

### From Sunday's Gospel

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent

While John the Baptist was in prison, he heard about Christ's miracles and all that he was doing. So he sent some of his followers to ask Jesus, 'Are you the one sent by God or do we have to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, "Go back and tell

John what you hear and see, the blind see again, the deaf hear, lepers are cleansed...Happy are those who do not lose faith in me."

*For the weekday readings beginning Monday December 12th please go to*

**Monday of the Third Week of Advent**



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Pope Francis writes: "With Christ our life becomes full and everything makes sense. When Christ is your friend you have joy and happiness."

Who is the Christ we are preparing to

meet this Christmas? How can we live and love more like Christ as we journey through this second part of Advent? Who is going to tell us about Christ? What have we already found out about him? With all the preparations for Christmas will we find some time to pray to Jesus and ask his help to be ready to meet him?

### Ministers

#### Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm M.Jefferis  
8.30am C.Ivatts  
10.00am C.Hall

### December 11th

#### Liturgy of the Eucharist

S,Dyson  
S.Crewdson/M.Booth  
M.Kehoe/M.Farmer

### December 18th

6.00pm L.Anderton  
8.30am M.Crewdson  
10.00am C.Street-Brown

S.Dyson  
S.Crewdson/M.Booth  
G.Leggat/C.Hall

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £442.17 Second: £211.61 Shop: £326.00 CTS £2.50 Thank You  
Sing for Pleasure Choir £140.00 Use of Hall Neary Family £100.00 Thank You  
Carers' Group £500.00 Thank You

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### 3rd Sunday of Advent

### December 11th 2016 Year A (Matthew's Gospel)

#### Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Tara Dyson
Sunday	8.30am	Mary Howell
	10.00am	Eddie Hargreaves
		<b>CAFOD Tea Cakes after Mass</b>
		<b>Advent Reflection Service</b>
Monday	9.30am	Special Intention (MH—successful surgery)
Tuesday	9.30am	Stephen Jones
		<b>No Taizé Prayer group this week</b>
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Loraine Ackerley
Thursday	9.30am	Tommy & Mary Cresham
Friday	9.30am	Annie Langley
Saturday	10.00am	Anne Varey
	Vigil 6.00pm	Anne Jones
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Ann McCarthy

**Confessions: After the 10.00am Mass on Saturday and on request**

**Exposition: 40 minutes before Mass each weekday**

**When there is A Service of the Word & Holy Communion there is NO Exposition**

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### Music for Christmas

The first practice to prepare music for the 8.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve will be this Sunday, December 11th after the 10.00am Mass. Please will singers come to the Parish Centre as soon as possible after Mass. Everyone who enjoys singing and feels they would like to make a contribution on this special occasion is most welcome to come along. There will be another practice the following Sunday, December 18th, same time, same place. Thank you, Chris Johnson.



### Advent Service

There will be an Advent Service THIS Sunday 11th December at 4.00pm in the Church. All welcome.



### One Christmas Card for All

A huge Christmas Card is now at the back of the church for anyone to sign who wishes to offer Christmas greetings to others. Please sign the card and, if you wish, make a contribution to CAFOD. It is a wonderful way of reminding ourselves of the needs of others.



**Faith and Fun Family Christmas Party**  
**Next Saturday December 17th 1.00-3.00pm**  
All Families are invited to an afternoon of **carols, crafts and games**. If possible please bring some refreshments to share.

Amanda's group—savouries; Caroline's group—sweet treats;

Mary's and Emily's groups—cakes;

Paul's group—mince pies!

To help with our preparations, please sign the list at the back of the church or e-mail [emilyallmand@live.co.uk](mailto:emilyallmand@live.co.uk)



### Stamps for Charity

Please remember to collect and bring to church your postage stamps from Christmas mail this year. They really do make a difference.

### Advent Service of Reconciliation

**Wednesday 21st December 7.30pm**



The invitation throughout Advent is 'to prepare a way for the Lord' as we are encouraged in these last few days to enter more deeply into the mystery of God's love for us seen most movingly in the birth of Jesus. Amidst all the other preparations and the busyness of this time of the year we are invited to find the time to come to

this Celebration of God's loving forgiveness:

To listen to the Scriptures which tell us of God's unconditional and eternal love for each one of us.

To look into our lives, thanking God for all the blessings we have received and asking for forgiveness for the times we have failed.

To be reconciled to God and to one another.

**There is more joy in heaven over one repentant sinner that over ninety nine who have no need of repentance.**



### Offertory Envelopes 2017



Through the kind offices of Ernie the Offertory Envelopes for the coming year are now named, in alphabetical order, and available at the back of the church. Please collect them as soon as possible. If anyone who does not currently have a set of offertory envelopes and would like to take one, would they please see Ernie or Fr Bernard. Gift Aid forms are also available. Thank You.



**Saturday 24th Christmas Eve 7.30pm Carols 8.00pm Mass**  
**Sunday 25th Christmas Day 8.30am Mass**  
**10.00am Mass**

### Thought for the week



It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open the doors of HOPE  
Pope Benedict XVI