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ADVENT - CHRISTMAS - NEW YEAR @OLSD

COME CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH US



**“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 link 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 28th November at 7.00pm. All are welcome. Bring your friends.

ADVENT LECTIO DIVINA @ OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Friday 29th Nov, 6th, 13th & 20th 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 – 17th- 24th 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 20th December at 7.00pm

Sunday 1st December | First Sunday of Advent

Saturday 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 5th December

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

Friday 6th December

Christmas Choir Practice – 7.00pm in the Church

Sunday 8th December | Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday Mass 5.30pm (Vigil) **First Holy Communion Children Celebration Mass**

Mass 9am, 10.30am (Family) **Children's Liturgy**

Monday 9th December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity) – Mass 9.30am

Friday 13th December

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

Sunday 15th December | Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday Mass 5.30pm (Vigil)

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 18th December

Carol Service – St Bernadette's School 6.30pm

Friday 20th 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 22nd December | Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday Mass 5.30pm (Vigil)

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 24th December | CHRISTMAS EVE

Children's Vigil Family Mass of Christmas 4pm

Carols from 11.45pm

Mass of the Nativity of the Lord 12 midnight

Wednesday 25th December | CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass 9am, Mass 10.30am (Family)

Thursday 26th December | ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR - Feast
Mass 10.30am

Friday 27th December | ST JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST – Feast
Mass 9.30am

Saturday 28th December | THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS - Feast

Sunday 29th December | THE HOLY FAMILY
Mass 5.30pm (Vigil)
Mass 9am, 10.30am (Family)

Tuesday 31st December | **New Year Vigil Mass 12 midnight**
(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11pm with the *Te Deum* to midnight)

Wednesday 1st 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 2nd January | WEEKDAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Mass 9.30am

Adoration 7pm - 8pm

Friday 3rd January

Mass 9.30am

Adoration 10am - 10.30am

Sunday 5th January | **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Mass 5.30pm (Vigil)

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 **£37,301.85** Total Paid **£75,713.00**



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've fixed 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



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