

**Our Lady & St, Helen's, Condorrat  
Parish Bulletin  
Week commencing 29 November 2020**

**Public Mass Schedule - Week beginning 29 November**

Monday, and Wednesday - Friday at 10.00am.

Bookings for the week-end masses will be open from Tuesday until fully booked. Please book early at <https://ourladyandsthelen.org/booking-for-mass>

**Feast Days this week**

Monday – Solemnity of St Andrew

Thursday – St Francis Xavier

**Funeral Arrangements**

The remains of Caroline Hillhouse, who passed away on Saturday 14 November, will be brought to the church just prior to our 10am Mass on Tuesday morning. Please keep Caroline and her family in your prayers during the coming days. During these times Funeral Masses are limited to 20 people, only closest family and friends can attend this Mass.

**Holy Season of Advent**

Today we begin a new church year with the beginning of the holy season of Advent. In Advent the church prepares to celebrate the Nativity, when we recall Christ's first coming as the infant of Bethlehem. As we remember, so we also look forward in faith and hope to his second coming at the end of time. Advent is then a season of joyful hope. This hope of Advent is expressed during the first part of Advent with the concentration on the Second Coming while the first coming is recalled from the 17<sup>th</sup> December, when Christ is seen as the fulfilment of the hope of Israel.

To aid your spiritual journey through Advent why not from the 1st December read one chapter of St Luke's gospel each day. There are 24 chapters. On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus' life and wake up on Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate.

**Tier 4 Lockdown**

Last weekend I asked that you only attend 1 Mass during the 3 week period of restricted numbers to 20, but I apologise for greatly over-estimating the number of people who may have wanted to come to Mass, as we could not fill the places for Mass this weekend. So next weekend the Masses will be open to the whole parish again through the normal booking system.

**Collections**

Offertory	£ 315.70
Gift Aid envelopes	£ 381.00

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