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1st Sunday of Advent

2nd December 2018



DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTION & OTHER INFORMATION
Saturday 1 st December	6.00pm 6.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Private Intention
Sunday 2 nd December 1 st Sunday of Advent	9.00am	(page 82, Pref pg.65, Eu.pg.23) People of the Parish
Monday 3 rd December St Francis Xavier Migrants' Day	8.00am 9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Private Intention
Wednesday 5 th December	6.30pm 7.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Sacrament of Reconciliation Private Intention
Friday 7 th December St Ambrose Bishop & Doctor of the Church	8.00am 8.40am 9.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Divine Mercy Chaplet People of the Parish
Saturday 8 th December Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6.00pm 6.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Private Intention
Sunday 9 th December 2 nd Sunday of Advent – Year C	9.00am	Private Intention

Please pray for Wilf Houghton, Jim Cantwell, Teresa Smith and all our sick and housebound parishioners. *(If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and would like our prayers please let us know.)*

Also, please remember Robert Slater, John Walmsley, Joseph Smith, Ellen Baines, Mary Bamber, John Parkinson, John Whiteside, Josephine Fowler, Francis Richardson, Richard Clarkson, Agnes Nickson, Leonard Singleton and all whose anniversaries occur about this time. *May they rest in peace.*

This Weekend there will be a retiring collection for the Diocesan Poor Mission Fund.

Monday – Come and join us after Mass for coffee in the meeting room.

Friday – First Friday – Communion to the Sick & housebound.



Next Weekend - We welcome back Fr Philip Newbold, who will be covering the weekend Masses and Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Interpretation of Church Fathers on the gospel passage of 1st Sunday of Advent
Lk.21:25 -28, 34 – 36**

CHRIST COMES IN A CLOUD TO COVER THE HEAVENLY MYSTERY. ST. AMBROSE:

You see him in the clouds. I certainly do not think that Christ will come in the darkness of mist and the chill of rain. The clouds are visible and surely cover the heaven in foggy cold. How has he set his tabernacle in the sun if his coming brings the rain? Some clouds suitably cover the radiance of the heavenly mystery. Some clouds grow moist with the dew of spiritual grace. Consider the cloud in the Old Testament. "He spoke to them," it says, "in a pillar of cloud." ... he comes in a calm cloud in the Song of Songs, shining with the joy of a bridegroom. He also comes in a swift light cloud, incarnate of the virgin, the prophet saw him as a cloud coming from the east, and he fittingly said, "A light cloud," that earthly vices would not weigh down. See the cloud upon which the Holy Spirit came and the power of the most high overshadowed. When Christ will appear in the clouds, the tribes of the earth will grieve over themselves.

Advent/Christmas – You will find a good selection of CTS books and other reading material to help you make the most of the season on the rack in the back porch.

Gift Ideas - We have some CAFOD World Gift catalogues for gifts that help the poor, books (Pope Francis's encyclical on care of our common home), Day by Day ring bound diaries, rosaries, etc and our parish pens are reduced to £2 up to Christmas.

Collection 25th November - £384.10

Lancaster Diocesan Youth Services - £117.19

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 13th December at 6.30pm School and Parish Nativity and Carol Service.

Friday 21st December – Fr Sony will be taking Holy Communion to the sick & housebound; with the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Sacrament of Reconciliation if you wish.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Monday 24th December – Christmas Eve – 6.30pm

Tuesday 25th December – Christmas Day – 9.00am

If you have anything you would like included in the parish notices please let Catherine know on tel: 640360 or email: cath242@hotmail.com **PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS**