much again.

### BUILDING WORK

You may have noticed that some building work is going on around the church and presbytery. This work has been identified by a 5 yearly inspection required by the Diocese and has highlighted some items which required action in order to avoid problems in the future. Briefly the work and approximate costs are as follows:

- Replacement of the Presbytery windows - £13,800
- Replacement of the Presbytery facias and gutters, plus roof repairs - £12,800
- Replace the church low level facias and gutters plus some roof repairs - £6,500
- Replace high level windows in the hall - £13,900

As Fr Gabriel announced recently this will use up all the parish savings. If you would like to know more details of the work please contact a member of the PPC. The PPC is also investigating costs for electrical work in the hall which is expected to cost approx. £30,000 and will need to be financed by a loan from the Diocese.

**WEST LEICESTER CATHOLIC 300 CLUB:** Thank you to those members who are up to date with their subscriptions for the current year commencing November 2018. For those members choosing to pay yearly by cash or cheque, please note some payments are now overdue, and members are kindly reminded that subscriptions are due in advance of the draw, in accordance with the membership rules, and as is the case with those who are contributing by standing order. Winning cheques will only be paid once we have verification of up to date subscriptions. Can members please ensure they are up to date with subscriptions by Sunday 9th December - either yearly £60 or monthly for the first two months. In the event of non-payment of subscriptions by mid-December, it will be assumed that membership is to be withdrawn and the number will be re-allocated to those on our waiting list to join. Where appropriate, the draw will be re-run, in fairness to our members, and announced retrospectively.

**Catholic Schools Carol Concert** in support of Menphys on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.15pm at De Montfort Hall. Tickets available from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. See poster in church porch.

**Rosmini Centre Advent Retreat** Saturday 8 December 10 am to 4 pm. Guided by Fr. Anthony Meredith IC. Lunch included, suggested donation £15. For catering registration necessary - 01509 813078 or to [rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com](mailto:rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com)



**It will soon be Christmas!** Please buy your Christmas cards, diaries, candles etc. from the Repository Stall. Also Christian postage stamps, which are available at any major Post Offices.

**Leics Active Catholic Youth: LACY**, will be celebrating an Advent Youth Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 - the Third Sunday of Advent - at St. Mary's Catholic Church, South Wigston, LE18 4PG. 6pm. A warm invitation is extended to all young people, their families and friends for a Celebration of Mass led by our Youth! We will look with hope, joy and enthusiasm towards the coming of the Christ child. Those interested in helping with the different ministries of the Mass come along with your skills and talents to the Church at 5pm. Pizza and Light Refreshments will take place in the hall afterwards. Information from [paulinepayne@hotmail.com](mailto:paulinepayne@hotmail.com), [katieannejones95@googlemail.com](mailto:katieannejones95@googlemail.com) or [claudiacoxon@googlemail.com](mailto:claudiacoxon@googlemail.com). See poster in church porch.

**Financial details:** Loose Plate £. Envelopes £. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

**300 Club:** 25<sup>th</sup> November £100 O Takaingofa (101). £50 A McGowan (198). £25 N Tsvara (61), H Wilkes (157).

**Thought for the week:** "Pure love is a willingness to give without a thought of receiving anything in return. Anon.

### Christmas Appeal - Shoe boxes.

This year we would like to support **Community of Grace** which is a Charitable Trust and recognised as a Mission Project within the United Reformed Church. It has helped homeless people in Leicester since the 1960s. The Community attempts to create and sustain something like home and family (or household and community) with and for men who have long since lost their own home, or even never really had one, and to keep up that attempt with each individual for as long as he needs. Community of Grace is run on a completely voluntary basis and survives because of the donations made by the local community and churches. Your help would be greatly appreciated. The boxes could be filled with toiletries items /socks/gloves/chocolates, etc. Thank you.



**If You have a charity box please bring it to church to be emptied. Thank you. Also collect your free 2019 Calendar.**

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**Pope Francis December Intentions: Evangelization - In the Service of the Transmission of Faith.** That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

**Nottingham Diocesan Year Book on sale now @ £3.50.**