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Second Sunday of Advent

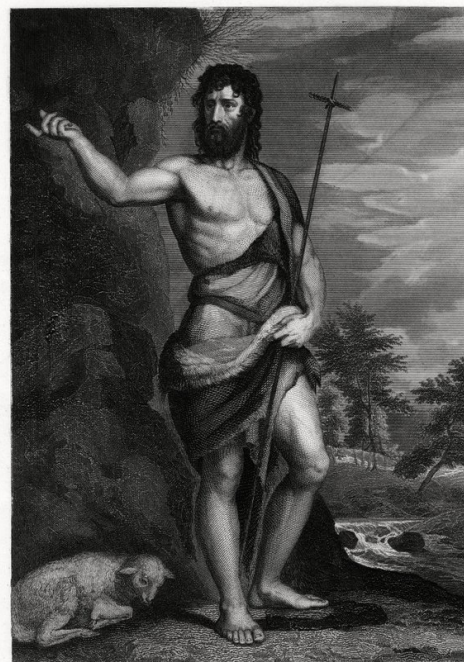
7th – 14th December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Saint John the Baptist is at the forefront of the gospels in Advent. His role of preparing the way for the Messiah is prophesied in the Old Testament—but where? Two of the most famous prophecies are found in Isaiah and Malachi.

“The voice of one crying in the desert: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the wilderness the paths of our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough ways plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh together shall see, that the mouth of the Lord hath spoken” (Isaiah 40. 3-5).

“Behold I will send you Elias the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers: lest I come, and strike the earth with anathema.” (Malachi 4. 5-6).



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JOHN THE BAPTIST.

“A VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS.”
S. Mark. 1. 3.

Novena prayer in preparation for the feast of the Immaculate Conception 29th November – 7th December

O Most Holy Virgin who wast pleasing to God and didst become His Mother. Immaculate in your body, in your soul, in your faith and in your love, we beseech thee to look graciously upon the wretched who implore thy powerful protection. The wicked serpent, against whom the primal curse was hurled, continues nonetheless to wage war and to lay snares for the unhappy children of Eve.

Ah, do thou, our blessed Mother, our Queen and Advocate, who from the first instant of thy conception didst crush the head of our enemy, receive the prayers that we unite single-heartedly to thine and conjure thee to offer at the throne of God, that we may never fall into the snares that are laid for us, in such wise that we may all come to the haven of salvation; and in the midst of so many dangers may holy Church and the fellowship of Christians everywhere sing once more the hymn of deliverance, victory and peace. Amen.



✠ **Enrolment in the brown scapular.** Please let one of the canons know if you would like to be enrolled in Our Lady's brown scapular following the Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Announcements

✠ **Choir Practices:** on **Monday at 7.15pm**. **Gregorian Chant Rehearsals:** Every 2 weeks. **Next practice, Monday 15th December.** **Polyphonic Choir Rehearsals:** Every 2 weeks. Please contact Clare Tucker: tuckerobertson@gmail.com or 0151 639 19 99 / 0771 471 02 75. Next practice 22nd December.

✠ **Last Sunday Collection:** Loose Plate: £502.30 Boxes: £115.00 Bank transfers: £350.00 Shop £167.40 Heating: £307.60 **Total: £1742.30.** Thank you very much for your continued generosity! If you wish to donate via bank transfer, please use the following: Sort Code: 40-45-14 - Account number: 01805061 - For the credit of ICKSP / SSPPP.

✠ **Piety Shop:** Mass cards, scapulars, medals, rosaries, statues, prayer cards, mantillas, Catholic Bibles and books. New items for Christmas including presents and cards for your family and friends. All profits go to Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Philomena. You can also donate to the Wirral Foodbank and join the Ss PPP 200 Club.

✠ **Donations for refreshments after the 10.30 Mass:** During December we will collect for the Foodbank. Last week £54 was collected for the flower room.

✠ **Apiculae – Rosaries & Chaplets:** For beautiful handmade rosaries and chaplets, silver, copper, bronze & brass, see Elaine Gibbons. Commissions taken! Contact elaineapiculae@gmail.com or 0151 924 11 78.

