



The Second Sunday of Advent

A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord.
 Holy Masses and Services for 9th – 17th December 2023

Mark 1:1-8



Saturday 9th December Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent	St Anne	4pm 4.30pm	Rosary Mass	Ruth Pavlovic RIP
	Holy Spirit	6.30pm	Mass	Patrick Vesey RIP (1 st Anniv.)
Sunday 10th December Second Sunday of Advent	St Anne	9am 9.30am	Rosary Mass	Pray for Peace The People of the Parish
	St Margaret Clitherow	9.30am	Mass	Loughlin Hickey
	Holy Spirit	11am	Mass	Candles of Love Mass
	Our Lady of Grace	11am	Mass	Elizabeth and John D'arcy RIP
Monday 11th December Advent Feria	St Anne	9.30am	Mass	Bonnie Chapman
Tuesday 12th December Advent Feria	St Margaret Clitherow	9am 9.30am	Rosary Service of Word and Holy Communion	
	Our Lady of Grace	5pm	Reception of Margaret Simpson RIP	
	Holy Spirit	7.30pm	Advent Reconciliation Service	
Wednesday 13th December Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr (mem.)	Holy Spirit	9.30am	Service of Word and Holy Communion	
	Our Lady of Grace	11.15am	Funeral Mass	Margaret Simpson RIP
	St Anne	7pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thursday 14th December Saint John of the Cross, priest and doctor (memorial)	Our Lady of Grace	9.30am	Mass Rosary	Loughlin Hickey RIP
Friday 15th December Advent Feria	St Margaret Clitherow	10.15am 10.30am	Rosary Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	St Anne	11am 12 Noon	Holy Hour Rosary Mass	Ruth Pavlovic RIP
			Light Refreshments after Mass	
	Holy Spirit	6pm	Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (After Mass)	Brian McNulty RIP (1 st Anniv.)
Saturday 16th December Advent Feria	St Anne	3.30 - 4.15pm 4pm 4.30pm	Confession Rosary Mass	Peter Brown RIP
	Holy Spirit	5.30 - 6.15pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass	Jonathan Higham RIP (2 nd Anniv.)
Sunday 17th December Third Sunday of Advent	St Anne	9am 9.30am	Rosary Mass	Pray for Peace Robert Cordell RIP
	St Margaret Clitherow	9.30am	Mass	Maureen Lillie
	Holy Spirit	11am	Mass	Mary Jahina RIP
	Our Lady of Grace	11am	Mass	Judith Oldfield

A Second Collection for this Sunday:

Poor and Needy Parishes

For enquiries about Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation Programme and Faith Journey Group (RCIA), please contact Ceci Li, Faith Formation Coordinator.

For Marriage: six months' notice required. Please contact the Parish office.

For Communion to the Sick and Housebound: contact the Parish office.

Funerals: are organised with local funeral directors, but do contact the Parish office to arrange an appointment with the Priest.

Confessions: Every first and third Saturday.

Newsletter's insert, contact Ceci Li, Faith Formation Coordinator.

Advent Family Prayer

God of Love,
 Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, As we wait and prepare for his coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.

Parish Contact Details:

Please find the printed copy at the back of the church or scan the QR code for the e-Copy.



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A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer To God who blesses, we too respond by blessing — God has taught us how to bless and we must bless - through the prayer of praise, of adoration, of thanksgiving. The Catechism writes: "The prayer of blessing is our response to God's gifts: because God blesses, the human heart can in return bless the One who is the source of every blessing" (n. 2626).

Monthly podcast for the Year of Prayer - Encounter Prayer produced by the Diocese Each month a different type of prayer will be showcased; the first episode is given by Bishop Patrick who introduces the Year of Prayer, his hopes for it, and shares insights from his own prayer life. The Podcasts can be found on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music and Audible by searching Diocese of Nottingham; they are also on the diocesan website:

www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer.

Christmas Offerings to our Priests As is traditional, there is a Christmas collection to provide a gift to our Priests. If you would like to contribute to this collection, please put the gift in an envelope which is available in our churches. If you would like to do this by bank transfer please mark the online payment as Christmas Offering. Thank you for your generosity.

Dear Friend's,

I pray that your Advent journey, continues to be filled with hope, a 'Hope' whose answer can only be found in God!



Today, the Second Sunday of Advent we light the second candle, which is the symbol of FAITH. The candle's name has its origins in the prophet Micah who prophesied Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. It is referred to as the Bethlehem Candle. As we light this candle on our Advent Wreath, let us embrace the People of Bethlehem and the Middle East. That their Faith, will sustain them at this most difficult time of war. Let us pray that their Faith, be strengthened, their Hope renewed and that the healing and compassionate hand of God will be with them in their time of need, pain, and struggle.

May each of us give glory and praise to God, for the countless blessings he has given and continues to bless us with. My prayer for you all this second week of Advent is that you allow yourselves some 'Sacred Space' and time in the presence of Jesus, wherever you are and whatever you are doing, so that you will reach the 'Feast of Christmas' spiritually prepared and ready to sing with a joyful heart Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to all people of good will!

