

The Advent Candle – The Prophets

Jesus said, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets: I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.'

Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!

As the candle is lit, this response is used

Jesus is the light of the world.

A light no darkness can ever put out.

We sing: (t. 'Angel Voices')

Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray,
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness
changed for gladness
on that Day.

Prophet voices loudly crying,
making pathways clear;
glimpsing glory, self-denying,
calling all to hear.
Through their message - challenged, shaken –
hearts awoken: God is near!

During the week –

Monday 8th St Anne's Crafty Souls
meet in the Hall, 1pm-3pm – *Crafts for all*

Wednesday 10th - 10.30am Said Mass

Friday 12th – Sunday 14th Dec.

Community Christmas Tree Festival

We now need volunteers to help keep the Church open for the Festival. Please help Mary fill the Rota!

Sunday 14th Dec. Advent 3

9.30am Parish Mass *To help you prepare for our worship why not look up the readings we will use:*
Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11
and at 5pm Our Carol Service

Christmas Eve –

4.30pm Crib & Christingle Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day – 9.30am Parish Mass

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St Anne in the Grove, Southowram

Sunday 7 December 2025

Welcome to the Parish Mass on the Second Sunday of Advent

A special welcome if you are visiting.
If you require Gluten free altar bread - please have
a word with one of the Welcomers at the door.

Hymns: 39; 51; 45; 27; 47

*There's a contactless payment facility at the back of
Church if you are without cash for your offering.
If you pay tax please make use of the Gift Aid envelopes
– it helps us a great deal - Thank you!*

During the week please pray for:

For the people of Whitley Lane, Withinfields,
and the people of King Cross

Monday – Peace in the troubled areas of the world
Tuesday – Our keeping of the Advent Season
Wednesday – Local businesses
Thursday – Bishop Smitha Prasadam (Huddersfield)
Friday – housebound members of our congregation
Saturday – our Sidespeople & Welcomers

Those who are sick or in need:

Frances Norcliffe, Deborah Golding, Tom Hogan,
John Greenwood, Paula Mead, Graham Firth,
Bernadette Lister-Pollard, Stanley Sunderland,
Mary Haward, Diane Metcalfe, Patricia Brunt,
Julie Lloyd, Tony Hill.

The recently departed:

Anniversaries: Martin Cockcroft, Willie Rushforth

A BIG thank you to our small team of volunteers
on the Social Committee, who worked so hard to
make the Christmas Fayre run so well and so
smoothly. There was a lot of work not only on the
day but also in the weeks beforehand.

A big thank you also goes to everyone who helped
or supported on the day, and all those who
generously gave items for the various stalls and
prizes. Despite the bad weather, we were well
supported by the Village, and there were some
lovely comments about how good the hall looked
and what a lovely atmosphere we had created.

Thank you!

ADVENT 2 (Year A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON People of Zion, the Lord will come to save all nations, and your hearts will exult to hear his majestic voice.

OPENING PRAYER Let us pray [that nothing may hinder us from receiving Christ with joy]. God of power and mercy, open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy, so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING (Isaiah 11:1-10)
A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 72)

**R: In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.**

O God, give your judgement to the King, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and you poor in right judgement. **R:**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R:**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R:**

May his name be blest for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blest in him, all nations bless his name. **R:**

SECOND READING (Romans 15:4-9)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all peoples shall see the salvation of God.

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GOSPEL (Matthew 3:1-12)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON & THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK Rise up Jerusalem, stand on the heights, and see the joy that is coming to you from God.

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