

# ALL SAINTS NEWS

16th December 2018  
Advent 3

From Fr Charles

## Gaudete Sunday (Advent Three)

Several people have asked why the third candle on the Advent Wreath is pink (or rose). As you know the liturgical colour for Advent (and Lent) is purple symbolising a time of reflection, repentance and fasting. This is because during Advent we reflect on the Second Coming and the end of all things.

You'll have noticed that the readings have been full of the visions and descriptions of the events that will mark the end of all things and initiate the coming of the Kingdom. This is far different to the current commercialised version of Advent that's all about Christmas things.

This Sunday, the name, Gaudete, comes from the first words of the introit (*Gaudete in Domino semper* : 'Rejoice in the Lord always' – think Steeleye Span). The third Sunday has been declared a halfway break from penitential exercises and becomes a 'Sunday of Joy'. This is reflected in the rose coloured vestments and in the pink (rose) candle in the wreath. This tradition became established in about the fourth or fifth century, though the Advent season was reduced in length in the ninth century.

Gaudete Sunday (Rose Sunday) also marks a change in the theme of Advent. We turn more from reflecting on the Second Coming to consider the Nativity of Christ in terms of Word made Flesh, God becoming fully human, the promise of our redemption and our need to see the living God in the face of humanity.

*Interum dico, Gaudete!* – 'Again I say, rejoice!'

## Christmas Card Distribution

There are still a few Christmas cards bundled up and ready to go! Many thanks for walking around the parish doing the house-to-house delivery.

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# EVENTS



## THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER: ADVENTURE INTO CHRISTMAS



10.00 am to 12.30 Drop in at any time

The Christmas Story, toys and games for parents and young children.



SUNDAY: 23<sup>rd</sup> December

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

4.00 pm

(followed by wine and mince pies)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
5pm

Christmas Story and Crib service

(Mince pies and mulled wine served from 4.30pm)



Saturday  
5<sup>th</sup>  
January

A procession of Llamas and Royalty to  
celebrate EPIPHANY

3.00 pm LLAMAS EPIPHANY PARTY  
The procession is followed by a short service  
and party refreshments

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan Epiphany, after Parish Mass

A bring and share lunch



*Just bring along some  
food,  
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and share the feast!*

Look out for the list in the porch



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23<sup>rd</sup> December

8.00 am SAID MASS

9.30 am FAMILY WORSHIP

11.00 am PARISH MASS

4.00 pm CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE (followed by wine and mince pies)

### CHRISTMAS EVE

24<sup>th</sup> December

5.00 pm The CHRISTMAS STORY and CRIB SERVICE

11.30 pm CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

### CHRISTMAS DAY

25<sup>th</sup> December

9.00 am SAID MASS

10.30 am FAMILY CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST with CAROLS

### SUNDAY: CHRISTMAS 1 HOLY FAMILY

30th December

8.00 am SAID MASS

10.30 am JOINT EUCHARIST

### TUESDAY: NEW YEAR'S DAY

1<sup>st</sup> January 2019

12.00 Noon MASS

### SATURDAY: EPIPHANY

5<sup>th</sup> January 2019

10.30 am MASS

3.00 pm LLAMAS EPIPHANY PARTY with procession of Royalty and Llamas

### SUNDAY: FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

6<sup>th</sup> January 2019

8.00 am SAID MASS

9.30 am FAMILY EUCHARIST

11.00 am PARISH MASS

There will be a Traidcraft stall at All Saints most Sundays between now and Christmas, selling Fairtrade food, gifts and Christmas goods





# ALL SAINTS NEWS PRAYER

17	<b>Mass 9.30am</b> Eglantyne Jebb, Social Reformer, Founder of 'Save The Children', 1928 <i>O Adonai (O Lord) and leader of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.</i>								
18	<b>Mass 7.00pm</b> <i>O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse) O Root of Jesse, that stands for an ensign of the people, before whom the kings keep silence and unto whom the Gentiles shall make supplication: come, to deliver us, and tarry not.</i>								
19	<b>Mass 9.30am</b> <i>O Clavis David (O Key of David) O Key of David, and sceptre of the house of Israel, who opens and no man shuts, who shuts and no man opens: come, and lead forth the captive who sits in the shadows from his prison.</i>  St John's School Carol Service								
20	<b>Mass 7.00pm</b> <i>O Oriens (O Dayspring) O dawn of the east, brightness of light eternal, and sun of justice: come, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.</i>  <b>Adventure into Christmas – Family drop in 10.00am to 12.30 pm</b> <b>The Christmas Story, toys and games for parents and young children.</b>								
21	<b>Mass 10.30am</b> <i>O Rex Gentium (O King of the nations) O King of the gentiles and their desired One, the cornerstone that makes both one: come, and deliver man, whom you formed out of the dust of the earth.</i>								
22	<b>Mass 10.30am</b> <i>O Emmanuel (O With Us is God) O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Saviour of all people: Come and set us free, Lord our God.</i>								
23	<b>Sunday Advent 4</b>  O LORD, raise up (we pray thee) thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us  <table><tr><td><b>Mass</b></td><td><b>8.00am</b></td></tr><tr><td><b>Family Worship</b></td><td><b>9.30am</b></td></tr><tr><td><b>Parish Mass</b></td><td><b>11.00am</b></td></tr><tr><td><b>Christmas Carol Service</b></td><td><b>4.00pm</b></td></tr></table>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Mass</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Christmas Carol Service</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>
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