Have a blessed and safe week! Peace, John



Celebrate the seasons of Advent and Christmas - Schedule of Masses and Services.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday 5th December
7.30-8.30pm | St Margaret
Clitherow

Thursday 7th December
7.30-8.30pm | St Anne

Tuesday 12th December
7.30-8.30pm | Holy Spirit

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday 23rd December
4.30pm | St Anne
6.30pm | Holy Spirit

Sunday 24th December
9.30am | St Margaret
Clitherow

11am | Our Lady of Grace

Christmas Family Mass

Sunday 24th December

4.30pm | St Anne

4.30pm | Holy Spirit

6pm | Holy Spirit

6pm | Our Lady of Grace

Midnight Mass

Sunday 24th/Monday 25th December

11.30pm Carols followed by

Midnight Mass | Holy Spirit

Christmas Day

Monday 25th December

9.30am | St Anne

9.30am | St Margaret Clitherow

11am | Holy Spirit

11am | Our Lady of Grace

Bishop Patrick and Fr Liam will be celebrating Christmas Mass on Saturday 23rd December 2023 at 9.30 am in a prison in Leicester

Fr Liam would like to invite you to join on this occasion. If you are over 21 and want to celebrate mass, spend time afterwards chatting with the men over a mince pie and cup of coffee, please let Fr Liam know. It is a wonderful opportunity to practice the works of mercy and bring some Christmas cheer to those who will be away from family and friends this Christmas. If you would like to join, please email Fr Liam.

CAFOD Christmas Greetings board in the Narthex in all four Churches From Saturday 9th December CAFOD will have a space for you to pin a Christmas greeting for fellow parishioners instead of sending Christmas cards. Donations to either CAFOD or a charity of your choice. Live Simply so that Others can Simply Live.

Thank You - the ticket sales for CAFOD's Christmas hamper raffle It raised £500. The winning ticket was won by Katherine Ashcroft from St Anne, all 9 prizes have now been delivered to the winners. This money has been sent to CAFOD for humanitarian aid in the Holy Land. Once again all four churches in our parish have been extremely generous.

God Bless you all.

Parish Friendship Group - Social Evening on 6th Jan 2024, approx. 7.30pm (after the vigil Mass) We are organizing a social gathering to celebrate the Epiphany at the Holy Spirit Social Centre, following the Saturday evening vigil Mass at around 7:30pm. All members or our Parish are welcome. We kindly request attendees provide their names for catering arrangements. Please add your name to the attendee list at your church by the weekend 16th/17th of December. Volunteers will be available at the back of our churches after Mass next weekend to collect names. There is no admission fee; we appreciate voluntary donations. The bar will be open for beverage purchases, offering an evening filled with friendship, food, and live music. For additional details, please contact Maureen at 8914601.



Let us pray for those who have died recently: The Reception for Margaret Simpson is at 5pm on the 12th December and the Funeral Mass is at 11.15am on the 13th December at Our Lady of Grace.

Update from our Churches

Holy Spirit: Candles of Love Mass, Holy Spirit Church 11am on Sunday 10th December To take part, write a message for someone that you would like to be prayed for at the Candle of Love Mass. All candles will be displayed on the sanctuary throughout this Mass. Donations to CAFOD for the candles.

Emmanuel House Quiz Thank you very much to those who contributed to the Emmanuel House Quiz.

SVP - Advent Appeal We will collect the donations on the weekend of 16th-17th December. The collections will support homeless charities in Nottingham (Emmanuel House, The Friary and the London Road Hostel). A copy of the list can be found at the church or from Parish website. Thank you for your generosity.

Our Lady of Grace: Cotgrave Churches Singing Carols Together In the Precinct, Friday 22nd December 5:00pm. All are welcome - do come and join us. **Our Lady's foodbank** Thank you for your support of our foodbank collections. Please continue to give what you can in this difficult time.

St Anne St Anne Friday refreshments after Mass - Christmas break There will be no refreshments on December 15th. 22nd and 29th. We wish you a blessed, peaceful Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you on Friday January 5th when normal business will be resumed!

Donation for Christmas flowers We will have second collections on the 16th and 17th December for the Christmas flowers. If you would flowers arranged in the year for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, there are envelopes available for your donation in church under the Rota notice board.

St Margaret Clitherow: Christmas Quiz! Join Quiz Maestro Dick (Francis) for a fun-filled family, in-laws, and neighbourly quiz time! Get your sheets for just £2 at all 4 churches on Sunday 11th December. Donations support Emmanuel House, so be generous and join the festive fun!

Keyworth Churches Together Christingle Service is at the Methodist Church on Sunday December 10th at 4pm. A lovely service for all ages! **Keyworth joint Catholic/ Methodist Carol service** is on Sunday December 17th at 6.30pm in the Methodist church.