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Third Sunday of Advent | Sat 13th Dec – Sun 21st December

Date	Mass & Service Details	Timings	Intentions & Notes	Other Events
Sat 13th Dec	Rosary Mass – Third Sun of Advent (Gaudette Sunday)	5:30pm 6pm	<i>Patricia Stepowska (RIP)</i>	
Sun 14th Dec	Rosary Mass – Third Sun of Advent (Gaudette Sunday)	9:30am 10am	<i>Freda & Colin O'Meara (RIP)</i> <i>Enrolment Mass for First Communion</i>	<i>Tea & Coffee after mass (all are welcome)</i>
Mon 15th	No Mass			<i>Yoga in Hall (5pm)</i>
Tues 16th Dec.	Mass	7pm	<i>Kathleen Partridge (RIP)</i>	<i>First Holy Communion Class – 3:30pm</i> <i>Alpha Youth faith Group 6pm</i>
Wed 17th Dec.	Funeral Service – Peter Whitmore (RIP)	11am	<i>The Intentions of the Whitmore family</i>	<i>Toddler Church (Nativity & Christmas Party) 9:30am</i> <i>Choir Practise 1:45pm</i> <i>Advent Retreat 5pm</i>
Thurs 18th	Mass	7pm	<i>S (priv. Ints)</i>	
Fri 19th Dec	Exposition/Mass	12-1pm	<i>J. B (priv. Ints)</i>	<i>Both in Hall</i>
Sat 20th Dec	Rosary Mass – Fourth Sunday of Advent	5:30pm 6pm	<i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>	
Sun 21st Dec	Rosary Mass – Fourth Sunday of Advent (Baptism – Sienna.P)	9:30am 10am 4pm	<i>Franciszek Ochalek (RIP)</i>	<i>Tea & coffee after mass (all are welcome)</i> Reception into Church – Christopher Mould (RIP) 6pm

Please pray for our sick & housebound: John & Jean B, Colin B, Marie R, Biddy M, Barbara R, Margaret W, Aileen R, Deacon Bill, Janet W, David W, Kathleen L, Sharon, Cathy L, Christine H, Mary W, Hilary O, Ira R, Terry H, J. Barker, Ursula, W., Danny B. and Tara, D.

Upcoming Parish and Community Events

Date	Timings	Events	Notes
Sun 14th Dec -	10am	Enrolment mass	For First Holy Communicants
Wed 17th Dec	7pm	Advent retreat	Led by Fr. J Cotton- Advent and Christmas through the eyes of Mary
Sat 20th/Sun 21st Dec	6pm / 10am	Blessing of Crib	Reception of the body of Chris Mould - Sunday 21 st , 6pm
Mon. 22nd	1pm	Funeral Mass	Chris Mould (RIP)
Wed. 24th Dec.	5:30pm	Christmas Eve	Family Mass
Wed. 24th Dec.	8pm	Christmas Eve Night Mass	
Thurs. 25th Dec.	10am	Christmas Morning Mass	
Sat. 27th Dec.	7pm	Blessing of Wine	This will take place after the 6pm mass. Come along with Bottle(s) of wine
Sat 10th Jan	9:30am	Our next Parish Coffee Morning	Always a great event with some lovely, tasty treats and a chance to meet and greet others

New Contactless Donation Point – Our new contactless donation point will continue to be placed at the back of church for masses and services. A number of parishioners have already used it to kindly donate, thank you! - In these early stages the exact positioning of the machine and how/when we use it remains under review. We **are** listening to opinions and suggestions about its use. Please bear with us while we learn in these early few weeks.

EasyFundraising – Thank you to parishioners who have already signed up with our new, easy way to raise money for the parish without having to donate yourself - *EasyFundraising*. Donations for the parish have already been coming in and none costing a single extra penny to the parishioners! – *EasyFundraising* is partnered with over 6000 major online retailers (e.g. *Amazon, John Lewis, Argos* and every major supermarket) and it means if you shop **online** with them, a percentage of your spend is diverted to us! **Find out more and register:** <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stwinefrideschurch>

200 CLUB - NOV WINNERS (Correction) | The 1st prize winner was Anthony R (*not Aidan R as previously stated – apologies for the confusion*).

Mass Intentions – Mass intentions have always and will **always** be free. But, accompanying donations are welcome. If you wish to have a mass said for a personal intention **and** donate, you can now use our contactless donation point at masses. Simply select 'Mass Intention' on the screen, donate whatever you feel comfortable giving, then email our Parish Admin (Joe) the mass intention and any preferences on days or dates (or give Fr Patrick a note) - Simple! (*Please note mass intentions requested via traditional envelopes will continue to be available.*)

Next Newsletter – Our next parish newsletter will be a two-week edition taking us all the way to 2026! Can we advise anyone wishing to have items included between **now** and the end of the year that they are invited to send anything through to our Parish Admin (Joe) **no later** than 2pm on 18 Dec to avoid disappointment. Even though it will be a bumper newsletter, space remains at a premium, so if your item can wait till Jan 26, we politely invite you to hold fire until then – many thanks.

Christmas Mass rotas - There are lists at the back of the church for you to add your names against Mass Ministries for Christmas Eve (8pm) and Christmas Day (10am) Masses. Thank you so much.

Christmas Fayre - This year's Fayre raised a spectacular £4574! Many thanks to everyone who made this possible. The Fayre remains our biggest individual fundraising event of the year, and it plays a **huge** part in keeping this parish going! If you were unable to come but would like to donate, you still can. Speak to Brenda who can help.

Stratford Christmas Market – Many thanks to everyone who came along to Stratford Christmas Market this year. Through ticket sales we were able to raise a fantastic £1000!

Confirmation Candidates – If your child wishes to be put forward for Confirmation in 2026, please speak to Fr Patrick after Mass or drop him an email (contact details at top of newsletter) with yours and your child's name.

Catholic Primary School Admissions - Children born 1 Sept 2021–31 Aug 2022 can apply for Reception places by **15 Jan 26** via your home Local Authority website. To be considered under the Catholic faith criterion, complete the school's **supplementary information form** and return it with supporting evidence, such as a baptism certificate. Missing evidence may affect your child's ranking and chance of a place. Please note we are unable to guarantee to provide replacement certificates as exceedingly short notice, so if you are still to apply, please check you have the supporting documents you need.

Date	Upcoming Second Collections
Sat 13 th / Sun 14 th Dec	<i>Church Christmas Flowers Donations</i>
Sat 27 th / Sun 28 th Dec	<i>Poor & Needy Parishes</i>

Date	Welcoming	Readings & Bidding Prayers	Offertory Procession	Eucharistic Min'
Sat 20th	Erica Y	Luis V	Erica Y	Luis Vaz
Sun 21 st	TBC	TBC	TBC	Rowena L

“Be strong, fear not; your God comes to save you.” — Isaiah 35:4