

St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
A Parish of the Finchale Partnership



Parish Diary Second Sunday of Advent Week beginning 7 Dec 2024

Date	Feast	Mass Intention
Sat 7 Dec	Second Sunday of Advent (vigil)	5:00pm Holy Mass Bill Dickinson RIP
Sun 8 Dec	Second Sunday of Advent	10:00am Syro-Malabar Mass (with Rosary at 9:30am)
Mon 9 Dec	The Immaculate Conception	No Mass
Tues 10 Dec		No Mass
Wed 11 Dec		7.00pm Holy Mass Priest Intention
Thurs 12 Dec		9.30am Holy Mass Priest Intention
Fri 13 Dec		9.30am Holy Mass Priest Intention
Sat 14 Dec	Third Sunday of Advent (vigil)	5:00pm Holy Mass Billy Gaff RIP

The 2nd Sunday of Advent Year C

The vigil mass, second Sunday of Advent calls us to prepare for the coming of the Lord. The readings guide us to reflect on God's promises and our own spiritual readiness.



Our Parish Prayers - please continue to pray for those sick, the lonely and the housebound in our parish, also keep in your prayers all who care for them. Pray for; **Sylvia Kelly; Ann Booth, Ann Canavan John Walton and Ethel Condron.** Thank you for keeping our Resident Priest, Fr Gordon in your thoughts and prayers. Fr Gordon will be celebrating mass tonight.

Anniversaries: Pray for Robert (Robin) Kirkpatrick and David Mould and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time and all those recently deceased, may they **Rest in Peace. Amen**



Second Sunday of Advent LOVE

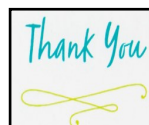
We repent and we are sorry for the damage we have caused to our earth and one another. **Come Lord, bearer of love.**

Guide us as we seek to straighten the paths of injustice and prepare a way for you. **Come Lord, bearer of love.**

Parish Collections: 30 Nov -Loose £215, Gift Aid (GA) Envelopes £27, GA Standing Order £223. **Total £465.**

Second collection is this Saturday 7 December. This collection supports the charities identified by the Diocese as *special collections*. In December we collect for Advent Alms (St Cuthberts Care).

Thank you, for your continued generosity, supporting the upkeep of our parish and Diocesan charities.



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Bulletin Requests : Please send parish news and bulletin items to Clare at the parish email address: langleymoor.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk

If you would like to receive the bulletin electronically, please contact Clare on the parish email . The most recent bulletin can also be found on the 'bulletin tab' on the parish website:

[St. Patrick's RC Church – Langley Moor \(stpatricksrcchurch.co.uk\)](http://stpatricksrcchurch.co.uk)

Mass Intention Requests - Please complete a mass intention envelope with details and your donation.

Safeguarding

Our parish safeguarding lead is **Pauline Burnside**. A copy of the guidelines can be found at the back of church and also online here:

[Safeguarding - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://diocesehn.org.uk)



Second Sunday of Advent - LOVE

"We aspire to a happiness that is definitively found in the one thing that can bring us fulfilment, which is love."

– Pope Francis.



Church Ministries Rota tonight and next week:

Welcomers

Tonight: Greg Mearman and Tricia Whitfield

14 Dec : Carol Proudlock and Marion Morris

Readers

Tonight: Pat Middleton and Halina Holman

14 Dec: Andrew Everett and Mirabel Chidimal

Eucharistic Ministers

Tonight: Malcolm Wass and Jane Smith

14 Dec : Teresa Wass and Irene Carey

Children's Liturgy

Tonight: Joanne and Margarita.

[Children's liturgy, takes place during Saturday mass, throughout school term].



Readings Next Week: Third Sunday of Advent, Vigil mass, **14 Dec. First reading Zephaniah 3:14-18a. Second reading Philippians 4:4-7. Gospel Luke 3:10-18**

Parish News

Fr Gordon is back following a few weeks leave. He will be celebrating mass tonight and mid week service. Thank you for all your prayers and good wishes.

Christmas Baubles for Sale - £1.00. Purchase in memory of a loved one, to place on the Christmas tree. Proceeds to fund church flowers. Thank you .



Advent Taizé Prayer Service

This will be held in church **Thursday 19th Dec @ 7pm.**

Advent Course in the presbytery, every Friday. Final session, **Friday 13th Dec.**

Catholic Christmas Cards - for sale from the piety stall. Proceeds supports church funds. December Northern Cross on sale in the porch.



Church Cleaning (first Saturday of the month)

was carried out today. **Thank you** to all our volunteers who clean and care for the church.

