

Parish Diary for Saturday 2nd to Sunday 10th of December 2017	
Sat 2nd <i>Sunday Vigil Mass</i>	9.00am Morning Prayer & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament for vocations. 6.00pm Mass/Alston (priest's intention: Sister Jean Lawson,486).
Sunday 3rd December	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8.30am Mass (priest's intention: people of the parish) 9.30am Preparatory meeting for First Holy Communion candidates and their parents 10.30am Mass (priest's intention: Kathleen Boothman, 541) 3.30pm Mass in Polish, Fr Roman Kossakowski SChr from Lancaster.
Tue 5th	Tuesday of Advent, week 1 9.15am Morning Prayer.
Wed 6th	Wednesday of Advent, week 1 <i>7.30pm Faith and Fellowship in the Quiet Room</i>
Thu 7th	St Ambrose 7.00pm The Rosary, Evening Prayer and Liturgy of the Word <i>7.30pm Full Parish Pastoral Council Meeting</i>
Fri 8th	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <i>No priest's Communion round this week.</i> 12 noon Mass (priest's intention: William Thompson, 540)
Sat 9th <i>Sunday Vigil Mass</i>	Saturday of Advent, week 1 9.00am Morning Prayer & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament for vocations. 6.00pm Mass/Alston (priest's intention: Ann Magee, 546).
Sunday 10th December	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8.30am Mass (priest's intention: people of the parish) 10.30am Mass (priest's intention: Brenda Doherty, 545) Parish Christmas Fair begins after 8.30am Mass until 2pm
Pray for Fr Jerome, Brian Mc Cafferky and Edna Rowell who are sick. Remember also Joe Thompson, Harriet Walsh, Iris Mary Leeming, Theresa Muir, Brenda Doherty, Fr Declan Ryan and Cyril Binks whose anniversaries occur about this time.	
Special Collections: This Sunday 3 Dec is for Diocesan Poor Missions Fund.	
Last week's statistics: Attendance: Sat (<u>Alston</u> 6pm 18 + <u>Penrith</u> Sun 8.30am 75 + 10.30am 106 = 199. Offertory £410.24, Alston being £46 for 18/11, plus average weekly gift-aided S/O of £250 = £660.24. Diocesan Youth Service -£194.09.	
Messages in St Catherine's sacristy for: Mike Slessor, Les White, Helen Reid, Stuart Campbell (2), Christine Wallace, Gay Edwards, Paul Harper & Dennis Carlton.	

There are refreshments, after the 8.30am and 10.30am Masses in the Haydock Centre.

A time to socialise before you return home.



WELCOME

TO THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST CATHERINE, PENRITH
WITH ST WULSTAN'S CHAPEL, ALSTON

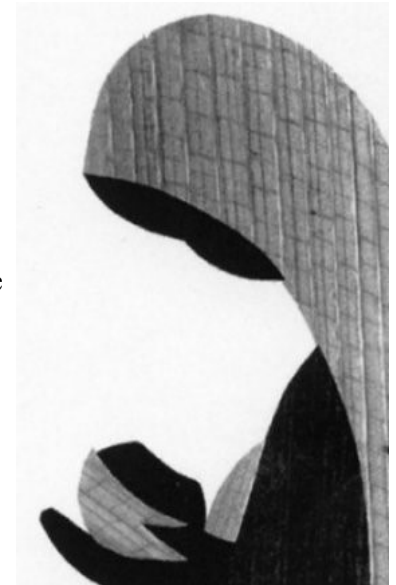
3 DECEMBER . 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Christmas Fair

This will take place next Sunday 10 December from after the 8.30 Mass until 2.00pm and we ask everyone to support the event to make it a success. We will be serving refreshments including mince pies and stollen which gives an opportunity to socialise while raising funds.

We would welcome any items that you are able to donate including books, gifts, household items, toys, handbags, jewellery, cakes & produce plus raffle, adult and children's tombola prizes – sorry we are not able to accept any clothes this time. The cake stall in particular welcomes contributions from all communities within the parish. All items need to be in a condition that you would be happy to buy or receive yourself. They can be dropped off at the Haydock Centre on Saturday afternoon between 2.00pm and 5.00pm or on the day. *Sue 01768 864407 or Lorna 01768 840903.*



Visitors, the family and toddler area is at the front of church before the Lady Altar. There is a Children's Liturgy at the 10.30am Mass. Refreshments are available in the Haydock Centre after the 8.30 & 10.30 Mass. For your pink gift aid offertory envelopes to be effective for a tax reclaim you must print your name, full address & postal code, and with your signature. Thankyou.

