

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
GAUDETE SUNDAY**

Reading Cycle C
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Psalter Week 3
Sunday 15TH DECEMBER 2024

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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

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SAT	14 TH DEC	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY	6.30pm	Well Being of the Cantlay Family
SUN	15 TH DEC		10.00am	William Mooney R.I.P John Burns R.I.P Ray Humphries R.I.P
MON		NO MASS		
TUES	17 TH DEC	FUNERAL SERVICE	1.30pm	SHARON HIPPOLYTE
		Weekday in the Third Week of Advent	6.30pm	John Barry R.I.P
WED	18 TH DEC	Weekday in the Third Week of Advent	10.00am	Well Being of Jeffrey and Family
THURS	19 TH DEC	Weekday in the Third Week of Advent	10.00am	Bernard Barrett R.I.P
FRI	20 TH DEC	Weekday in the Third Week of Advent	10.00am	Gillian Quinn R.I.P Christine Naughton R.I.P
SAT	21 ST DEC	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.30pm	Domenico Malacrino R.I.P
SUN	22 ND DEC		10.00am	Margaret Gould R.I.P Stanley Brown R.I.P Domenico Malacrino R.I.P

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, ANNIVERSARIES AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

We pray for those in our families or in our Parish Community who may be sick, housebound, worried or in need. We ask that the love of the Lord be with them during the coming week. To all our parishioners who are indisposed we ask that they may receive every grace and blessing.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sharon Hippolyte, Sascha Hippolyte, Malcolm Osbourne, Martin Jones and Jim Boyce May they rest in peace

We also pray for Joe O'Reilly, Michael John Burns, Cyril Union, Arthur Dacey, Reginald Hodge, Josephine McCarthy, Hugh Kildea, Margaret Rose Murray, Thomas McTigue, Jane Daly, Daniel Callan, Avril Barnes, Brenda Knight, Kevin John McCarthy, Roy Prew, Elizabeth and Edna Hurley, Dorothy Irene Johnson, John 'Bena' Donovan, Eileen and Fred Calford, Carol Micallef, Brynley Hudd, Lawrence Jones, Thomas Spear, Domenico Malacrino, Hubert Stanley Brown, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CANDLES You can buy a 7 day candle (£5.00) which will be left at the Sacred Heart or Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. **This week's candles will be lit for Jim Boyce, Well Being of Angela Swafeld, Monica Jermyn and a Special Intention**

ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVENT MASS AND CHRISTMAS PARTY. St David's College 19th December 12pm-2.30pm
RSVP Claire Kelly on 02920 431857 or ckelly@stdavidscollege.ac.uk Transport is available for those who need it.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: *We can still defeat assisted suicide!*

There is a clear path toward the assisted suicide Bill being defeated at Third Reading. Early analysis shows that at least 36 MPs supported the Bill but have concerns that mean they may vote NO at later stages. Just 28 MPs switching their stance to NO would ensure it is defeated at Third Reading. We need MPs to know that their constituents want them to vote NO at Third Reading. *Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASvote to find out how your MP voted and ask them to vote against the Bill at Third Reading.*

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S 'THE MASS' videos well worth watching. Links are on the Parish Website.

ON LINE DONATIONS TO THE PARISH: Thank you to all who donate to the Parish via the on-line link. There seems to have been a problem with the monthly donations. If you donate this way you may need to re-do the action.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Candidates please meet after Mass by the Our Lady Altar so you can have your attendance sheet signed. If you have any queries please e-mail Chris German Cge7618946@aol.com or through the Parish Website

MASS INTENTION DIARY FOR 2025 IS NOW OPEN Please use the Mass Intention envelopes at the back of the Church for the names and your donation and indicate if the person is deceased. Put your envelope in the Offertory Bag or the Brown Box at the back of the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES: Please remember that attendance at weekly Mass is a requirement. You will need to get your attendance sheet signed.

MISSIO RED BOXES: I will be collecting Red Boxes from now until mid December. This will be the final collection for 2024. Thank you for your support for Missio throughout the year and for remembering them in your prayers. Gerry McCarthy

PIETY STALL: Last minute purchases!! Boxes of Cards, candles, gifts, stocking fillers. Lovely Christmas rosaries. Take care on the step if you look in the wall cupboards.

APPLICATIONS TO SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS. The application process for admission to secondary schools in September 2025 has begun. As you are aware, there are very good Catholic schools, both primary and secondary, provided for the young people of our parishes. For Catholic Schools you may be asked to produce the Baptismal Certificate. Contact Chris German if you need help with this. Cge7618946@aol.com If you wish to send your child to a school which is outside the Catholic sector, it may be that some schools require a reference. Fr Valentine who is our Parish Priest will be the first referee. It is essential that you see him personally, not just a request over the phone, so that he knows who you are.

OLD SPECTACLES/ GLASSES: **THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** are collecting any old prescription spectacles/glasses (no cases) to be sent overseas to Third World Countries. There is a box at the back of the Church to put your old items in. Also the Knights are going to be meeting on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please see Patrick McCarthy for more information. This is an all male organisation and they are looking for new members. The next meeting will be in January.

MASS INTENTIONS At the back of the Church there are envelopes for you to put your donation and the details of when you would like a Mass and for whom. Please indicate if the person is deceased. Please put your envelope in the Offertory Bag or the Brown Box at the back of the Church.

NEW TO THE PARISH? If you have been coming to St Patricks for some weeks and would like to be listed as a new Parishioner please complete the proforma at the back of the Church and give it to one of the priests.

SAFEGUARDING: Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage. A First Aid Box is kept in the Sacristy.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let the Hospital know that you are a Catholic and would like a visit from the Chaplain. If you are a relative and would like the Catholic Hospital Chaplain to make a visit please leave the name of the person you want them to see and the Ward details if possible. When you ring the Chaplaincy 02921 843230 please leave your contact details so that they can contact you.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion please contact Frs Valentine

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: DEC 7th /8th £ 523.44

WEEKLY MESSAGE

This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday (pronounced gow-day-tay) and is the Latin word which means 'rejoice' Some people of a certain age may remember a song by the group Steeleye Span in the 1970's which made the charts with their song 'Gaudete'. It is a 16th Century Latin Carol. Google it ... it is worth a listen.

You will notice too that the priest is wearing rose vestments instead of deep purple ones, and the Third Candle on our Advent wreath is pink. This change of colour represents 'joy'.

Theologian Henri Nouwen described the difference between joy and happiness: while happiness depends on external conditions, joy is "the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing — sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death — can take that love away." Thus, joy can be present even amid sadness. In his Gaudete Sunday homily in 2014, Pope Francis said that on this "Sunday of joy" instead of fretting about all we still have to do to prepare for Christmas, we should think of all the good things life has given us. Being thankful and joyful is something many people find hard to do. The woes of everyday living seem to drown out everything else: worries and concerns, the never ending list of things to do, are often overwhelming and people saying to you 'cheer up' is not really helpful. Sometimes it is difficult to identify why we feel down or lacking in joy.

The joy Mary felt when the Angel gave her the news that she had been chosen to bear God's Son, must have filled her with a mixture of elation and terrifying fear. But Mary knew that what ever was ahead, God would be with her. The Shepherds too must have experienced terror when the Angels appeared to them, but this was replaced by a feeling of expectation, excitement and joy.

It is the same for us. God is with us, everywhere we go, in every breath we take. He us there with in our sadness and in our delights, and when we feel that life is not what we imagined it would be, He is waiting for us to grab His hand and help us experience the Joy of Heavenly Love.

