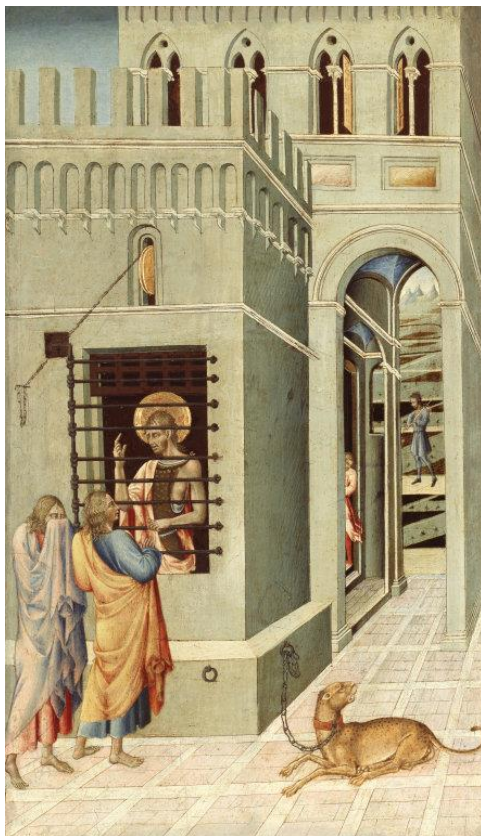


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### **The Third Sunday of Advent**

**11 December 2022**

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**Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially:**  
**Fr Bill Bergin, Ton & Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Leonard & Mary Cooper, Sonia Prince, Fr Michael O'Connor, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Madge Wolstenholme, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, John Carroll, Lol Hodges, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Martin Humphreys, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant.** *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

## The Christmas Masses at St Joseph's Church

**Christmas Eve 4.00 pm** [*Vigil Mass*]

**Christmas Eve 7.00 pm** [*Mass during the Night*]

**Christmas Day 8.45 am** [*Mass at Dawn*]

**Christmas Day 10.00 am** [*Mass during the Day*]

*N.B. As permitted, the Gospel reading used at all the Masses will be from the 'Mass during the Night,' i.e. the Nativity of the Lord.*

**Bambinelli Blessing:** this weekend we celebrate *Gaudete* ('Rejoice') Sunday, **10 & 11 December**, and, if you have brought it, your 'Baby Jesus' from your crib to be blessed at the end of Mass.

On the **Saturdays of Advent** (17 & 24 December) there is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions** from **10.00am to 11.00am**, with Benediction at 10.55am.

**Help with the Christmas decorations** after the 10.00am Mass next Sunday, 18 December, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**St Joseph's School Readings & Carols Service** will be on **Tuesday, 20 December**, at 2.00pm in church and their **End of Term Mass** in church will be on **Thursday, 22 December**, also at 2.00pm. All are welcome.

**Children's Liturgy** at the Sunday 10.00am Mass: This is for any child who has started **Reception Class or is in Year One, Two or Three**. We follow a new safeguarding measure, which keeps a weekly record of which children and liturgy leaders attend. Before Mass you simply need to add your child's name and date of birth to a list that the liturgy leader will have at the back of church. Children who are taking part are invited to follow the procession to the altar at the beginning of the Mass before they then proceed to the undercroft. We thank our Children's Liturgy leaders for their service.

We are in need of new or additional **Readers to proclaim the Word of God at the Saturday, 5.00pm Mass**. This is an important apostolate and liturgical service, please consider if you could take part in this way at this or any other of our Masses. Thank you.

## A Reverse Advent Calendar for St Wilfrid's 2022

Give rather than receive each day in Advent. All you need to do is: 1. Get a bag 2. Add an item into the bag from the list below each day 3. Deliver the bag to St Wilfrid's - after 4 January - or leave them at the back of the church (Any volunteers please to help deliver them?). Items are used throughout the year. You can drop off items at the Centre, (Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm) and you can telephone 255 5720 for more information.

The centre has a 7 to 3 ratio of male to female clients, and the items that are needed include: Toiletries: soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, deodorant, incl. toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, Clothing, incl. men's underwear (boxer shorts M/L/XL), women's pants - all sizes, hats, gloves, scarves, Food: boxes/tins of individually wrapped chocolates. Other items useful throughout the year include: tinned meat & fish: tuna, casserole, stewing steak, tinned vegetables: potatoes, peas & carrots, tomatoes, tinned rice pudding & custard, jars of pickles, Drinks: cordials, hot chocolate, Store cupboard items: brown sauce, salad cream (not glass), pot noodles & cup-a-soups.

### Gaudete Sunday

The third Sunday of Advent takes its name (*Gaudete*, i.e. Rejoice) from the first word of the *Introit* (Entrance antiphon) at Mass. The season of Advent evolved as a fast of forty days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of St. Martin (12 November), and it was often called "St. Martin's Lent" - a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century. In the ninth century, the duration of Advent was reduced to four weeks and by the twelfth century the fast had been replaced by simple abstinence. Pope St. Gregory the Great (d. 604 A.D.) was the first to draw up an Office for the Advent season, and the Gregorian Sacramentary is the earliest to provide Masses for the Sundays of Advent. So, for much of this period, Advent preserved the characteristics of a penitential season which made it a kind of counterpart to Lent, and the middle (or third) Sunday corresponded with *Laetare* or the mid-Lent fourth Sunday. As on *Laetare* Sunday, the organ and flowers, forbidden during the rest of the season, were permitted to be used and rose-coloured vestments were allowed instead of purple (or black, as formerly). *Gaudete* Sunday therefore, signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming and the Church no longer invites us to adore merely *The Lord who is to come*, but calls upon us to worship and hail with joy *The Lord who is now nigh and close at hand*.

## The Sacred Liturgy

<b>Sunday 11 December</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> <i>('Gaudete Sunday')</i>	<b>8.45am</b> Ian Selwood <b>10.00am</b> Emily Twynham
<b>Monday 12 December</b> <i>Advent weekday</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Freda Clarke
<b>Tuesday 13 December</b> <i>St Lucy</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Intentions of Marie O'Hara
<b>Wednesday 14 December</b> <i>St John of the Cross</i>	November Memorial Dead List
<b>Thursday 15 December</b> <i>Advent weekday</i>	<b>10.00m</b> The Ashworth Family
<b>Friday 16 December</b> <i>Advent weekday</i>	<b>9.15 – 10.00am</b> Exposition <b>10.15am</b> <b>Requiem</b> John Thompson <i>RIP</i>
<b>Saturday 17 December</b>  <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	<b>10 to 10.55am</b> Exposition & Confessions <b>10.55am</b> Benediction  <b>5.00pm</b> Roy Dyson
<b>Sunday 18 December</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>8.45am</b> For the People  <b>10.00am</b> Stan & Sheila Anderson

**This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:**

The sick & the dying

**This week St Charles' Sanctuary Lamp burns for:**

The people of Ukraine

**Please pray for Fr John Windle *RIP*, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.**

**Last week's collection was £658.55** (£425.50 in offertory envelopes, £233.05 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

There is a **retiring collection this weekend**, 10 & 11 December, towards the cost of the **Christmas tree, flowers** and decorations that will adorn our beautiful church for the celebration of the Christmas season.

The **Piety Stall** has **Christmas cards** and other festive items for sale.