

**PARISH OF THE MOST BLESSED TRINITY**  
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 Parish of the Most Blessed Trinity  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year A  
 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025

All Saints					
Monday	7.30 p.m. Novena/Mass	Saturday	4.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass	
Wednesday	9.30 a.m. Mass (funeral)	Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Mass	
Friday	9.30 a.m., Mass	Sunday	5.30 p.m.	Mass	
St. Stephen's					
Tuesday	10.00 a.m. Mass	Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass	
Wednesday	No Mass	Sunday	12.15 p.m.	Mass	
Thursday	10.00 a.m. Mass				

The third Advent Sunday is called "Gaudete Sunday" because on this day the Mass (in its Latin, pre-Vatican II form), began with the opening antiphon: "Gaudete in Domino semper" "Rejoice in the Lord always."

**Scripture readings summarized:** The readings for the third Sunday of Advent remind us that the coming of Jesus, past, present and future, is the reason for our rejoicing. **The first reading** tells us that we should rejoice because the promised Messiah is coming as our Savior and liberator, saving us by liberating us from our bondages. **The Responsorial Psalm** of the day is taken from Mary's *Magnificat*, in which she exclaims: "My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my Savior." Paul, in the **second reading**, advises us to "rejoice always" by leading blameless, holy and thankful lives guided by the Holy Spirit, because Christ is faithful to his promise that he will come again to reward us. **Today's Gospel** tells us that John the Baptizer came as a witness to testify to the Light, i.e., Jesus. The coming of Jesus, the Light, into the world is cause for rejoicing as he removes darkness from the world. We should be glad and rejoice also because, like John the Baptizer, we, too, are chosen to bear witness to Christ Jesus, the Light of the world. We are to reflect Jesus' Light in our lives so that we may radiate it and illuminate the dark lives of others around us. The joyful message of today's liturgy is clear. The salvation we await with rejoicing will liberate both the individual and the community, and its special focus will be the poor and lowly, not the rich and powerful.

**ST. MARGARET'S Children and Family Care Society** was initially founded in 1955 as an [adoption society](#), to support children and families in need throughout the UK. Since then they have developed further to include their [education service](#) offering support to all children, families and professionals. All Crib donations will be given to St. Margaret's Children and Family Care (formerly known as St. Margaret's Adoption Society).  
**ADVENT RETREAT** The Ignatian Spirituality Centre are offering an online retreat starting today. Go to [Advent Retreat – DAY 1 – Online Prayer](#) for details.  
**Food Bank Collection:** thank you for the outstanding response to the Food Bank collection.  
**WESTERN CATHOLIC CALENDARS** are now on sale in the stall.

### THE O" ANTIPHONS

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfilment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

**HOGMANAY TICKETS** ready for collection if you haven't already got them. Please settle any remaining costs to cover your tickets.

### EVENTS IN THE HALL

**Tuesday Club:** every Tuesday 10 a.m. till 12.30 pm.  
**Yoga in the Hall** every Tuesday from 1.00 pm---2.00 pm  
**Bingo**, every Thursday in the Hall from 6.30 p.m.  
**WELLSPRING POVERTY RELIEF GROUP** are sending a Christmas Hamper to the sick of the parish to wish them a Happy Christmas and reminding them that they are at the heart of the church.

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Thanks to all who helped with Breakfast with Santa. As always in the parish we are grateful to all who volunteer in any capacity in the life of the parish.



**SINCERE THANKS** to All Saints' Primary School and St. Stephen's Primary School for the outstanding Carol Services. Thanks to the children who were the stars of the shows, some gave up their lunch time to practise and to our hardworking and committed staff for all their preparation and rehearsals with the children.

**CAR PARK** I am aware that many parishioners may have received a fine while using the car park across the road when attending Mass. I would ask you if you have received a fine and paid it, please give me the details. If you have received a fine and haven't paid it let me have those details also. I am advised that the legality of these fines is questionable and open to challenge.

Father Doyle

### LATEST POSTING DATES FOR CHRISTMAS

2<sup>nd</sup> Class: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
 1<sup>st</sup> Class: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December

