



# ***St. Winefride's Catholic Church***

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## Mass Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Psalm: 145

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

**Rejoice, the Lord is coming soon!  
God sends his own Son to save us.  
Joy and gladness are ours and the  
time for sorrow and lamenting is  
over. Christ is standing at the gates  
and we know he is the one for whom  
we have been waiting. Do not lose  
heart. Take courage! Your God is  
coming!**

## **Gaudete Sunday**

The third Sunday of advent reminds us that there is joy in waiting. Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. It is likely that we focus our attention more on our sinfulness and unworthiness. But, the Church, using the words of St Paul, invites us to rejoice: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say again,

3rd Sunday of Advent

(Gaudete Sunday)

15th December 2013

Psalter: Week III- Cycle: A

rejoice" (Phil. 4:4).

This invitation is extended to all. The recent Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis is titled *the Joy of the Gospel* (*Evangelii Gaudium*). In it he writes, "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since 'no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord'" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, number 3).

Christmas is a time of great joy and this great joy bursts out in our celebrations – Christmas decorations, music, gifts and food and the experience of coming together with those we love. All these remind us of that great joy which fills our hearts with the coming of Jesus. Pope Francis writes, "With Christ joy is constantly born anew."

**Parish Priest:** Fr Anil Akkara SDV, Fr Roy Kottakupuram SDV (Assistant)

**Permanent Deacon:** Rev Peter Hunt

**Deacon:** Rev Luigi Morrone SDV

Attendance  
Sunday Mass: 158  
Well : 20

**Collection:** The Offertory Collection on last Sunday (8th December 2013) was: £457.10 (cash: £176.65+ Gift-Aid Envelopes: £280.47).

Second Collection for Primary School was: £ 59.11

Today Second Collection will be for Church Flowers for Christmas.

Thank you very much for your generosity. The value of your contribution is increased when it is gift-aided.

**PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP PETER:** Our bishop has sent us his pastoral letter for Advent. Instead of the homily, today we will listen to our Bishop's words. It is also circulated along with this newsletter so that we could read it again and reflect on it.

**BISHOP'S PASTORAL VISITATION** on 1st & 2nd February 2014. On 31st January 2014, Bishop Peter will be visiting St Winefride's Primary School.

**NOVENA TO CHRISTMAS** on everyday from 17th December after our weekday Mass.

**CHURCH CLEANING BEFORE CHRISTMAS** on Monday 23rd December at 10:00am. We invite all those who can help clean the church for Christmas. Let us make it as an act of thanksgiving to all those who clean our church every week, throughout the year.

**CLERGY VISITING THE SICK:** During advent priests will be going around visiting the sick and the house-bound. Please inform any member of the SVP or the clergy if someone would like a visit from the priest.

**CHARITY SHOP:** The Vocationist Co-Operators would like to express their gratitude to all who made it a huge success! The amount they raised was: £2,430.62.

**"A SAVIOUR HAS BEEN BORN TO US"** Advent prayer service (Adoration, Advent reflection, Evening prayer and Benediction) every Sunday from 3:45 till 4:30pm.

**MASS AT SCHOOL** on Tuesday 17th December at 10:00am.

#### Advent - Christmas - New Year Celebrations

##### **December 24th: Christmas Eve**

05:15pm: Children's Carol Service

06:00pm: Vigil Mass with Children

11:00pm: Carol Service

11:30pm: Vigil Mass

##### **December 25th: Christmas Day**

09:30am: Solemn Mass

##### **December 31st: New Year Eve**

05:30pm: Adoration & Vespers

06:00pm: Mass



### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant many of the faithful true generosity in following your call, and bestow on them the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to their vocations. Give the church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests and fervent religious. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, St. Winefride and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve one another in faith and love.*

**Hail Mary...**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, unite us perfectly to your adoration, thanksgiving, reparation and intercession; make of us with you, a host of sacrifice to the Divinity and sacrament to the souls. O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.*

**(Blessed Justin)**

**CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT** in our church this evening at 7:00pm, with Trelawnyd Male Voice Choir and Philharmonics Choir with guest appearance by John Pierce, one of Wales' top tenors. All tickets sold out!

