



23rd November 2024

Blessed Trinity

The Immaculate Conception

St Gerard's

To be a joyful, inclusive Christ-centred community, drawing people to know Jesus through our words and actions.

The Season of Advent. The word Advent comes from the Latin term *adventus* meaning 'arrival' or 'coming'. The season begins by focussing on Christ's second coming and the importance that we are ready. This means we are doing what we should be doing here and now. Advent is a time to prepare, to nurture a prayerful waiting and carry out acts of repentance which include seeking God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). As the season enters into its final week the focus turns towards Christ's first arrival and we prepare to celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Saviour.

ADVENT RETREAT (AGE 15 TO YOUNG ADULTS) AT CASTLERIGG MANOR

Bookings will close for the Advent Retreat at Castlerigg on December 11th at Midday. The open retreats at Castlerigg give teens and young adults a great way to make friends, deepen their faith, and have some fun and they usually prove very popular. The weekend costs £65 but anyone who might struggle with this is invited to get in touch. Further details - director@castleriggmanor.co.uk. Sign up at castleriggmanor.com >> what's coming up.

Advent Wreaths—An opportunity for families to make their Advent wreaths takes place at the Immaculate Conception parish room on Friday Nov 29th 3-30pm and Saturday 30th Nov at 10am. The cost is £6 per wreath, text Melissa Haigh on 07557092939 to book a place

Christmas Masses—The mass times over Christmas are as follows: Christmas Vigil Mass Dec 24th 3pm at St Gerard's. Christmas Night Mass at midnight at the Immaculate Conception. Christmas Day Mass 9am at the Immaculate Conception.

Week of Guided Prayer 1st to 6th December

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Financial Contributions to the Parish

Immaculate Conception (St Mary's) sort code 404107 account number 51094262

St Gerard's Thrybergh sort code 404107 account number 11095110

Anniversaries: 23rd Edmond Sexton, Hilda Walsh, Pat Crowley, Philip Hunt, John Durcan, 24th Bernadette Root, Rosaleen Breslin, 25th Pat Scott, Maria Efole, 26th Brendan Vernon, Fr Gerry Conway, Harold Kinsey, Peggy Ahmed, Ron Vernon, Rose McCarron, 27th Annie Egan, Arnold Galamiton, Irene Stevenson, Pat Bakes, Betty Haslam, 28th Eugene Harris, Joan O'Brien, Peter Doherty, Rose Gavin, Laurence Malone, Fr Anthony Attree, 29th Alexander Maclean, Bernard Egan, Catherine (Davis) Noon, Marguerite Agnes Noon, 30th Dolly Unsworth, Tess

Fretwell, Winifred Farmer, Mary Kennedy, Fr Hubert McNamara, Owen Kavanagh, Dec 1st Albert Clarke, Kathleen Kemp, Ken Allward, Frank Goda, Fr John Windle, 2nd Lynn Ross, 3rd Amy Gurran, Maureen Breslin, Rose Flower, Tom Keyes, William Ambrose, 5th George Watkinson, Maria Juhasova, Patricia McCallan, William Glennon, Fr Reginald Bessler, 6th Elizabeth Skupien, June Broughton, Chrissie Evans, 7th Leslie Stacey, 8th Cath Mullane, Mary Frain, Sally & Billy Corcoran, Gary Appleyard.

If you would like to add someone to our record of an-

niversaries please forward the details of the person's name and date of the anniversary of their death to office@tpicr.co.uk

Recent Deaths: Please pray for the following who are seriously ill:

Fr. James Shryan, Linda who is on end of life care, Daniel, Christopher Mangham, Linda Mangham, Will Trueman, Terry Glossop, Andy and Ellen Rodgers along with Wayne, Robert and Glenda, Owen Jenkinson, Olga Kelsall, John Burke.

November - Remembering those who have died

On the 26th November mass for the recently deceased will be celebrated at St Gerard's 6pm to which all family and friends of those who have died in the parish during the past 12 months are invited. It would be good if as many parishioners as possible support these two masses.

A diary is placed in both churches by the statues of Our Lady for the whole of November. This will give you an opportunity to record the anniversary of a loved one's death or if you don't know the anniversary make an entrance under a date that is special to the person and you. It is the information gathered in the diary that helps to record the anniversaries in our newsletter during the 12 months ahead.

Advent Sundays—Each Sunday during Advent will have a special theme.

1st Sunday of Advent - blessing of wreaths (bring your own to be blessed)

2nd Sunday of Advent - honouring the Immaculate Conception, patron of one of our parishes - bring your rosary beads/statues of Our Lady to be blessed.

3rd Sunday of Advent - blessing the figure of the child Jesus- bring your figure of the child Jesus from your crib to be blessed

4th Sunday of Advent - cloth for the cradle, preparing the manger.

