

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C



*When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming.*  
(Catechism of the Catholic Church 524)

### **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2024**

#### **TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**5pm: First Vigil Mass of Christmas**

**8pm Vigil Mass of Christmas**

**(Followed by refreshments in parish hall)**

#### **WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**10am: Mass of Christmas Day**

#### **THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**10am Mass Feast of St Stephen (Deacon & Martyr)**

#### **FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**10am Mass Feast of St John (Apostle & Martyr)**

#### **SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**11am Holy Hour / 12pm Holy Mass Feast of The Holy Innocents**

**6pm: Vigil Mass of Feast of the Holy Family**

#### **SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**10am Holy Mass - Feast of the Holy Family**

**6pm Holy Mass - Feast of the Holy Family**

#### **MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER (Sixth Day Octave of Christmas)**

**10am Holy Mass**

#### **TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER (Seventh Day Octave of Christmas)**

**10am Holy Mass**

#### **WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2025: Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

**12pm: Holy Mass**

## **ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING**



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**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December:** **BVM on Saturday / St Ambrose – Bishop & Doctor**  
**11am Holy Hour / 12noon SVP Mass for the sick (Clergy Intentions)**  
**6pm VIGIL: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C (Sarah & Tony Mills RIP)**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C**

### **BIBLE SUNDAY**

**10.00am Holy Mass (All Parishioners) 6pm: Holy Mass (Jim Acock RIP)**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December: THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Solemnity)**

**8am Rosary / 8.30am: Holy Mass (Canon Phil Moore, VG)**

**10am Funeral Service for Anne Owen RIP**

**12pm Angelus**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December: Our Lady of Loreto**

**9am Rosary / 9.30am: Holy Mass (Desmond Hannigan)**

**12pm Angelus**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December: St Damasus I, Pope**

**10am : Requiem Mass for Emily Farley RIP**

**12pm Angelus**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**9am Holy Rosary / 9.30am: Holy Mass (Sarah Mills RIP)**

**12pm Angelus**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December: St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**

**9am Holy Rosary / 9.30am: Holy Mass (Paul Taylor)**

**12pm Angelus**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December: BVM on Saturday / St John of the Cross (P& D)**

**11am Holy Hour / 12noon Holy Mass (Clergy Intentions & Lo Palo Family)**

**6pm VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C (Mr & Mrs Kieran RIP)**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C**

**10.00am Holy Mass (All Parishioners) 6pm: Holy Mass (Edith Crawley)**

**CONFESSION** is available half an hour before each Vigil & Sunday Mass, during Saturday Morning Holy Hour and upon request.

**WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS** may be discussed with the clergy following the Vigil and Sunday Morning Masses or by appointment.

Most days the church will be open at approx. 8.30am and will remain open until after the Angelus is prayed at 12pm and later whenever possible.

### MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MARK TO HIS CLERGY

Dear Fathers and Deacons, Friday 29th November was a dark day for our country with the agreement in principle, by a majority of our elected representatives, to medically assisted suicide. Please thank and encourage your parishioners for their outstanding witness. While no Christian can co-operate with the execution of this fearful legislation, the Christian witness to genuine compassion and to the value of human life will be more needed than ever.

*Let us be united in our witness and in our prayer for our country.*

*+ Mark Bishop of Shrewsbury*

**We also express our thanks and appreciation to all the members of Parliament, especially our local MPs who voted against the passing of the proposed legislation.**

### YOUTH CLUB: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 6.45 to 8pm

This will be our 'Christmas Gathering' and final youth club of 2024.

### ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: 11am Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December / Holy Mass at 12pm

This is an extra opportunity to attend confession, receive God's grace and prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Blessed Lord.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**, Christ the King Choir will be holding a Carol Service in Church at 7.15pm followed by Mince Pies, Stollen and Mulled Wine in the Parish Hall

**CHOIR REHEARSALS:** The Children's Choir rehearse at 3.15 – 4pm on Fridays during term-time and the Adult Choir rehearses at 12.30pm on Mondays.

**All are welcome**

**PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY:** Thank you to all those who ran and supported the recent cake sales and tombola in the Parish Hall, £240 was raised for the Christmas objectives of our parish outreach ministry.

We thank you for your continued support & donations which are very important and gratefully received. *If you require some assistance or know someone who does, please contact the Parish Office.– we can provide food vouchers or support you in purchasing school uniform etc.*

**FOODBANK NEWS:** *Thank you for your great generosity and continued support. This week £150 cash, and the usual generous offerings of food & toiletries*



### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & BEREAVED:

Please pray for those suffering any illness at this time, especially Joseph Torode, Pauline Williams, Denis Sullivan, Kevin Hannigan & Julia Hastewell.

We also pray for those struggling with the heavy cross of bereavement.

### ADVENT FILM NIGHT: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 7pm in the Parish Hall (amended date)

We continue our seasonal film nights with 'The Nativity Story.'

Refreshments will be available, and all are very welcome.

**SVP MASS FOR THE SICK:** Thank you to all those who attended and were able to support with transport, refreshments etc.

### RECENTLY DECEASED: Emily Farley, Anne Owen RIP

**Anne Owen:** Funeral Service at Christ the King 10am Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

**Emily Farley:** Requiem Mass at Christ the King 10am Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

### CHRISTMAS DINNER 2024

As part of our Parish Outreach Ministry, the parish clergy extend the usual invitation to anyone who would wish to join us for dinner on Christmas Day. If you wish to join us or know of anyone who would benefit from some company and a good meal on this Holy day, please contact the parish office or speak with one of the clergy team.

**LADIES GROUP** Christmas celebration evening on Thursday 12th December. This includes a buffet, raffle and a Christmas carol sing a long, the cost is £10 per person. If you would like to come along, please put £10 cash in an envelope, clearly marked with YOUR name and post through 10 Marten Ave. Tea and coffee will be provided but if you wish to bring your own alcoholic drinks, please feel free to do so.

### **GROWING IN YOUR FAITH & RCIA**

#### **Parish Programme**

All are welcome to a series of talks through which we desire to grow in knowledge and love of God and so be renewed in His image and likeness  
(The sessions are scheduled for Wednesday evenings from  
6:30 – 7:30 in the parish room)

**Next Session: Wednesday 11th December**

**CTK GIFT AID SCHEME:** Are you or your spouse a UK taxpayer and donate towards the upkeep of our church? If so, why not sign up to join our Gift Aid scheme whereby we can claim an extra 25% on top of your donation at no expense to yourself. Gift Aid Declaration forms are available at the back of church or from the parish office. Please complete them and return to the Parish Office. If you have any queries, please contact Brenda Frodsham on 334 1802. Thank you!

### **LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS AT MASS: £ 908.66**

Thank you for your continued generosity and support towards the maintenance and mission of our parish and the Church.

***In this Holy Season of Advent, we continue to keep all our parish family in our prayers.***

***Fr Louis, Fr Humphrey & Deacon Tony***