

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS:** *Please donate generously towards the purchase of flowers to use on the Altar during Christmas. THANK YOU*

**POLITE NOTICE:** For health & Safety reasons, could Parents kindly supervise their children at all times, especially when using the toilets, particularly in the Hall. Week by week, volunteers have the task of unblocking the toilets as they are stuffed with all sorts including large amounts of toilet tissues and nappies. This is not acceptable. It now has become a major problem which will cost a lot of money to rectify.

**Christmas Envelopes:** Please pick an envelope for your generous donation to the priests.

**Register as a Parishioner**—Kindly pick up a form if you haven't registered for your details to go on the new Parish Register. Please hand the completed form to the Parish Secretary at the Presbytery.

Kindly put all the Hymn and Mass books on the shelves at the back of the church after use. Please ensure not to give these books to the children as they rip and scribble in them.

### Third Sunday of Advent—JOY

The third candle of Advent, known as the Shepherd Candle, symbolizes JOY and is often represented by a pink candle. This week encourages us to rejoice in the arrival of Jesus and the salvation He brings.

Lord, as we light the third candle of advent, fill our hearts with Joy that comes from knowing You. Help us to embrace this season of waiting with patience and gratitude, preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.

*Happy 3rd week of Advent!*



Heavenly Father,  
On this third Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of joy, remembering that true joy is found in You alone. In the midst of our waiting, fill our hearts with gladness that overflows into our words and actions. Let Your light shine through us so that others may see hope in the darkness.  
Lord Jesus, You are the good news that brings great joy to all people. Help us to rejoice not only in blessings but also in trials, knowing that You are with us. May our lives be a testimony of Your love, peace, and unshakable joy.  
Holy Spirit, stir in us a song of praise that cannot be silenced. Teach us to share joy generously—with the lonely, the weary, and the broken hearted—so that Your Kingdom may be felt here and now. Amen.

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## **WEEKLY PROGRAMMES (14TH DECEMBER 2025)**

**SUNDAY MASSES: VIGIL—6:30PM, 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 6:00PM**

**DAILY MORNING MASSES: 9:30AM (MONDAY TO FRIDAY); 10AM (SATURDAY)**

**WEEKLY EVENING MASSES: WEDNESDAY MASS FOR THE SICK**

**& ADORATION: 7:30PM; FRIDAY EVENING MASS: 7:30PM**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: TUESDAY: 10AM–12NOON,**

**WEDNESDAY: AFTER EVENING MASS, SUNDAY: 4:30PM– 6:00PM**

**CONFESSIONS: BEFORE OR AFTER DAILY MASSES; 6PM-6:25PM (SATURDAYS)**

**ROSARY: EVERYDAY AFTER MORNING MASS (EXCEPT TUESDAY & SATURDAY)**

**BIBLE STUDIES: THURSDAY @ 7:30PM (GUILD ROOM)**

### DEVOTIONAL GROUPS

**MONDAY— CHARISMATICS (7:30 PM); WEDNESDAY—LEGION OF MARY (6:30 PM);**

**TUESDAY—DIVINE MERCY (7:30PM); THURSDAY—Padre Pio Prayer Group & Bible Study Group**

**SATURDAY (FORTNIGHTLY) —SVP (730PM ON ZOOM).**

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**PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**




**Sick and Housebound:** Venetia Green, Florence Otokito, Maria Alejandra Boero, Cherlez Philip, Henry Aboagye-Brobbe, Beautilyn Awe, Uley Headlam, Clare Kedves, Robert Alexander, Ethan Moore, Avril Carver, Eucelle Cato, Trisha Griffen, Janetia Griffen, Fr Peter Ehinmimo CSSp, Brother Joseph Mbah CSSp.

**Recently Deceased:** Pius Aboh, Biodun Buhari, William Samuel, Pat White, Fr Patrick Gaffney CSSp, Adesina Adeleke, Francisca Mauta Nzyimi, Fr Amos Daboer, Charlotte Green, Alice Berkoh, Tom D'Arcy, Noel Collins, Thomas Michael, Rosario Santos, Mavis Woodbine, Catherine Okolo, Benjamin Kwame Anthony, Ademola Ademiluyi, Nigel Lewis, Simon De Souza, Grace Schembri, Yepaye Kobhawo, Gloria Scott, Fr Ray Blake.

Serious blockage issues and breakages in the hall toilets. To mitigate it we suspend events where toilets are in full demand until we get it repaired.

