ST WILFRID'S, GARSTON / ALLERTON / GRASSENDALE

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

10 DECEMBER 2023

Parish Priest : Fr David Potter; Deacon : Revd Paul Whitehead *Tel. 0151 427 4015*

MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday 9 December (Vigil Mass of Sunday)
5.15 pm Confessions
6.00 pm Mass (Winifred Edgerton)

Sunday 10 December (2nd Sunday of Advent B)
8.45 Confessions
9.30 Mass (Mary Rice)
11.15 Mass (Parishioners)
12.30 Baptisms

Monday 11 December
8.00 Mass (Michael Dunn)
10.00 First Confessions (Holy Trinity)
2.00 First Confessions (St Austin's)
6.00 First Confessions (Other Schools)

Tuesday 12 December (Our Lady of Guadalupe)
10.00 School Mass (Desmond O'Leary)

Wednesday 13 December (St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr)
10.00 School Mass (John Boner)

Thursday 14 December (St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church)
8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.10 Morning Prayer
9.30 Mass (Patrick Microsingam)

Friday 15 December
1.30 pm Holy Trinity School Advent Carol Service
7.30 pm Mass (James Charnley)

Saturday 16 December
9.10 Rosary
9.30 Mass (Steven White)
5.15 Confessions
6.00 Vigil Mass with Blessing of Crib Figures (Parishioners)

Next Sunday 17 December (3rd Sunday of Advent B)
8.45 Confessions
9.30 Mass with Blessing of Crib Figures (Cyril Preston)
11.15 Mass with Blessing of Crib Figures (Keith Potter)

COLLECTIONS Offertory 26 November £606.58; Offertory 3 December £674.78; Animate Youth £340.35

SICK LIST

Sean Armstrong, Joseph Ball, Linda Barry, Mary O'Neill, John Tallon, Nicholas Cavanagh, Eileen Fowler, Chris Doyle, Pat Toner, Keith Garcia, Tracy Hobson, Michael Peter Holmes, Christopher Brown, Philip Hendrick, Dorothy Lynch, Michael Holmes, Susie Bell, Barbara Brooks, Pam Foster, James Dutton, David Brookfield, Shannon McGrath, Fred Keegan, Eithne McCormack, Betty Needham, Kay Smith, Bob Cramsie, Ann & John Davies, Pauline Preston, Pat Threlfall, Stella O'Donnell, Julia Robertson, Pat Craig, Jenny McGann, Mary Davis, Jane Shanley

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to **Olivia Jones** and **Arlo Jones**, who will be baptized this morning.

ADVENT PROGRAMME

Here are some details of the services, devotions and events in our church for the remainder of Advent.

Monday 11 December FIRST CONFESSIONS (10.00 am, 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm)
12, 13 & 18 December SCHOOL MASSES (10.00 am)
Friday 15 December HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL ADVENT CAROL SERVICE (1.30 pm)
3rd Sunday of Advent 16/17 December BLESSING OF BABY JESUS CRIB FIGURES AT ALL MASSES
Tuesday 19 December ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE (7.30 pm)

ON SALE IN ADVENT

"Walk With Me" booklets for Advent and Christmas are available at the piety stall for **£1** each. There are two new features as well : a range of Church Art calendars, likewise costing **£1** each;. and devotional candles depicting various saints, for which the requested offering is **50p** each. Because of the size of these candles, they will be available at Our Lady's shrine and St Anthony's shrine. They are too large to fit in the spaces on the other votive candle stands.

CHRISTMAS CRIB

When we bless our crib at the Christmas Masses this year, we will be doing so on the 800th anniversary of the first crib blessing. It was St Francis of Assisi, the patron of our church, who made the first Christmas creche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223. However, as early as the fourth century, representations of the nativity of Our Lord were painted as wall decorations, depicting the Gospel accounts of Christ's birth and also the belief that He was born in the midst of animals in a manger.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Previously, the times of the three Christmas Masses were 12 midnight, 9.30 am and 11.15 am. Two of these times are changing this year, and the new timetable is :

FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS 7.00 pm Christmas Eve
CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS 12.00 midnight (with Carols at 11.30 pm)
CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS 10.00 am Christmas Day

Mrs HILDA CLOHERTY

The family of Mrs **HILDA CLOHERTY** have asked for prayers for the repose of her soul, as she died on 5 December after a short illness. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.