



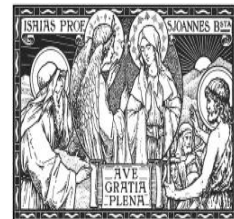
St Patrick's Catholic Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 30 NOVEMBER 2025

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First Sunday of Advent

9.30am - Holy Mass

11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - St Andrew

9.30am - Holy Mass

Tuesday - 1st Week of Advent

9.30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - St Francis Xavier

6-6.45pm- Exposition & Confession

6.45pm - Benediction

7pm - Holy Mass

Thursday - 1st Week of Advent

9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - First Friday: Sacred Heart

9.30am - Holy Mass

Saturday - First Saturday: Our Lady

9.30am - Holy Mass

Confessions after Mass

5-15-5.45pm - Confessions

6pm - Vigil Mass

Rosary 25 mins before Mass exc. Sun & Wed

Prayers: we remember the sick, the housebound, the lapsed and the dead named upon the high altar.

Many thanks: Father Deeley wishes to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness and generosity on the occasion of his recent special birthday, especially for the lovely party in the hall on Sunday after the 11.30am Mass.

Parish Events This Week

Sun 10.30am - Teas

Mon 10am - Teas

10.30am - Men's Group

2pm - Women's Guild

Wed 12 noon - Welcome Group

Thurs 6.30pm - Youth Group

Next Baptismal Course for parents and godparents is on Wednesday from 7-8pm in the hall. Email the chapel house to book.

St Patrick's Primary will join us for Mass on the first Friday, which will be a votive Mass of the Sacred Heart.

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed on Friday after 9.30am Mass and at 3pm in the Mortuary Chapel.

Clean the Brasses if anyone would like to assist on Friday at 1pm in the sacristy then you are more than welcome.

Solemnity of St Andrew's Day will be celebrated tomorrow, Monday since it falls on a Sunday this year.

Congratulations to Arie MacFarlane & Joseph Fitzsimmons who were baptised into the faith of the Church. We remember them and their families in our prayers.

Congratulations to Stephen McGarry and Emma Louise McKenzie who were married last Saturday at St Patrick's. Prayers for many happy years together!

First Holy Communion Presentation of the Gospel of St Matthew will take place on Sunday, 14 December during the 11.30am Mass.

Dates for the Diary in Brief: December

3 - 7pm First Candlelit *Rorate* Mass

7 - 12.30pm Christmas Panto in hall

10 - 7pm Second Candlelit *Rorate* Mass

11 - 6.30pm YG Christmas Party

14 - 12.30pm Senior Citizens' Lunch

17 - 7pm Final Candlelit *Rorate* Mass

21 - 12.30pm Santa in the hall

Fabric Committee will be on Tuesday 9 December at 7pm.

Christmas Cards we have boxed Christmas Cards that are now available in the Piety Stall, priced £5. If you are sending Christmas cards this year, consider sending only religious ones. Pop in and support the parish with your purchases. Please put monies in the white wall boxes around the church.

Cribs and Other Goodies looking for a good home and free of charge (a donation would be appreciated however!) can be found next to the Christmas Cards.

Christmas Tree Appeal we are collecting for the SCIAF appeal to provide help for Gaza. Instead of writing cards, write a greeting on one of the tags at the back of the church. These will be hung on the Christmas tree in the back foyer. Place a donation in the box.

Cinderella next Sunday after 11.30am Mass. Tickets only £5, tuck shop available. Sign the list at the back or email clarechalmers82@gmail.com. Pay on the door.

Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch (over 65s) on 14 December at 1pm with restricted numbers and a cost of £15 pp. Add your name to the list at the back. Make your payment at the time of selection. Monies can be handed in to the chapel house or the sacristy. The number of meals ordered will be for those who have made payment by tomorrow.

Five Volunteers required to help at the Christmas lunch on the 14 December and help clean up afterwards. A list at the back of the church if you are willing to help. Thank you.

