

ROTAS:

CLEANERS: Marie & Ken Nugent, Rita Sweeney (Friday 22nd at 10am)
COFFEE: Prayer Group (24th Dec)
COUNTERS: Ann & David Neil (w/c Sun 24th anytime if possible)

DIARY EVENTS:

SUN 17 th	10.00 am:	Children's Liturgy Prayer Ministry
	4.00 pm:	Carol Service in church
WED 20 th		NO Prayer Meeting (resumes 10 th January)
	6.00 pm:	Cenacolo Prayers (in Oratory)
	7.00 pm:	Penitential Service in church
FRI 22 nd	3.00 pm:	Divine Mercy Chaplet recited in church
SAT 23 rd	11.00 am:	Altar Servers' Practice
SUN 24 th	10.00 am:	NO Children's Liturgy (back on 7 th January) NO Prayer Ministry (back on 31 st)

Piety Shop open after 6pm Saturday and 10am Sunday masses.

Our Lady's Monthly Message to Marija Pavlovic-Lunetti November: Dear children! May this time be interwoven with prayer for peace and good deeds, so that the joy of the expectation of the King of Peace may be felt in your hearts, families and in the world which does not have hope. Thank you for having responded to my call."

RIGHT TO LIFE PRAYER: 17th December: - "As we await the coming of the Child Jesus at Christmas, we ask God to fill our hearts with joy for the gift of new life. Lord hear us".

PILGRIMAGE OCTOBER 2024: Due to the current situation in Gaza / Israel, the parish pilgrimage will be postponed for now. *Fr Hugh*

LOURDES 2024 with HCPT: This will be 19th – 26th July. Please let Christine Jamieson or Fr Hugh know if you are interested in going. More details to follow.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE with Bishop Paul Swarbrick, 23rd – 30th July 2024. Please take a leaflet for more details or visit www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk

ALTAR SERVERS RETREAT: 12th – 13th January for anyone in Year 6 and above. £35. Contact jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk or visit www.castleriggmanor.com

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 17th DECEMBER 2023

TODAY'S READINGS: *I once was lost...*

This Sunday is 'Gaudete' Sunday, 'Rejoice' Sunday'. St Paul says in the second reading, "*Be happy at all times: pray constantly and for all things give thanks to God.*" 'Rejoice', this Sunday tells us! This is a time of great expectations. We have every reason to be full of joy. 'Rejoice', Christmas is almost here. 'Rejoice', not so much that we have found Christ, but 'rejoice' that He has found us. We may feel a little lost at Christmas, even feel ourselves alone. But we are not lost; He has found us. We are not alone; He is with us. With Jesus in our lives, the difficulties we face become challenges, but not devastating events. A loved one becomes sick, or even dies. We become sick and receive the diagnosis that our condition is terminal. A marriage falls apart. A job is lost. A friend is lost. Whatever the pain we feel, we know that the result will be union with God. Jesus is with us always, particularly in the worst of times. So, 'Rejoice in the Lord!' As John Newton's famous hymn puts it; *I once was lost, but now I am found.* We were all lost, but He found us. His grace is truly amazing!

...but now I am found. Therefore, Rejoice the Lord is at hand!



**PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE THIS
WEEKEND! SUNDAY 17th at 4pm**

*All welcome and please join us in the parish
centre afterwards for mince pies & mulled wine.*



**LAST DAY FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS &
GREENERY:** If you would like to donate in memory
of a loved one, please take an envelope and return in the
collection plate by **WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER.**

