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11th December 2016 THE NEWSLETTER for The Third Sunday in Advent (A)
'Gaudete Sunday'

Parish Masses for the Third Week of Advent

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sa 10 th	5.30pm St P's	Priest's Intention	Vigil of 3 rd Sunday of Advent
Su 11 th	8.30am St P's	For the Parish	3 rd Sunday of Advent
Su 11 th	10.00am St J's	Syd & Mary Armstrong R	3 rd Sunday of Advent
M 12 th	7.55am	Bronek Poloczek L	Advent Weekday
T 13 th	8.00am	May Leach L	St Lucy VM
W 14 th	8.00am	Private Intention	St John of the Cross PD
Th 15 th	7.55am	Priest's Intention	Advent Weekday
F 16 th	8.00am	The deceased members of the Molloy family R	Advent Weekday

L = Lately Dead, A = Anniversary of Death, R = Remembrance M = Martyr, V = Virgin, B = Bishop, Pp = Pope
P = Personal Intention, S = Sick, B = Birthday D = Doctor, P = Priest, R = Religious

Please pray for the following, the anniversaries of whose deaths occur at this time:

Dr Stanley St C J Devlin, Mary Armstrong, Leonard Mercer, Stephen John Eccles, Richard Embery, Geoff Wilcock, Catherine Jones, Mary Hughes.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Readings at Mass:	Third Sunday of Advent	Fourth Sunday of Advent
First Reading	Isaiah 35:1-6.10	Isaiah 7:10-14
Second Reading	James 5:7-10	Romans 1:1-7
Gospel	Matthew 11:2-11	Matthew 1:18-24

Collections: Very many thanks for your weekly donations for 3/4th December

Vigil	£35.80	8.30am	£ 104.35	10.00 am	£ 100.50	TOTAL	£240.65
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The Jesuit Pastoral Conference 8th – 10th June 2017

Every two years, representatives from the Jesuit-run parishes in England and Scotland are invited to meet together. The object of the meetings is for parishioners in Jesuit-run parishes in different parts of the country to meet each other, share experiences and good practice and also to look more deeply at a particular theme or themes which could enhance their mission, where-ever they are.

In 2017, a meeting is planned in the Conference Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire.

The dates and times are from **5.00pm on Thursday, June 8th** until after **lunch on Saturday, June 10th.**

The theme of the meeting is a study of the three encyclicals issued by Pope Francis since he became Pope.

They are: **Evangelii Gaudium** - The Joy of the Gospel

Laudato Si – Care of Planet Earth

Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Married Love.

Each Jesuit Parish – and we are one – is invited to send up to 12 people. The parish would fund attendees, including travel. All are invited and if you would like to attend, and it would be very good if we had twelve representatives, please let Fr Griffiths know as soon as possible.

In order to prepare for the gathering, there will be the opportunity to have guided instructions on each of the three encyclicals and information on these 'classes' will be given nearer the time.

I recommend this opportunity very highly. Pope Francis has taken his responsibilities very seriously indeed and we need as a parish to take on board his wishes for the Church of today.

An Advent Course run by St John's Church in St John's Old School Hall. Dates: Mondays 21st & 28th November, 5th and 12th December. Time 7.00pm with a meal followed by a look at scripture in an informal setting led by Philip Elson, a Baptist Minister from Blackburn. More information from **David and Gill Jacques (01254 878222)**

The next **Joint Mid Week Service and lunch** is at 11.00am on Wednesday 14th December 2016 in St John's Old School Hall. Names, please to Fr Griffiths if you would like to go.

Carol Singing around Hurst Green village and environs! Friday, 16th December 2016 A joint project with St John's and All Hallows churches. Meet in St Peter's Club at 7.00pm.



Advent Penance Service with opportunities for confession.

This will take place on Thursday, December 15th at 6.30pm with mince-pies and mulled wine afterwards. We shall be inviting confessors from St Wilfrid's, Preston, so we hope that there will be a good attendance.

Rejoice!

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Knowing the Faith.

'Classes' on various aspects of Catholic teaching. Venue: the Parish priest's office. Enter by the stepped entrance at the side of the church. Time: 7.30pm.

Monday, 12th December: The Trinity

Praying with the Pope in December, 2016

The Pope's Prayer intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer for December are:

Universal: That the scandal of Child-Soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelisation: That the people of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness and truth of the Gospel, which gives joy and hope to life.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information.



Christmas Masses and services in St Peter's and St Joseph's 2016

St Peter's

Saturday, December 24th 10-11am Confessions

Christmas Vigil Mass with blessing of crib 5.30pm (preceded with Carols at 5.00pm)

Midnight Mass at 12.00pm preceded with carols at 11.30pm.

St Joseph's

Sunday, Christmas Day 10.00 mass in St Joseph's Chapel

St Peter's, Feast of St Stephen, (Boxing Day)

Monday, 26th December

Mass at 10.00am. (No 8.00am mass)

The details above, plus details of Christmas services of our sister churches of St John's in Hurst Green and All Hallows in Mitton in the form of a post-card are available at the back of the church. Please take one.

Next Week's Newsletter will be a 'double number' and cover the fourth week of Advent and Christmas week.