Advent Begins Today We move into year 'A' for Sunday Readings & year 'II' for weekday Readings.

Square Slice Sunday in the hall today, Sunday, after the 9.30am Mass. Pop in and enjoy delicious bacon or square slice sausage on a roll with your choice of tea or coffee for only £2! Good food as well as good company.

The First of our Candlelit *Rorate* Masses will be this Wednesday. The *Rorate* Mass is a very ancient tradition when we reflect on how we are a people that waits in the darkness for the Light of the World to come at the end of time and at Christmas. The *Rorate* Masses will be celebrated in the main chapel.

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: £1509 and special collection for Catholic Education £326. Thank you.

Faith & Reason Series for those who have signed up, continues on Friday at 6.30pm in the hall. This session is entitled 'The Trinity.'

Christmas Raffle Tickets will be on sale this weekend. Only £1 a ticket it's well worth it! Return all stubs & monies for raffle tickets to a steward at the back of the church or to the parish house by next Sunday. The raffle will take place at the Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch. All donations welcome.

Fun & Festivities with Santa in the Hall on Sunday, 21 December. Fun begins at 12.30pm and Santa will be arriving on his sleigh at 2pm. £5 entry. If you would like to join us, then please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

Parish Fundraising help raise funds for the parish by shopping online. Just create an account at www.easyfundraising.org.uk 103 people have helped us raise over £1200 by doing this.

Young adults' Catholic Conference: 2-4 January 2026 at Stonyhurst College, Lancashire. It's for young Catholics from all over the UK aged from 16 to 25 years. The cost is £195 (£180 for students/unwaged) Transport and subsidies available. Speak to one of the priests if you're interested or find out more online at www.faith.org and click on 'Faith Winter Conference 2026'.

Diploma in Catechetics Explore the richness of the Catholic faith in 2026. It is run by the archdiocese and takes place at 7.30pm each Thursday on Zoom, starting on 22 January. Cost £220. Register at bit.ly/diploma2026.

Advent Rosary for Life on zoom every Monday for 30 minutes at 7.45pm to pray for unborn children, their mothers, and all pro-life intentions. Then short reflection from:
1 Dec Deacon David Harper.
8 Dec Isabel Vaughan-Spruce Life UK.
15 Dec Fr McMorrin St Margaret's.
22 Dec Archbishop Cushley.
Register at bit.ly/rosary25

The Mass times over Christmas are Christmas Eve

- * Confessions 5.00pm - 5.45pm
- * Vigil of Christmas: 6.00pm
- * Confessions 11.00pm to 11.50pm
- * Carols from 11.20pm to 11.50pm
- * Holy Mass at Midnight

Christmas Day 11.00am

St Stephen's Day 12 noon

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

[Always read through the scriptures prayerfully before Holy Mass].

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.

In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Sion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 122

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, as it is decreed
for Israel, to give thanks to the name of
the LORD. There were set the thrones
for judgement, the thrones of the house
of David. **R.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray,
'May they prosper, those who love you.'
May peace abide in your walls,
and security be in your towers. **R.**
For the sake of my family and friends,
let me say, 'Peace upon you.' For the
sake of the house of the LORD, our
God, I will seek good things for you. **R.**

Second Reading Romans 13:11-14

Brothers and sisters: You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Show us, O LORD, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. **Alleluia!**

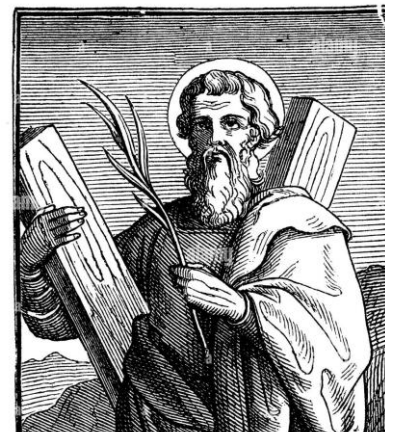
Gospel

Matt 24:37-44

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.



St Andrew, pray for us.