**Our Penitential Service will be on
Wednesday 20th December at 7pm.**

MASSES WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER 2023

Sun 16 th 17 th	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 6.00 pm Vigil: Mary McGuiness (Christmas blessings) 10.00 am: People of the parish 12.00 noon: at Sedbergh 6.00 pm: Kathleen Bell RIP
Mon 18 th	Monday of Advent week 3 10.00 am: Geoffrey Crook (sick)
Tues 19 th	Tuesday of Advent week 3 9.20 am: Dean Gibson School Mass in school 12.00 noon: Isabel Shelley LD
Wed 20 th	Wednesday of Advent week 3 12.00 noon: Philip Crook LD 7.00 pm: Penitential Service
Thurs 21 st	Thursday of Advent week 3 9.15 am: Adrian Watton RIP <i>note earlier time</i>
Fri 22 nd	Friday of Advent week 3 12.00 noon: John & Elsa Whenray (Christmas blessings)
Sat 23 rd	Saturday of Advent week 3
Sun 23 rd 24 th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 6.00 pm Vigil: Andrew Noblett RIP 10.00 am: Ann Nettleton RIP NO 12.00 noon at Sedbergh CHRISTMAS EVE (Sunday evening) 6.00 pm: Frank McAvoy RIP 8.00 pm: at Sedbergh Carols at 11.30 pm followed with Midnight Mass: Pam Smith RIP

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

LATELY DEAD: Karen Nelson.

SICK: Holly Howe, Will Flitcroft, Pat Newton, Trish Hoad, Archie Scott, Jamie Banks Wallhead, Ian Muir, Sylvia Duckworth, Winnie Edgar, Christine Stoker, Thomas Smith, Jane Johnson, Patrick Dolan, Mike Nicholson, Heidi Walmsley, Edward Sykes, Sylvia Chambers, Christopher Brown, Sandra Jones, Teresa Harbatch, Terry Bateman, Margaret Ward, Olimpia McAvoy, Christine Ellwood, Maria Parrott, Hilary Walters.

ANNIVERSARIES: Arthur Titterington, Kieran & Jordan Dobson, Annie Smith, Stephen Keeley, Adriana Postlethwaite, Bridget Carlisle, Monica Wise, Margaret Moser, Vinceza Peruzza, Terrence Chambers, Michael Gallagher, Elizabeth McEntegart, Catherine Judd, Gary Fitzsimons, Patricia Butcher, Trevor Alderson, Christopher MacLaughlan, Catherine Teresa Marney, James Cullen, Anne Kitching, George Morris, Bridie Kitching.

Next weekend there will be a **DOUBLE BULLETIN** covering Sunday 24th & Sunday 31st December. The following issue will be Sunday 7th January, therefore if you would like anything in the bulletin **BEFORE** 7th January, please let the parish office know by Thursday 21st December. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FUN DAYS: Youth Presence is running two Christmas Fun Days on 21st and 22nd December, from 10.30am – 2.30pm. The days are for children aged 9-11 years and include a hot meal. There are funded places available. For more information, please email info@youthpresence.org.uk.

ADVENT EXTRA BOOKLETS: Please do take one as a guide through Advent.

Christmas Mass times: Please take a card, available in church, outlining the masses over the Christmas period. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PARISH MAGAZINE: The latest edition is now out. There are paper copies in church and it can also be viewed on the website if you scroll down the 'posts'. Lots of articles – please take a look!

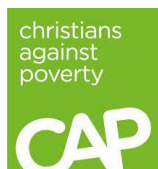


If you would like to enrol for the **First Holy Communion (Year 3+)** and/or **Confirmation Programmes (Year 7 and above)** for 2024, please take one of the relevant registration forms from church and return as soon as possible. Thank you.

Fr Hugh



JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE: If you would like to know more about this and the work that they do, you can visit the website www.jrsuk.net. There are also virtual charity refugee gifts supporting refugees in the UK. Fr Hugh



There will be a **CAP (Christians Against Poverty) LIFE SKILLS** course starting in January equipping people to handle their finances more efficiently, looking at spending, budgeting, making healthy choices and looking at relationships. This Life Skills course is free with lunch included and will run for 8 weeks. Castle Street Centre, 12 –2pm, various dates – please see notice board for details.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

After 10am Sunday mass our visitors are very welcome to join us for refreshments available in the Parish Centre.

If you wish to Gift-Aid your offertory donation please take one of the GREEN ENVELOPES from the back of church to complete. Thank you.