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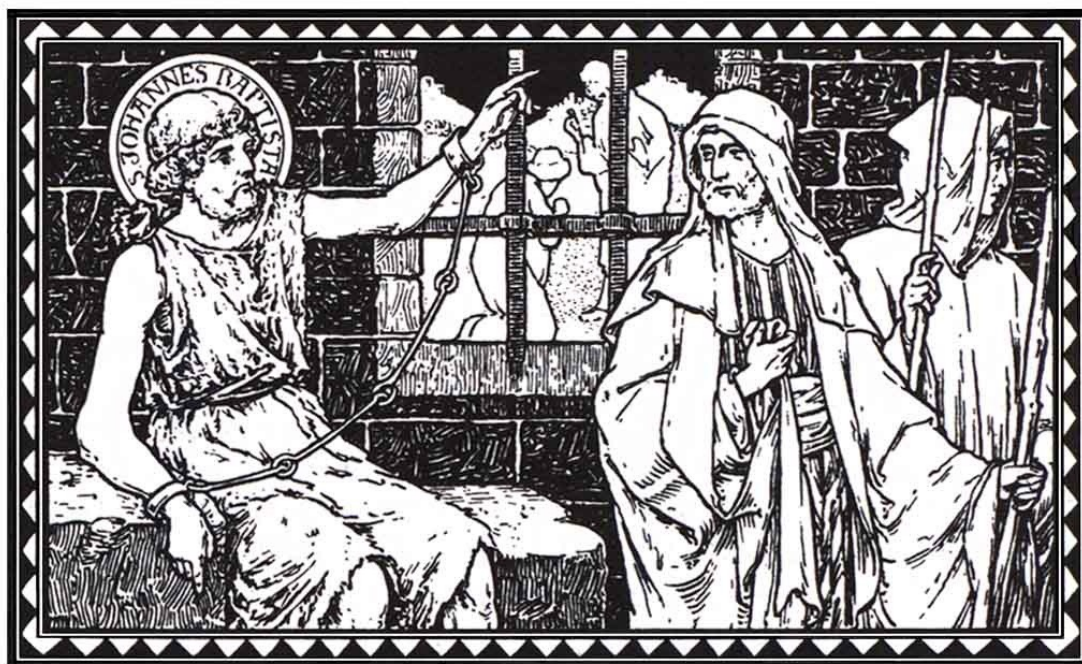
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Third Sunday of Advent

14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025



## Gaudete Sunday

Dear faithful,

*Gaudete* is the Latin verb rejoice – an invitation extended to all of us as Christmas rapidly approaches. Penitential violet is replaced with rose vestments, flowers return to the altar and the organ again accompanies the Mass. We have special reason to rejoice as we prepare for the baptism of three catechumens and the reception

of five candidates into the Catholic Church.

Remember to consult carefully the Christmas holiday schedule on page two of the newsletter. Note in particular the extra hours of confession that will be offered. May God bless you and your families during this sacred season!

✠ **Baptisms and receptions into the Church:** We have the great joy to announce the baptism and reception into the Church of eight of our candidates and catechumens! Thanks be to God. The rites will take place next Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, following the 10am Mass. *“That he may be made manifest in Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water”* (John 1.31).

✠ **Second collection for heating:** At the end of the Mass there will be a second collection for heating costs. Thank you for your generosity!

✠ **Weekday schedule:** This week, there will be no adoration or confession on Wednesday or Thursday evening. The daily Mass will be celebrated at the normal time of 6.30pm.

## Announcements

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

✠ **Last Sunday Collection:** Loose Plate: £771.60 Boxes: £143.70 Bank transfers: £ Shop £ Heating: £ **Total: £915.30.** 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.

✠ **Apiculæ – Rosaries & Chaplets:** For beautiful handmade rosaries and chaplets, silver, copper, bronze & brass, see Elaine Gibbons. Commissions taken! Contact [elaineapiculæ@gmail.com](mailto:elaineapiculæ@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.

✠ **Church Cleaning.** 11-12am every Saturday morning after Mass. Coffee and biscuits afterwards! Please contact Joyce at 07887 580547 if you would like to join us. *Thank you to all who generously give their time to the upkeep of the church.*

## Forthcoming events

✠ **Craft Group:** knitting, patchwork, dressmaking, lace making and embroidery. Beginners welcome. Contact: Dorothy McCarthy 07 76 775 26 71. Next meeting Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 11am – 1pm

✠ **Adult Catechism:** A new program of adult catechism will be provided in the New Year. Look to upcoming editions of the newsletter for further information.

