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# ADVENT - CHRISTMAS - NEW YEAR @OLSD

## COME CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH US Theme



**“Open our Eyes Lord  
to turn from  
Darkness into Light”  
Acts 26:18**

Schedule of Masses, Services and Events

# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2024 – NEW YEAR 2025

Masses for Advent:

All Weekday Masses - Tuesday to Friday 9.30am

Sundays of Advent - Vigil Mass 5.30pm, 9.00am and 10.30am

**At each Mass there will be appropriate silence  
after the Readings from Scripture and the Gospel**

## ADVENT HOUSE GROUPS

This Advent, starting on **1st December**, we are inviting you to take a step closer to the heart of Christmas. Join us for four weeks of fellowship, reflection and celebration in a warm and welcoming house group setting.

If you are interested and would like to take part, please click on the button below and fill in the online sign-up form to let us know who you are and when you would like to meet.

[Advent House Groups 2024 - Sign Up Form · ChurchSuite Forms](#)

### Thursdays: ADVENT ADORATION 7PM - 8PM

You are invited, amid the busy-ness of getting sorted for Christmas, to 'retreat' into a sacred and prayerful place for four separate 'holy hours' during Advent. The first of our four holy hours will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm. All are welcome. Bring your friends.

## ADVENT LECTIO DIVINA @ OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm-8pm

### WHAT IS LECTIO DIVINA?

It is a traditional practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word.

## CHRISTMAS NOVENA

**Weekday Mass – 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Dec – O Antiphons and Novena**

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be available throughout the Season of Advent

Saturday Evenings 4.15pm - 5.15pm

Before, and after each Mass at the weekend

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## PARISH ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm**

## **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November | First Sunday of Advent**

Confessions 4.15pm-5.15pm

Mass 5.30pm (Vigil) - '**Darkness into Light**' in collaboration with Cove CofE parish choir

Mass 9am, 10.30am (Family) **Toddlers - Children's Liturgy; RCIA – Rite of Welcome**

**Parish AGM 1.00pm – Church Hall**

## **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

School Reconciliation Service for years 4,5, & 6 – St Bernadette's School

## **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Choir Practice** – 7.00pm in the Church

## **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**Decorating the Church and Hall for Christmas** – 10.30am in the Church

## **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December | Third Sunday of Advent**

Mass 9am, 10.30am (Family) **Toddlers - Children's Liturgy – Christingles**

**Christmas Carol Concert** - 5.00pm – 6.15pm in the church.

Festive music and carol arrangements sung by **Vocal Point** (16 Voice Choir) and OLSD choir plus congregational carols. **Proceeds in aid of the Salesians in Bethlehem Christmas Gift.**

## **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Carol Service** – St Bernadette's School 6.30pm

## **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**Altar Server's Training** - 4.00pm – 5.00pm in the church.

**Christmas Party for Adolescents** – 5.00pm – 7.00pm in the Hall

**Parish Community Advent Reconciliation Service 7pm**

## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December | Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Mass 9am, 10.30am (Family)

**Children's Christmas party** 12.30pm – 2pm (for ages 2 to year 6 primary school). All First Holy Communion children are invited

## **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December | CHRISTMAS EVE**

Mass 9.30am

**Children's Vigil Family Mass of Christmas** 4pm

Carols from 11.45pm

**Mass of the Nativity of the Lord 12 midnight**

## **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December | CHRISTMAS DAY**

Mass 9am, Mass 10.30am (Family)

## **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December | ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR**

Mass 10.30am

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December | ST JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST**

Mass 9.30am

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December | THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS**

Confessions 4.15pm - 5.15pm

Mass 5.30pm (Vigil)

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December | THE HOLY FAMILY**

Mass 9am, 10.30am (Family)

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December | New Year Vigil Mass 12 midnight**

(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11pm with the *Te Deum* to midnight)

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**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 | MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Confessions 9.00am – 10.00am

**Mass 10.30am (Solemn)**

The Veni Creator Spiritus will be prayed on New Year's Day

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January | WEEKDAYS OF CHRISTMAS**

Mass 9.30am

Adoration 7pm - 8pm

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

Mass 9.30am

Adoration 10am - 10.30am

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

Confessions 4.15pm - 5.15pm

Vigil Mass 5.30pm

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Mass 9am, 10.30am (Family) Children's Liturgy – We Three Kings

**Christmas dinner for senior members of our local community – 1.00pm onwards**



## ADVENT CHURCH ROOF APPEAL

Total Raised **£37301.85** Total Required **£75713.00**

Away in a manger, no roof for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky, looked down where he lay,  
We best fix this roof before rain comes our way.



The Parish Clergy,  
Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and the Salesians of Don Bosco  
wish you a Blessed Christmas  
and a Happy New Year 2025