## THIRD SUNDAY of Advent (14/12/25) YEAR A

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|  | <b><u>Vigil Mass on Saturday</u></b>      | 6:30PM  | RIP: Simon De Souza                                |
|   |   | 8:30AM  | PEOPLE OF THE PARISH                               |
|   |   | 10:30AM | Deceased members of the Agyepong and Osei Families |
|   |   | 4:30PM  | 90 Minutes with Jesus                              |
|   |   | 6:00PM  | Thanksgiving: The Walters Family                   |
| MONDAY, 15TH DECEMBER   |   | 9:30AM  | RIP: Rita D'Cruz                                   |
| TUESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER  | <b><u>ADORATION &amp; BENEDICTION</u></b> | 9:30AM  | RIP: Peter Green (67th Heavenly Birthday)          |
|   | <b><u>CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS</u></b>       | 12 NOON |  |
|   |   | 7:30PM  | Biodun Saliatu Buhari (RIP)                        |
| WEDNESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER  | <b><u>CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS</u></b>       | 9:30AM  | Special Prayer Intention for Linda Abissi          |
|   |   | 7:30PM  | Special Intentions: Tharman & People of Singapore  |
| THURSDAY, 18TH DECEMBER   | <b><u>CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS</u></b>       | 9:30AM  | RIP: All Clergy & Religious People                 |
|   |   | 7:30PM  | Ana Martin, William and James                      |
| FRIDAY, 19TH DECEMBER   | <b><u>CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS</u></b>       | 9:30AM  | Birthday/Thanksgiving: Angela Uduehi               |
|   |   | 7:30PM  | RIP: Horace Rodricks                               |
| SATURDAY, 20TH DECEMBER   | <b><u>VIGIL MASS</u></b>                  | 10:00AM | Dorothy Kathleen Gardiner                          |
|   |   | 6:30PM  | RIP: Mr & Mrs Fernandez                            |

Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. In the second phase of the season of Advent, from 17th December, the liturgy is more directly addressed to the preparation for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord.

On the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as **Gaudete Sunday**, we celebrate the joy of Christ's coming with prayers that reflect our anticipation and gratitude

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| 1st collection   | Gift Aid | Online/Dona | TOTAL     | Tithe | MANY THANKS<br>TO ALL |
| £528.15  | £145.67  | £928.06     | £1,601.88 | £60   |                       |
| Financial outgoings (this week)  |          |             | £3,901.91 |       |                       |
| Total raised from the Parish Mission is £660.39. Thank you very much for your support. |          |             |           |       |                       |

### **STANDING ORDERS AND ONLINE DONATIONS**

Please would you seriously consider the option of setting up Standing Orders for your weekly donations to the parish. If you need help in setting this up, consult the Parish Office or your bank. Thanks so much for your understanding.



Please pick up Christmas Programmes and also a Christmas Envelopes at the back of the Church

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**FOOD DONATIONS:** Kindly place all donations in the box in front of the altar to help the needy. Please do not donate expired food or opened packages for health & Safety reasons. Thank you very much.

**Wednesday, 31st December**— New Year's Eve Dance. Music by TNT from 8:00pm— 1:00am. Tickets £20 purchased before 1/12, thereafter £25.

### **Pilgrimages**

**A Pilgrimage through the Saints of Umbria: 25th April 2026 - 30th April 2026** - Join us for a 5 day pilgrimage through Umbria, a region known for its deep spiritual heritage and the lives of some of the Church's most beloved saints: St Francis, St Clare, St Angela of Foligno, and St Rita of Cascia. Each day includes Mass, visits to key spiritual sites, time for personal reflection, and group sharing. We'll travel to Foligno to learn about the life of the mystic St Angela, and to Cascia to honour St Rita. Whether you are drawn by the poverty of St Francis, the Silence of St Clare, the Fire of St Angela, or the suffering love of St Rita, this sacred journey offers you the space to rediscover the beauty of your own vocation. Come with an open heart. Including: 4 nights in Assisi, 1 night in Cascia; Flights from London Stansted to Perugia; Breakfast and Dinners included; Guided tours; Full religious programme; Daily Mass in beautiful locations; Visit Tomb of Carlo Acutis; Learn about St Angela of Foligno. Based on two sharing: **£1025**; Single supplement: **£95**; Deposit payment of **£500** per person when booking. Contact: [enquiries@jcjourneys.com](mailto:enquiries@jcjourneys.com); [www.jcjourneys.com](http://www.jcjourneys.com); Tel: 01886 812862 or Karen Lobo: 07801817231

**SCOTLAND**—Coach trip to Scotland to visit **Scotland's national shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes** which was opened in 1922. Leaving St. Chad's Church on **Monday, 13 July early morning and returning on Friday, 17 July 2026**. Cost: twin room sharing per person is **£460** and a single room is **£570**. This includes bed and breakfast (Full English), return coach fare and excursions including the day visiting the **National Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Carfin with a full day spiritual programme including Mass**. Spaces are limited so first come first served basis.

**Medjugorje Pilgrimage:** Join Fr Ambrose for a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from **Saturday 8th — Friday 14th August, 2026**. The all-inclusive price is **£850/person**. Contact: [enquiries@jcjourneys.com](mailto:enquiries@jcjourneys.com); [www.jcjourneys.com](http://www.jcjourneys.com); Tel: 01886 812862 or Karen Lobo: 07801817231.

### **THIS SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10;

**Psalms:** 146(145) *Come, Lord, and save us. Or Alleluia;*

**2nd Reading:** James 5: 7-10;

**Gospel:** Matthew 11: 2-11.