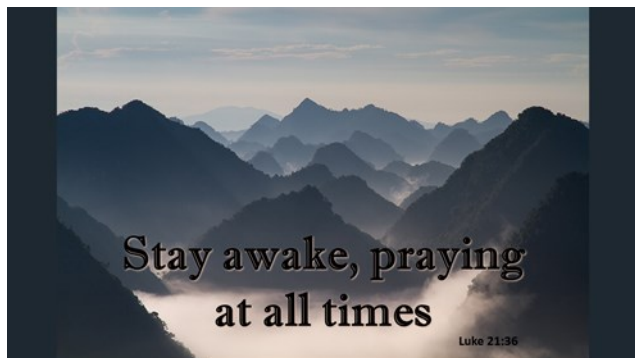


### From Sunday's Gospel



Jesus said to his disciples, "There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars and on the earth, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man approaching in a cloud with power and great glory.

When these things begin to take place, stand upright, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. Watch yourselves; be careful not to let your hearts be weighed down with the cares of life. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man."

Sunday 28th November 2021 Adapted from Luke 21:25-28.34-36



**Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, "Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. The Birth of Jesus brings us the good news that we are loved immensely by God."**

Today's word is **Advent**. This Sunday is the start of the season of Advent, a word which means 'important arrival'. Advent is the time to start making preparations to celebrate Christ's birth - God's momentous arrival into our world in the person of Jesus. The Gospel reminds us that there is no time to lose. We shouldn't put off our good resolutions until New Year. Now, Advent, is the time to think about the way we live our lives and begin to make any necessary changes. The message is clear for all of us: we are to 'stay awake!' Pope Francis reminds us, "Christ asks us to be wide awake and alert, to see the things in life that really matter." . Let's use this season of Advent to be open to welcome Jesus, to make a fresh start and to draw closer to God, through living a good life!

### Offertory Collections and Shop Income October 10th

**First Collection: £468.35 Second: £96.30 Shop: £405.59 Thank You**

**Baptism Arthur & Henry Watling: £100.00 Thank You**

**Reimbursement Tony Bradshaw: £90.00 Thank You**



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## **First Sunday of Advent**

### **November 28th 2021 (Luke's Gospel)**

**The intentions are as follows:**

Saturday:	<b>6.00pm</b>	Yorkshire Brethren
Sunday	<b>9.00am</b>	Anthony Yeardsley
<b>(People welcome to attend this Mass)</b>		
	<b>10.30am</b>	People of the Parish
Monday:	<b>9.30am</b>	Special Intention
Tuesday:	<b>9.30am</b>	Andrew & Eva Kilkenny
Wednesday:	<b>12.00pm</b>	November Dead List
Thursday:	<b>9.30am</b>	Timothy Mullane
Friday	<b>12.00noon</b>	Jennifer Barlow <b>(First Friday)</b>
Saturday:	<b>10.00am</b>	Yorkshire Brethren
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Cecelia Mary Weale
Sunday:	<b>9.00am</b>	Joseph & Clara Casey
<b>(People welcome to attend this Mass)</b>		
	<b>10.30am</b>	People of the Parish

**Confessions after the Saturday 10.00am Mass and by appointment  
Exposition 40 minutes before each weekday Mass**

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### First Sunday of Advent 28th November



This weekend is the beginning of the Church's New Liturgical Year with the First Sunday of Advent. The four Sundays of Advent follow the same cycle of Gospel passages. The first Sunday speaks to us of the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time; the middle two Sundays concentrate on the important figure of John the Baptist, and the fourth Sunday prepares us for the birth of Jesus.

This year Luke will be the gospel we will hear during Ordinary Time. It has been described as showing us the 'Compassionate face of God' with its parables of the Good Samaritan and The Prodigal Son. Luke also puts great emphasis on the demands of being a disciple of Jesus. As we journey through Luke's gospel during the coming year we will find Jesus at prayer before he makes major decisions, for example the naming of the Twelve, we will also see the importance he places on the role of the Holy Spirit.

Luke also wrote The Acts of the Apostles and we are indebted to him for his insights into the lives of those first followers of Jesus who came to be called Christians. We follow in this great tradition and Advent is an opportunity for us to take a good deep look into our lives and ask ourselves how we might, in the words of Pope Francis, 'see the things that really matter'.



World Gifts are a wonderful way for our parish community share the peace and joy of Christmas with our brothers and sisters throughout the world. This year's catalogues 'The True Spirit of Christmas Giving, 2021-22' are available at the back of the church. Each World Gift is a real example of CAFOD's work. Please do take a catalogue and know that by purchasing a World Gift you are giving to more than one person. Thank you,



"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven."

Pope Francis



### THIS THURSDAY

Our parish meeting will take place in **The Parish Centre** at **7.30-9.00pm** on **Thursday December 2nd**. It will be led by three Facilitators who have been trained by the diocese for this purpose. Please do come along to the meeting. If you are unable to attend or if you would rather engage with the process online, you can complete an online questionnaire at <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/parish-to-mission-survey>.



### From the Diocese

**FORTHCOMING ORDINATIONS TO THE DIACONATE:** Please pray for two students for the Permanent Diaconate, Simon Akhirebhu and Bernard Martin, both parishioners at St Austin and English Martyrs, Wakefield, who will be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 11:00am at Leeds Cathedral.

**BRIERY ONLINE ZOOM MEDITATIONS** on Thursdays from 7.30pm to 8.15pm. We open at 7.15pm for a chat and start promptly at 7.30pm. It is a simple format of praying with the Sunday Mass Readings and sharing in small groups. Zoom link Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82009483498?pwd=OUMraDBqUy9YRmxseHdVekpyWlVvQT09>

Meeting ID: 820 0948 3498

Passcode: 421659

### **ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION – What's in a Carol?**

Choose either Friday 3rd December or Saturday 4th December. Fr Dennis Cassidy will lead the day and will explore spiritual reflections on some traditional Advent themes. Suggested offering: £35 includes tea/coffee with homemade biscuits on arrival, two course lunch and afternoon tea with cake. Further information and bookings: tel: 01943 607287 or email: [briery@btconnect.com](mailto:briery@btconnect.com)

**ADVENT PREACHED WEEKEND – "Advent Characters"** 10th-12th December. Fr Michael Winstanley, SBD, leads a preached residential weekend retreat at the Briery. For further information or to make a booking, please call the Administrators on 01943 607287 or email: [briery@btconnect.com](mailto:briery@btconnect.com)