ST CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to our Class 1 who led a wonderful assembly all about the, 'The Smartest Giant in Town.' This lovely story illustrates beautifully the message in last week's Gospel, 'I was naked and you clothed me.' The children completed their assembly with a rousing version of 'I am the Lord of the Dance.' It was lovely to see the proud parents and grandparents (my husband and I included!) beaming with pride. This week we have also held our annual Christmas Craft night. Our wonderful staff man craft stations for the families to move around and create Christmas decorations and mementos. This year we had almost 100 families attending! Thank you very much to our staff and also retired staff, Mrs Lowes, Mrs Murgatroyd and Maggie Neale for their support. Christmas has begun! *Angela Hill, Headteacher*

Childrens' Liturgy Group

World Gifts through CAFOD are a great way to transform lives, spread hope and share the joy of Christmas—so we have decided to adopt the theme of an African Village during Advent. Our aim is to purchase a goat through the CAFOD scheme. We will be running a 'Name the Goat' competition at the Parish Christmas Fair. The children have chosen goaty names and these will be on sale £1 per name. Please give us your support. We hope you will enjoy the village taking shape and hopefully the Holy Family will visit on Christmas Eve! *Anne Grinbergs*

Message from Bishop Michael re Catholic Schools

The Bishop has asked for the following to be included in the parish newsletter: "Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admission cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk> or search for 'Catholic education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic Schools."

The full letter from the Bishop is in the narthex.

Special Collection Today -the Diocesan Poor Missions Fund—Gift Aid

Today a retiring collection will be taken for the Diocesan Poor Missions Fund. If you are a taxpayer & wish to gift aid your donation, please use one of the blue envelopes which will be put out on the benches. Enter your name, house number/ name and POST CODE. The tax reclaimed will be added to the funds of the Parish.

Full Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Thursday 7th Dec

This will start at 7.30pm or as soon as possible after Evening Prayer.

New Liturgical Year

For those who use their own Missal, please note that Readings at Sunday Mass are Year B and on Weekdays Year 2.

Reminder of Friday Mass at 12 noon in December

Mass will be said on 8th 15th and 22nd December. Also, please note that there will be an opportunity for confession between 11am and 12 noon on 22 December. This is in addition to confessions on Saturday 23 December between 9am-10am before Mass at 10am.

Eden Singers Christmas Concert 6 & 7 December

This is being held at Penrith Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 and are available on the door.

LITURGY for the First Sunday of Advent, page 26 in Parish Mass Book.

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Gospel acclamation: 72 Stay awake, be ready, you do not know the hour when the Lord is coming. Stay awake, be ready, the Lord is coming soon. , the Lord is coming soon.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Hymns: *Entrance:* 'Hark a herald voice is calling' no.92. *Offertory:* 'At the name of Jesus' no.762. *Communion:* 'Breathe on me breath of God' no 302. *Recessional:* 'Now watch for God's coming' no.101. *Belmont Mass. Eucharistic Prayer* no.3.

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Eucharistic Ministers (St Catherine's) Readers

8.30 3/12 Anthony & Peter. 10/12 John K & Peter. 3/12 Andrew. 10/12 Jennifer.

10.30 3/12 Helen & Betty. 10/12 Vivien & Betty. 3/12 Michelle. 10/12 Paul

Children's Liturgy: 3/12 Susan. 10/12 Laura

Collection Counters: 3/12 Brenda & Sue. 10/12 Michael & Neil

Witamy bardzo serdecznie w parafii pw. Sw Katarzyny-Saint Catherine na naszej niedzielnej Mszy Swietej. Po niedzielnej Mszy Swietej o godzinie 10:30 zapraszamy wszystkich parafian na kawę i herbatę. W kazda 1 niedziele miesiaca w naszej parafii jest sprawowawana Msza Swiata na jezyku polskim o godzinie 15:30. Odpowiedzielnym za duszpasterstwo w j.polskim jest ks. Roman Kossakowski 07706 696937. Osoby zainteresowane indywidaulana nauka konwersacji w j.angielskim proszone sa o kontakt z Ksiedzem Jerome pod numerem tel:01768 862273.