

Parish Diary for Saturday 9th to Sunday 17th of December 2017	
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
Tue 12th	Tuesday of Advent, week 2 9.15am Morning Prayer.
Wed 13th	St Lucy 3pm <i>SVP</i> 6pm Christingle Service with St Catherine's School—all welcome 7.30pm <i>Faith and Fellowship in the Quiet Room</i>
Thu 14th	St John of the Cross 9.30am <i>Christmas Church Cleaning</i> 7.00pm The Rosary, Evening Prayer and Liturgy of the Word
Fri 15th	Friday of Advent, week 2 <i>No priest's Communion round this week.</i> 12 noon Mass (priest's intention: Tom Northgraves, 531)
Sat 16th <i>Sunday Vigil Mass</i>	Saturday of Advent, week 2 9.00am Morning Prayer & Adoration of Blessed Sacrament for vocations. 6.00pm Mass/Alston (priest's intention: Margaret Ferguson, 547).
Sunday 17th December	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Gaudete Sunday 8.30am Mass (priest's intention: people of the parish) 10.30am Mass (priest's intention: Kathleen Whitehead, 556)
Pray for Fr Jerome, Brian Mc Cafferky, Phillip Stockdale, Pat & Des Prior, Andrew Morton and Edna Rowell who are sick. Pray also for Monsignor Patrick O'Dea who died recently and remember Barbara Kilbane, Martha O'Reilly, Sarah Bond, Marie Therese Leeming, Alphonsus Simonini, Andrew Leary and Henry Riley whose anniversaries occur about this time.	
Last week's statistics: Attendance: Sat (<u>Alston</u> 6pm 12 + <u>Penrith</u> Sun 8.30am 87 + 10.30am 111 = 210. Offertory £562.08, Alston being £43.05 for 25/11, plus average weekly gift-aided S/O of £250 = £812.08. Poor Missions -£225.87.	
Messages in St Catherine's sacristy for: Sue Chandler, Stuart Campbell (2), Christine Wallace, Mike Slessor and John Poland.	

Don't forget the Christmas Fair, after the 8.30am Mass to 2pm in the Haydock Centre today.



WELCOME

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

10 DECEMBER 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Christmas Fair today

This will take place 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. There will be some fabulous stalls as well. Do come and join us.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOUR

St Catherine's Church, Penrith and St Wulstan's Chapel, Alston

Friday 22nd December

St Catherine's: 11am confessions followed by Mass at 12 noon

Saturday 23rd December

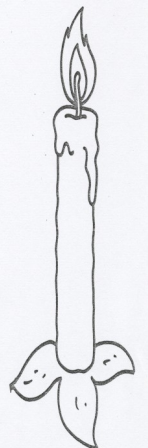
St Catherine's: 9am Confessions followed by Mass at 10am
St Wulstan's: 6pm Vigil Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday 24 December (4th Sun of Advent and pm Christmas Eve)

St Catherine's: 08.30am & 10.30am Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent
St Wulstan's: carols 2.30pm, Christmas Vigil Mass 3pm
St Catherine's: carols 6pm, Christmas Vigil Mass 6.30pm.

Monday 25 December (Christmas Day)

St Catherine's: carols 9.00am, Christmas Day Mass 9.30am.
St Catherine's: Christmas Day, Polish Mass 3.30pm.



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

Thank you very much to our wonderful choir who represented our school at St. Andrew's Choir Concert on Tuesday evening. St. Catherine's actually opened the concert and sang beautifully. On Thursday we were treated to the ever fabulous KS1 Nativities. Due to growing numbers, we now stage two Nativities. The Reception Class (4 – 5 yr olds) presented a very traditional version complete with 'Little Donkey' and 'Away in a Manger', which absolutely melted hearts. The Y1/2 children (6-7 yr olds) performed 'Prickly Hay', the story of the stable boy who looked after the animals and kept the stable clean for the Holy Family – it was an absolute delight! Thank you so much to all of the children and teachers for their hard work in helping us to remember the true meaning of Christmas.

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 we hope 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 is in the narthex.

Reminder of Friday Mass at 12 noon in December

Mass will be said on 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.

Monsignor Patrick G O'Dea RIP

Monsignor O'Dea died on 29 November and his Requiem Mass will be held in St Peter's Cathedral Lancaster at 11.30am on 14 Dec and he will be buried in Ireland. He will be remembered as a dedicated priest in the service of the Diocese who served at many parishes, founded the Diocesan Youth Service and served as Vicar General. May he rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

All Church Cleaners—Christmas Church Clean

Please note that we will be giving the church its special Christmas clean on 14 Dec starting at 9.30am—all are welcome to come along and help.

Volunteers needed to decorate the church on Sat 16th December

WANTED for a couple of hours from 10.00am help to assemble and decorate the Christmas tree on the altar, plus one in the Haydock Centre Hall, and to arrange the Crib on the altar steps. We will need to bring down the trees, decorations and Crib figures from the loft in the Sacristy so anyone nimble on steps will be greatly welcomed! We need about 4 - 6 volunteers. If you can help please give me a call on 01768 840903. Many thanks *Lorna*

December 100 Club Winners

£25 Anne Stuart, £15 Paul Parkin and £10 Sue Chandler.

Envelopes to join in the 100 Club 2018 will be available soon from the shop in the narthex. A possible Christmas gift?

LITURGY for the Second Sunday of Advent, page 28 in Parish Mass Book.

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

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: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God

Hymns: *Entrance:* 'On Jordan's bank no.94. *Offertory:* 'Promised Lord' no.103. *Communion:* 'The king of love my shepherd is' no 804. *Recessional:* 'Come thou long-expected Jesus' no.100. *Belmont Mass. Eucharistic Prayer* no.3.

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Eucharistic Ministers (St Catherine's) **Readers**

8.30 10/12 John K & Peter. **17/12** Monica & Bernard **10/12** Jennifer. **17/12** Neil
10.30 10/12 Vivien & Betty. **17/12** David & Erica . **10/12** Paul **17/12** Charles
Children's Liturgy: 10/12 Laura 17/12 Susanna & Simon

Collection Counters: 10/12 Michael & Neil 17/12 John & Maureen

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 Swieta w jezyku polskim o godzinie 15:30. Odpowiedzielnym za duszpasterstwo w j.polskim jest ks. Roman Kossakowski 07706 696937. Osoby zainteresowane indywiduana nauka konwersacji w j.angielskim proszone sa o kontakt z Ksiedzem Jerome pod numerem tel:01768 862273.