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ. There are opportunities to go for confessions during this period. On Sundays, during advent reflection (from 3:45 till 4:30pm), a priest is available for confession. On Saturdays from 10:30am-11:30am and from 4:30pm-5:30pm, priest will be available.

**LATIN MASS** on next Sunday at 11:30am in our church.

**DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE DEAF** will be celebrated in Bishop's private chapel at Bishop's House at 3:00pm pm Sunday 5th January. Please bring this to the attention of any parishioners who are deaf.

**YEAR BOOK & DIRECTORY 2014:** the new Year Book for 2014 has arrived. Please take one from the porch. Price: £2:60.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM:** "The Joy of the Gospel" The new Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Francis is available. Price: £4:00.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Janette Farren, Luke McLoughlin, Andrew Kenna, Margarita William, Joseph Davies, Amy Hughes, Louisa Casey, Len Durkin, Veronica Munnelly

**May they rest in Peace!**

### Pray for those who are SICK

Fr Tony Jones, Pauline Campbell, Anna Asbury, Maeve O'Malley, Imelda Davies, Val Davies, Peter Hunt, Rex Brain, Olive Yates

**May you receive God's Blessing**



<b>December 2013</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Mass Intention</b>
Saturday 14th Vigil Mass	05:40pm 06:00pm	Rosary Mass	Susan Urmson (RIP)
Sunday 15th 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	09:30am 03:45pm 05:00pm	Mass Advent Reflection Well	Mary Parry (RIP)  Parishioners & Pilgrims
Monday 16th	07:30am 09:10am 09:30am	Bridgettine's Convent Rosary Mass	Aled Hunt (Thanksgiving for Life)
Tuesday 17th	07:30am 10:00am 11:40am 12:00noon	Bridgettine's Convent Mass at Primary School Rosary Mass, Novena to Christmas	
Wednesday 18th	07:30am 09:10am 09:30am	Bridgettine's Convent Rosary Mass, Novena to Christmas	Tom & Mary Tattum (WB)
Thursday 19th	07:30am 11:40am 12:00noon	Bridgettine's Convent Rosary Mass, Novena to Christmas	Mary Parry (RIP)
Friday 20th	07:30am 09:10am 09:30am	Bridgettine's Convent Rosary Mass, Novena to Christmas	John Charlotte Colin & Elizabeth Owen (Anniversary)
Saturday 21st Vigil Mass	07:30am 05:40pm 06:00pm	Bridgettine's Convent Rosary Mass	Jason Hunt (RIP)
Sunday 22nd 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	09:30am 11:30am 03:45pm 05:00pm	Mass Latin Mass Advent Reflection Well	Parishioners & Pilgrims

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>THIS WEEK (DECEMBER 14-15)</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK (DECEMBER 21-22)</b>
<b>READERS</b>	<b>SAT:</b> Philip Ainslie & Maria Evans <b>SUN:</b> Maureen & Steve Blakesley	<b>SAT:</b> Pam Hunt & Mike Parry <b>SUN:</b> Thelma Kavanagh & Mike O'Boye
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>SAT:</b> Mike Parry & Pam Hunt <b>SUN:</b> Mary Hanson & Elizabeth Murphy	<b>SAT:</b> Frank Yale & Pat Yale <b>SUN:</b> Sr. Jancy & Thelma Kavanagh
<b>WELCOMERS</b>	<b>SAT:</b> John Griffiths & Volunteer Maureen Condon & Christine Gallagher <b>SUN:</b> Mike Curtis & Volunteer Val Feliciello & Eve Dawson	<b>SAT:</b> Alun Williams & Volunteer Linda Dykins & Margaret Gallagher <b>SUN:</b> Greg Lunt & Kevin Carney Madeline Jones & Mary Simkiss
<b>CLEANERS</b>	Val Feliciello & Louise Hall	Rohna Charlton, Rhian & Mike Dowling
<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>	Natalie Calvert & Bethan Nixon	David & Debbie Hanson