Bible Study Group

Another short program of Bible Study will take place on the Monday evenings 2nd and 9th December, 7pm at the Immaculate Conception and will look at the readings on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of Advent.

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St Bernard's Catholic High School will once again be holding early morning Masses in school each Wednesday during Advent starting at 8am. They would love to see you there if you can make it to any of them

The dates are 4th December, 11th Decem-

Confession: During the Saturdays of Advent (7th, 14th, 21st) Confession is available from 10-15am to 10-45am at St Gerards and from 4-15pm to 5-30pm at the Immaculate Conception. There will be the usual availability on Monday after the 10am mass. Appointments can also be arranged at other times that are more convenient.

Anointing of the Sick: This will take place at St Gerard's on the 27th November at 10am.

The weeks ahead:

Saturday 23rd November	6pm	Immaculate Conception	5-15pm Confession Christ the King	Edmond Sexton
Sunday 24 th	9am	Immaculate Conception	Christ the King	Fr Bernard O'Brian
	11am	St Gerard's	Christ the King	People of the Parish
Monday 25 th	10am	Immaculate Conception	Weekday	Holy Souls
Tuesday 26 th	6pm	St Gerard's	Memorial Mass for the Recently Departed.	Deceased Members of the Parish
Wednesday 27 th	10am	St Gerard's	Weekday	Deceased Members of the Kerrigan Family
Thursday 28 th	7pm	Immaculate Conception	Weekday	Dennis & Pat Bartholomew
Friday 29 th	10am	St Gerard's	Weekday	
Saturday 30 th	11am	St Gerard's	St Andrew	Joan O'Brian
	6pm	Immaculate Conception	5-15pm Confessions 1 st Sunday of Advent	Thank You for Graces
Sunday 1st December	9am	Immaculate Conception	1 st Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish
	11am	St Gerard's	1 st Sunday of Advent	Lucy Glennon
Monday 2 nd	10am	Immaculate Conception	Advent Weekday	Spiritual Wellbeing
Tuesday 3 rd	10am	St Gerard's	St Francis Xavier	Holy Souls
Wednesday 4 th	10am	St Gerard's	Advent Weekday	Deceased members of the Kennedy family
Thursday 5 th	7pm	Immaculate Conception	Advent Weekday	
Friday 6 th	10am	Immaculate Conception	Advent Weekday	
Saturday 7 th	11am	St Gerard's	St Ambrose	Stan Jones
	6pm	Immaculate Conception	2 nd Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish
Sunday 8th November	9am	Immaculate Conception	2 nd Sunday of Advent	
	11am	St Gerard's	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Michael Mellor

Children's Liturgy—These will take place at the Immaculate Conception on the 24th Nov and on the 15th December

Joint Parish Meeting—The next parish meeting takes place on Monday 25th November at St Gerard's at 6-30pm. It is an open meeting for parishioners from St Gerard's and the Immaculate Conception. Please come along and find out more about your parish.

Second Collections 2024—The last second collection of the year is on the 30 Nov/1st Dec in support of Caritas.

Community Gathering—The next Community Gathering in the autumn will be on the 18th November at 6pm all are welcome

Advent Meal—Organised by the Maltfriscans this popular annual event will take place on Friday 29th November 7pm at the Immaculate Conception. An evening meal within a liturgical setting it sets out to prayerfully and socially welcome the Season of Advent. If you wish to take part please message on the parish watts app or email office@tpicr.org.uk

The next Community Carol Service on 16 December 2024. After that we have fixed the dates for the next six months as follows:

20 January, 17 February, 17 March, 14 April, 19 May, and 16 June

In due course we will fix the rest.

Church Car Park: It is always lovely to see you, all we ask is that you use the designated parking bays when parking. This allows emergency vehicles to access the grounds should they be needed.

100 CLUB—October draw was won by No.78 Olga Kelsall. Next draw will be on 30th November. New members always welcome. It's just £2 a week and you could win on the £100 draw or the twice yearly £500 draw.

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St Gerads notices:

If you would like to make a donation towards **Christmas flowers** for the church please see Win or Hilary.

December Thursday 12th St Gerard's Christmas party 12 - 2pm live music, special guests, great company everyone is welcome

Solemnities and Feasts Ahead

St Andrew: Andrew was initially a disciple of John the Baptist before becoming an apostle of Jesus and brother of Simon Peter. After the life of Jesus tradition tells us that St Andrew preached across lands by the Black Sea region.

St Francis Xavier: a native of the Basque region, Catholic missionary and cofounder of the Society of Jesus otherwise known as the Jesuits. His travels took him to Goa, Borneo, the Maluku Islands, and Japan. He was planning to extend his mission work to Ming China when he died on Shangchuan Island.

St Ambrose: A theologian who served Milan as its Bishop from 374 to 397. An influential figure in the Church he inspired many to seek baptism including St Augustine.