✠ **Refreshment after 10.30 Mass:** We are always looking for new volunteers to help set up, serve and clear up after 10.30 Mass refreshments. If you think you could be on a rota every 2/3 weeks, please contact one of the refreshment volunteers!

✠ **Christmas Toy Appeal:** Please support this year's Christmas Toy Appeal for local children in need. The Toy Donation Box is in the church shop.

✠ **Cookbook fundraiser for Saint Benedict's Preston:** The Sister Adorers and family and friends of Saint Benedict's Catholic Education Centre in Preston have made cookbooks to raise funds. Please take one from the back of the church. £10 donation requested. Canon Post is collecting the donations.

Forthcoming events

✠ **Christmas Lunch** (formal attire, jacket and tie, no jeans) – **Saturday 13th December** Wallasey Golf Club, Bayswater Road, Wallasey, CH45 8LA. 11.45am arrival for 12pm sit down meal. Deadline for tickets 1st December. **Donations of Alcoholic/Non alcoholic drinks and Christmas food/gifts for the Christmas hampers will be gratefully accepted.** Please give them to Anne in the shop. Thank you

✠ **Craft Group:** knitting, patchwork, dressmaking, lace making and embroidery. Beginners welcome. Contact: Dorothy McCarthy 07 76 775 26 71.

✠ **Catechism for catechumens and beginners:** For anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic Faith or considering reception into the church/baptism. Class held on Saturdays at 11am.

✠ **First Communion Classes for Children:** The next classes will be held on **3rd January and 10th January.** First communions will take place on **Sunday, 11th January,** the Feast of the Holy Family.

✠ **For life matters and helplines:** see <https://lifecharity.org.uk>; for prolife helpline <https://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk> and for abortion recovery see <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AT THE DOME

Wednesday, 24th December: 8.30am **Vigil Mass of Christmas;** 9.15am Solemn Office of Prime
Confessions 10.30-11.30am & 2pm-5pm;

6.30pm Solemn Vespers and Compline;

10.30pm Christmas Carols; **11.15pm Mass of Midnight.**

Thursday, 25th December: 8.30am **Low Mass** (2nd Mass of Christmas Dawn); 10.30am **Sung Mass**
(3rd Mass of Christmas Day); 6.30pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



Prayers for the Sick: Please keep in your prayers Lottie, Michael, Roisin, Dermot, Eamonn, Sandra, Anne, Patricia, Joan, Vera, Lesley, Chris, Andrew, Madeleine, Sarah, John, Kathleen, Olivia, Lynne, Angela, Helen, Stuart, Jacqueline, Lindsey, Edward, Tracy, Mary, Peter Joseph, Janet, Elizabeth, Michael and Donna.

Ordo	Mass	Mass intentions		Devotions	Confessions
		Canon Montjean	Canon Post		
Offer a Mass for your intentions using the Mass Offering envelope (narthex). Write name (living or deceased) or intention. Enclose donation. Place envelope in collection box or give to a Canon. The earliest available date for a Mass at the moment is: 9 th April.				Confessions can also be arranged privately by texting a Canon (see front page)	
Sunday 7 th December Second Sunday of Advent <i>Violet</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Noreen	Donald Wilson RIP Susan Moore	4.30pm <u>Novena Sermon on Our Lady</u> , followed by Vespers, Rosary & Benediction	9.40am–10.15am
Monday 8 th December Feast of the Immaculate Conception. <i>White</i>	6.30 pm <u>Sung Mass</u>	David Cappell	Angela Foran	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm–6pm
Tuesday 9 th December Advent Feria <i>Violet</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Joseph Nestor	Angela Foran	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm–6pm
Wednesday 10 th December Advent Feria <i>Violet</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Billie-Jo James	Eddie Jameson	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm–6pm
Thursday 11 th December Saint Damasus I <i>White</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Priests of St. Roch and parishioners	Felicity Datham	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm–6pm
Friday 12 th December Advent Feria <i>Violet</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Wynne White	Philip Rushton Sr.	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm–6pm
Saturday 13 th December Saint Lucia <i>Red</i>	10am Low Mass	Georgina Street	In honour of Our Lady	9am Adoration 6.30pm Vespers & Compline	9.00am–9.30am
Sunday 14 th December Gaudete Sunday <i>Rose</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Thomas Archer	Charles James Kirk RIP Frances Kelly	4.30pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction, followed by Compline	9.40am–10.15am

THE PENNY CATECHISM

152. When we say, 'thy Kingdom come', what do we pray for?

When we say, 'thy kingdom come', we pray that God may come and reign in the hearts of all by his grace in this world, and bring us all hereafter to his heavenly kingdom.

