



**Third Sunday of Advent – A**

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## **Masses during the Week**

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday:	10am St. Mun's Primary School end of term Mass. All welcome.
Wednesday:	10am and 7pm (Healing Service).
Thursday:	10am
Friday:	10am
Saturday:	6.00pm Vigil
Sunday:	10.00am

**Confessions:** Saturday at 5.30pm

**Rosary:** After Mass on Thursday morning.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** After Mass on Wednesday morning.

### **Scripture Readings:**

*Isaiah 35:1-6, 10* Isaiah looks forward to the Day of Joy, when God's power will be seen on earth.

*James 5:7-10* James reminds us to be patient, for the Lord's coming in glory will be soon.

*Matthew 11:2-11* Today's Gospel tells us that what Isaiah prophesied came to pass in the life of Jesus.

**“There is a clear note of joy in today’s liturgy.** Joy is a blend of laughter and tears. It consists in having a love affair with life. It is having a heart aglow with warmth for all one’s companions on the road to life. It is looking for the happiness that comes in small packages, knowing that big packages are few and far between. It is making the most of the present, enjoying what is at hand right now. Joy is love bubbling over into life and it can co-exist with pain. Joy is the flag we fly when Christ, the Prince of Peace has taken up residence in our hearts”. (Fr. Flor McCarthy).

**House Masses** continue in the parish. If any parishioner would like Mass celebrated in their home, please see Fr Roddy. A house Mass is an ideal setting for a small group of people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to enjoy a time of sharing afterwards. It would be up to the person hosting the Mass to invite a small number of family/relations/neighbours/friends and to have a simple tea/coffee/biscuit afterwards.

There will be a “**Healing service**” in the parish on Wednesday of the week, 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Please come along if you can. Every person has his/her own wounds and scars. During the service, parishioners will be invited to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. The Sacrament of the Sick is a healing one which is really about what God wants to do in us and through us and for us in this wonderful encounter. It tells us that God is love, and love is always oriented toward healing and wholeness.

**Travelling Crib:** If you would like the travelling crib to come into your home, please sign your name on the sheet provided in the church porch. What do you do when the crib arrives in your home? Firstly, unpack it from the box and set up the crib scene somewhere in your home. Choose someone in your family to light a candle. Read the short story of the birth of Jesus, which you'll find in the box. Say the prayer, which you will find in the box. Return the box and contents for the next family to use.

**HCPT Lourdes Pilgrimage Summer 2026:** Message received from Lorraine Quigg, “The dates of our pilgrimage have now been confirmed as being Thursday 16th July to Thursday 23rd July. We are looking for both volunteers and people who need additional help to travel. We will hold a meeting in the hall in January 2026 when we will explain all about HCPT and what we do in Lourdes. If anyone would like any information in the interim, please email Lorraine Quigg at [group521@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group521@hcpt.org.uk), or take a look at this website: [www.makeeverydaymiracles.org.uk](http://www.makeeverydaymiracles.org.uk)

**SCIAF Real Gifts.** As well as continuing to provide aid for those most in need SCIAF has launched its ‘Real Gifts’ campaign. Have a look on their website for Christmas gifts that provide life changing benefits to others. <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/>

**Parish Walking Group:** Saturday morning at 11am, meeting in the church car-park. All welcome to come along and meet fellow parishioners and have tea/coffee/cake after the walk.

**Teas/Coffees:** Available in the Church Hall after Mass on Sunday. All welcome.

Reflection:

“The Master was certainly not a stickler for etiquette and good manners but there was always a natural courtesy and grace in his dealings with others. A young disciple was once very rude to a traffic policeman as he drove the Master home one night. In self-defence he said, “I’d rather be myself and let people know exactly how I feel. Politeness is nothing but a load of hot air”. “True enough”, said the Master pleasantly, “but that’s what we have in our automobile tyres and see how it eases the bumps”.

(Anthony de Mello, S.J.)