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

## Information

✠ **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, 24<sup>th</sup> 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, 25<sup>th</sup> December:** 8.30am Low Mass (2<sup>nd</sup> Mass of Christmas Dawn)

10.30am Sung Mass (3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 28 <sup>th</sup> April.				Confessions can also be arranged privately by texting a Canon (see front page)	
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> 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
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December Feria of Advent <i>Violet</i>	6.30 pm <u>Sung Mass</u>	Sister Marie Clune RIP	Reparation for culture of death	5.00 Vespers 5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm–6pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December St. Eusebius <i>White</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Sister Marie Clune RIP	Carol Pilon RIP	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm–6pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December Ember Wednesday <i>Violet</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Sister Marie Clune RIP	Tony Wilson RIP	No Adoration	No Confessions
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December Advent Feria <i>Violet</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Sister Marie Clune RIP	Karl Palmer RIP	No Adoration	No Confessions
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December Ember Friday <i>Violet</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Sister Marie Clune RIP	Justin Carr	5.00 Vespers 5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm–6pm
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> December Ember Saturday <i>Violet</i>	10am Low Mass 11am Baptisms & Receptions	Sister Marie Clune RIP	N. Carr	9am Adoration 6.30pm Vespers & Compline	9.00am–9.30am
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent <i>Violet</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Sister Marie Clune RIP Mary Ann O'Connell	Moira Kearns RIP	4.30pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction, followed by Compline	9.40am–10.15am

## THE PENNY CATECHISM

**158. Should we ask the Angels and Saints to pray for us?**

We should ask the Angels and saints to pray for us, because they are our friends and brethren, and because their prayers have great power with God.

**159. How can we show that the Angels and Saints know what passes on earth?** We can show that the Angels and Saints know what passes on earth from the words of Christ: 'There shall be joy before the Angels of God upon one sinner doing penance.'

**160. What is the chief prayer to the Blessed Virgin which the Church uses?** The chief prayer to the Blessed Virgin which the Church uses is the Hail Mary.

**161. Say the Hail Mary.** Hail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**162. Who made the first part of the Hail Mary?** The Angel Gabriel and St Elizabeth, inspired by the Holy Ghost, made the first part of the Hail Mary.

**163. Who made the second part of the Hail Mary?** The Church of God, guided by the Holy Ghost, made the second part of the Hail Mary.

**164. Why should we frequently say the Hail Mary?** We should frequently say the Hail Mary to put us in mind of the Incarnation of the Son of God; and to honour the Blessed Lady, the Mother of God.

**165. Have we another reason for often saying the Hail Mary?** We have another reason for often saying the Hail Mary – to ask our Blessed Lady to pray for us sinners at all times but especially at the hour of our death.

**166. Why does the Catholic Church show great devotion to the Blessed Virgin?** The Catholic Church shows great devotion to the Blessed Virgin because she is the Immaculate Mother of God.



# PROPER of the MASS - Third Sunday of Advent

## INTROIT *Philippians 4. 4-6*

Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in every thing by prayer let your petitions be made known to God. Ps. Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. V. Glory be to the Father.

## COLLECT

Incline Thine ear to our prayers we beseech Thee, O Lord; and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation: Who livest.

## EPISTLE *Philippians 4. 4-7*

Brethren, Rejoice in the Lord always: again, I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men. The Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasseth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## GRADUAL *Psalms 79. 2-3, 2*

Thou, O Lord, That sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up Thy might and come. V. Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

## ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Stir up, O Lord, Thy might, and come to save us. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL *John 1. 19-28*

At that time the Jews sent from Jerusalem priests and Levites to John, to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed, and did not deny; and he confessed: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What then? Art thou Elias? And he said: I am not. Art thou the Prophet? And he answered: No. They said therefore unto him: Who art thou, that we may give an answer to them that sent us? What sayest thou of thyself? He said: I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the Prophet Isaias. And they that were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him: Why then dost thou baptize; if thou be not Christ, nor Elias, nor the Prophet? John answered them, saying: I baptize with water: but there hath stood one in the midst of you, whom you know not. The same is He that shall come after me, who is preferred before me: the latchet of whose shoe I am not worthy to loose. These things were done in Bethania, beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

## Music for Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> December

Mass setting: Kyriale XVII

Communion: Gaudeamus hodie

Recessional: On Jordan's bank (418)

## OFFERTORY *Psalms 84. 2-3*

Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob: Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people.

## RORATE CAELI



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

## SECRET

May the sacrifice of our devotion, we beseech Thee, O Lord, be always offered unto Thee: that it may both fulfil the end for which Thou didst institute this sacred mystery, and wonderfully work in us Thy salvation. Through our Lord.

## PREFACE -OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

## COMMUNION *Isaiah 35. 4*

Say to the fainthearted, take courage and fear not: behold our God will come and will save us.

## POSTCOMMUNION

We implore Thy mercy, O Lord, that these divine mysteries, by atoning for our sins, may prepare us for the coming festival. Through our Lord.