153. When we say, 'thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven', what do we pray for?

When we say, 'thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven', we pray that God may enable us, by his grace, to do his will in all things, as the Blessed do in heaven.

154. When we say, 'give us this day our daily bread', what do we pray for?

When we say, 'give us this day our daily bread' we pray that God may give us daily all that is necessary for soul and body.

155. When we say 'forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us', what do we pray for?

When we say, 'forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us', we pray that God may forgive us our sins, as we forgive others the injuries they do to us.

156. When we say, 'lead us not into temptation', what do we pray for?

When we say, 'lead us not into temptation' we pray that God may give us grace not to yield to temptation.

157. When we say, 'deliver us from evil', what do we pray for?

When we say, 'deliver us from evil', we pray that God may free us from all evil, both of soul and body.

PROPER of the MASS - First Sunday of Advent

INTROIT *Psalm 30. 30*

People of Sion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations: and the Lord shall make the glory of His voice to be heard, in the joy of your heart. Ps. Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. V. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son; that through His coming we may attain to serve Thee with purified minds. Who with Thee liveth and reigneth.

EPISTLE *Romans 15. 4-13*

Brethren, What things soever were written, were written for our learning: that, through patience and the comfort of the Scriptures, we might have hope. Now the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of one mind one towards another, according to Jesus Christ; that with one mind and with one mouth you may glorify God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive one another, as Christ also hath received you unto the honour of God. For I say that Christ Jesus was minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers but that the Gentiles are to glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: Therefore will I confess to Thee, O Lord, among the Gentiles and will sing to Thy name. And again He saith: Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with His people. And again: Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and magnify Him, all ye people. And again, Isaias saith: There shall be a root of Jesse; and He that shall rise up to rule the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing: that you may abound in hope, and in the power of the Holy Ghost.

GRADUAL *Psalm 49. 2-3, 5*

Out of Sion the loveliness of His beauty: God shall come manifestly. V. Gather ye together His saints to Him, who have set His covenant before sacrifices.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. V. I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go into the house of the Lord. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *Matthew 11. 2-10*

At that time, when John had heard in prison the works of Christ, sending two of his disciples, he said to Him: Art thou He that art to come, or look we for another? And Jesus making answer, said to them: Go and relate to John what you have heard and seen. The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead rise again, the poor have the gospel preached to them: and blessed is he that shall not be scandalised in Me.

Music for Sunday, 7th December

Mass setting: Kyriale XVII

Communion:

Recessional: Let all mortal flesh keep silence (300)

And when they went their way, Jesus began to say to the multi tudes concerning John: What went you out into the desert to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went you out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Behold they that are clothed in soft garments are in the houses of kings. But what went you out to see? A prophet? Yea I tell you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written: Behold I send My angel before Thy face, who shall prepare Thy way before thee.

OFFERTORY *Psalm 84. 7-8*

Thou wilt turn, O God, and bring us to life, and Thy people shall rejoice in Thee: show us, O Lord, Thy mercy, and grant us Thy salvation. R

RORATE CAELI



R. Ye heavens, drop down the dew from above, and let the clouds rain down the Just One.

PREFACE -OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

SECRET

Be appeased, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the prayers and offerings of our humility: and where we have no merits to plead for us, do Thou help us with Thine aid. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION *Bar. 5. 5; 4. 36*

Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and behold the joy that cometh to thee from thy God.

POSTCOMMUNION

Filled with the food of this spiritual nourishment, we suppliantly entreat Thee, O Lord, that through our participation in this Mystery Thou wouldst teach us to despise earthly things and to love heavenly ones. Through our Lord.