

ST WILFRID'S, GARSTON / ALLERTON / GRASSEDALE

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

8 DECEMBER 2024

Parish Priest : Fr David Potter; Deacon : Revd Paul Whitehead

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MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday 7 December (Vigil Mass of Sunday)

5.15 pm Confessions

6.00 pm Mass (Parishioners)

Sunday 8 December (2nd Sunday of Advent C)

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass (Mary Rice)

11.15 Mass (Birthday Intention TM)

4.00 Advent Rosary & Benediction

Monday 9 December (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Mauro Delfino)

Tuesday 10 December (Our Lady of Loreto)

10.00 School Mass (John Arthur McGrattan)

Wednesday 11 December

8.00 Mass (Alice Chacko)

10.00 First Confessions (Holy Trinity)

2.00 First Confessions (St Austin's)

6.00 First Confessions (Other Schools)

Thursday 12 December

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Special Intention)

Friday 13 December

2.00 pm Holy Trinity School Carol Service

7.30 pm Mass (Thomas Wilcott)

Saturday 14 December (St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church)

9.10 Rosary

9.30 Mass (For One Sick PF)

5.15 Confessions

6.00 Vigil Mass with Blessing of Crib Figures (Patrick Microsingam)

Next Sunday 15 December (3rd Sunday of Advent C)

8.45 Confessions 9.30 Mass with Blessing of Crib Figures (Parishioners)

11.15 Mass with Blessing of Crib Figures (Eamon Derby)

SICK LIST

Sean Armstrong, Joseph Ball, Linda Barry, Mary O'Neill, John Tallon, Nicholas Cavanagh, Eileen Fowler, Chris Doyle, Pat Toner, Keith Garcia, Michael Peter Holmes, Philip Hendrick, Dorothy Lynch, David Brookfield, Shannon McGrath, Fred Keegan, Kay Smith, Bob Cramsie, Ann & John Davies, Pauline Preston, Pat Threlfall, Stella O'Donnell, Julia Robertson, Pat Craig, Jane Shanley, Eileen Burrows, Pam Foster

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS 24 November £773.54; 1 December £731.00

ADVENT SERVICES & DEVOTIONS

The following will take place in the parish during Advent.

Tuesdays 10/17 December at 10.00 am : SCHOOL ADVENT MASSES

Sunday 8 December at 4.00 pm : ADVENT ROSARY & BENEDICTION

Wednesday 11 December at 10.00 am, 2.00 pm & 6.00 pm : FIRST CONFESSIONS

Friday 13 December at 2.00 pm : HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE (in church)

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 December : THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT WITH BLESSING OF CRIB FIGURES AT ALL THREE MASSES

Monday 16 December at 7.30 pm : ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

ADVENT IN OTHER PARISHES

Some of the devotions and activities taking place during Advent in our neighbouring parishes have been posted on the notice board. All are welcome at any of these occasions.

ADVENT WREATH

The origins of the Advent wreath are somewhat obscure. But it is thought that the first wreath originated in France or Germany, within the Lutheran Church. Gradually, Catholics too came to welcome the wreath into their churches and their homes. The sense of joyous anticipation which fills the Advent season has helped to popularize the Advent wreath, making it appreciated by people of many cultures and backgrounds. The original wreath, a circle of wire, represented the unending love of God. Evergreens adorning the wreath symbolized the hope of eternal life which God's people share. Four candles set in the wreath stood for the four weeks until Christmas Day, as well as the thousands of years which the world spent awaiting the coming of the Messiah. The lighting of an additional candle each week in Advent marked the growing anticipation of Christ's arrival as the Light of the World. Today, Advent wreaths take many forms, from simple wire circles adorned with evergreen branches to ceramic, metal or carved-wood bases, some with evergreens and some without. Although wreaths are designed to be hung, this is not practical in many churches or homes. So the Advent wreath is usually either placed on a stand or set on a table.

SVP EVENTS & APPEALS

The SVP Christmas Party will be on **Thursday 12 December at 11.30 am**. All are welcome, and anyone who needs a lift can contact Steff on **07933734292**. The Christmas Hamper and Baby Basics appeals have recommenced. Items may be left in the box / Moses basket in the church porch. Your help and generosity are greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Our Christmas Masses will be at the same times this year as they were last year :

First Mass of Christmas : 7.00 pm Christmas Eve

Christmas Midnight Mass : 12.00 midnight (preceded by Carols & Readings at 11.30 pm)

Christmas Morning Mass : 10.00 am Christmas Day