Parish Volunteers Please consider helping if you can, across a variety of roles in the church.

Dates for your diary

14 December - Grand Christmas Raffle Draw and Christmas Parish Social

Tickets £1 per strip. The draw will take place, **after Vigil Mass on 14th Dec**, when we will be serving mulled wine and mince pies (also soft drinks and snacks) in church after 5:00pm Mass. Some of the school children will be entertaining us with Christmas music.

We hope that you will join us for this parish Christmas social event.

Prize donations gratefully accepted.



Christmas Services at St Patrick's

Looking forward to Christmas, the parish planned services are:

Christmas Eve, Tues 24th Dec, Carol Service with readings @ **4.30pm .**

Christmas **vigil mass @ 5.00am**

Christmas Day, Weds 25th Dec, Christmas Day mass @ **10am**



Partnership News and Diocese

A Diocesan Vision - Bishop Stephen asks us to discuss locally about a Diocesan vision. To do this there will be a meeting tomorrow, **8th Dec at St. Cuthbert's Old Elvet, at 2.30pm.** All parishioners across the partnership and diocese are welcome to join and discuss.

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Stephen Wright - the Bishop's pastoral letter read out in church on the First Sunday of Advent, offers an insight into what Hope means and the celebration of a Holy Year. To read see, Diocese website. [Read Bishop Stephen's pastoral letter here.](#)

Reflections for the Season of Advent - the Diocese has produced; *Reflections for the Season of Advent*, inspired by the forthcoming **Year of Jubilee**. The readings will help deepen our spiritual journey and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Thanks to the many writers from across our diocese who contributed to this. See **Diocese website:** [Home - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle](#)

Local News

Friends of Langley Moor Christmas Tree Lights Switch On with Carols, is on **Sunday 8th December at 4pm.**

Ushaw's Advent Reflection - **Wednesday 11th Dec** at 10.45am. Tickets on Ushaw website.

This Sundays Reading - Second Sunday of Advent (C)

First reading

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness from God; put on your head the crown of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For your name will for ever be called by God: 'Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness'.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height and look towards the east and see your children gathered from west and east, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went forth from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Responsorial Psalm : *What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.*

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all, making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;
all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

St Patrick's School and Children's Section



The School Giving Tree

Do you know of **anyone who you wish to nominate for a gift for the school giving tree?** If you do, please contact Mr Keys at school .

Hope project

During Advent, our school community are hoping to spread light. The children have made bracelets and prayer cards for our Hope project. Keep an eye out - these will be placed in church over the coming weeks

St Patrick's School Christmas Preparation

Tuesday **10th Dec**- Infants Nativity play @9.30am

Wednesday **11th Dec** - Juniors Nativity play @5pm

Wednesday **18th Dec** - Christmas Fayre @ 2pm

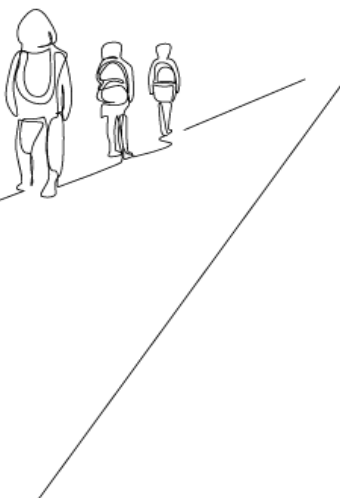
Parishioners very welcome.



“Someone is shouting in the desert: ‘Get the road ready for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel.’” *Luke 21:27*

Get the road ready

In the gospel John the Baptist is calling people to make changes to make a straight path for the coming of Jesus. How can we get ready to welcome Jesus in Advent? Write or draw your ideas on the path.



Advent investigations

See if you can find out...

What colour the altar cloth and priest's vestments are in Advent?

How many candles are lit on the Advent wreath today?

Where was John the Baptist when the word of God came to him?

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development **CAFOD**

St Patrick's Children's Liturgy

Advent Preparations

Preparing for Christmas is an exciting time for all children.

To welcome Jesus, at Christmas the children of the parish, who attend the Children's Liturgy are making decorations to hang on the church Christmas tree, which stands on the altar.



EXTRA NEWS

Calling all Artists - a parishioner in the Diocese is setting up a network of creative writers, artists, photographers and crafters who would be willing to be involved in creating artworks on a voluntary basis which express spiritual and educational themes around justice and peace. The project has the support of the Justice and Peace Council and Caritas.

Interested? Please contact Michael Quille at michaelquille60@gmail.com