



FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

18th December 2022 · Year A · Weekday I · Psalter IV

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Day	Time	Ceremony	Officiant
Sunday 18th Dec	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – “O ADONAI”		
	9am	Mass	Thanksgiving - Ugochukwy
	11am	Solemn Mass	For Expectant Mothers
	4pm	O Emmanuel	
	5.30pm	Sung Mass	Private Intention (travel)
Monday 19th	<i>Advent Feria “O Radix Iesse”</i>		
	10am	Mass	Donovan Purcell (F) +
Tuesday 20th	<i>Advent Feria “O Clavis David”</i>		
	10am	Requiem Mass	Michael Donald Davies +
Wednesday 21st	<i>Advent Feria “O Oriens”</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	Evelyn Morrissey +
Thursday 22nd	<i>Advent Feria “O Rex Gentium”</i>		
	10am	Mass	Sally & Roger Pearson (F)
Friday 23rd	<i>Advent Feria “O Emmanuel”</i>		
	7.30am	Mass	Anthony Watson +
Saturday 24th	<i>Advent Feria “Christmas Eve”</i>		
	10am	Mass & Adoration	James & Margaret Russell (F) +
	10.30am	Confessions	
	5.15pm	Confessions	
	6pm	Mass - Anticipatory	Holy Souls

Next Sunday: 6pm [Saturday], 12 Midnight, 9am, 11am · **Lauds at 9.40am Monday - Saturday** in the **Precious Blood Chapel**

The Rosary is prayed in the **Lady Chapel Monday to Friday** after the **10am Mass**

Adoration: Tuesday 7.30pm, First Friday 10.30am until 4pm & Saturday 10.30am

Prayers for the sick: Cathy Adams, Justina Adamska, Philippa Barnes, Ian Beyts, Eleanor Bray, Amanda Caistor, Brenda Devany, Ann Dunning, Anthony Edmunds, Jonathon Fitzimmons, Sophia Gough-Solar, Joe Heaney, Gill Horan, Paul Horan, Nancy Horner, Joan Marshall, Maria Osorio, Sarah McLean, Gary Newton, Christopher Parish, Canon David Paul, Anthony Preston, Nicholle Sales, Reece Sales, Linda Sheppard, Peter Thorn, Mary Ward, Peter Warrington, Fr John Warrington, Peter Willets, Adrian Woods, the Wood Family, the Watson Family, and Dianne Yeadon. [GDPR compliant] **Going into hospital?** Please inform the hospital ward itself that the Catholic Chaplain is needed.

The Cathedral Church is open daily this week from 7.30am until 6pm

Dear parishioners of St John's Cathedral Church

Anyone who managed to attend the ordination of our new bishop on Tuesday or watched it via our live-streaming service would have to agree that it was an extremely prayer-filled, at times moving and a liturgically beautiful day. Right from the moment the doors of the cathedral opened at 10:00 o'clock until the last sandwich was eaten in the marquee, there was an atmosphere of excitement from those attending, a feeling of awe from those participating and watching and an ever-increasing feeling of relief (from me) as the day progressed so smoothly and with such dignity. A truly momentous and memorable day for Bishop Peter as he begins to lead us, as our Apostle, over the years ahead.

Of course, none of this would have been possible had it not been for the army of volunteers and cathedral staff who have been working on this project for many months (in planning) and more directly over the last couple of months since Bishop Peter's appointment was announced. My thanks go particularly to our General Manager, Charley, for her humour and calm approach to the main task of organising this event through an ever-changing landscape. Our Master of Music, Daniel, and his fine musicians and choristers for providing such beautiful music after hours and hours of rehearsals. I also would like to thank Stephen and David our main Master of Ceremonies and Sacristan respectively, for the hours that they have put in rehearsing and polishing, the many prayers they have offered and for their can-do approach to almost anything that was asked of them (I think I will buy shares in the Brasso company!) along with, of course, the army of servers and sacristans that this sort of event requires.

Becci and the catering team for the extra-long hours and many cheerful cups of tea that they have provided when any of us became anxious - as well as their delicious cakes. I would also need to mention Michael and the flower group who somehow provided flowers that were understated (it is Advent after all) and yet they still had a presence in the cathedral - I have decided that they spent too many hours on them to remove them for the last week of Advent and, also, as this is a period of celebration for our cathedral and diocese, the flowers will remain in position for the last week of Advent. Finally, thank you to the stewards, the cleaners, the parking attendants, the admin support from Cathy, the handyman and all staff and volunteers - too numerous to mention by name. Thank you very much for all you do for our beautiful cathedral.

Finally, as we enter the last week of Advent and prepare intensely for the coming incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, I hope that this will be a prayer-filled period of grace for you and your families. *Credite in Lucem.*

Fr Alan

HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH

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Every Sunday 10am Mass

11am Confessions

4pm Holy Qurbana

The 10am Mass on **Tuesday 20th December** will be a Requiem Mass for Michael Donald Davies. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for his family.

This Sunday, **18th December at 4pm**, we can enjoy a **celebration of readings and carols** in anticipation of Christmas: **O Emmanuel**. All are welcome to attend this free event which will take the place of Vespers and Benediction this Sunday.

This weekend 17th & 18th December there will be Offertory baskets taken by the Flower Group to help towards the cost of Christmas flowers.

Hospital Mass – next Mass will be on **Mon 19th December**, at 12noon in the NNUH chapel, Central Block, Level 1.

In this last week of Advent, there will be **confessions** in the Cathedral at the usual times, but also **every weekday 10am – 11am**.

In **Christmas week, from 26th – 30th** there will be **only the 10am Mass** Monday – Friday. The Church will be open from 9am until 5pm.

Every year, we have a collection box beside our beautiful crib. Our collection this year is for **Aid to the Church in Need**.

Our collection during Mass at Christmas is our **annual Christmas gift to our parish priests**. We are always tremendously **grateful** for your generosity.

In this last week of Advent, the Church now starts to look forward to the coming of the Christ Child. Christmas Mass and ceremony times are shown on the back of this newsletter.



St John's Knitters and Stitchers have now finished for Christmas and will restart on 10th January 2023. The group is multi-talented, including knitting, crochet, sewing and embroidery plus much more. They meet in the Narthex Bar 2pm-4pm on Tuesday's and new members are very welcome.

Noah's Ark Baby & Toddler Group will be taking a break for Christmas and so will not run on 22nd or 29th December, returning on the 5th of January. For more information cathedralplaygroup@outlook.com

The Garden Café and shop will be closed between Christmas and the New Year from 1pm on Saturday 24th December and will reopen on Thursday 5th January.

The Narthex and the Parish Office will also be closed during Christmas week.

The Duckett Library will close on Thursday 15th December for the Christmas holidays and re-open on Sunday 8th January. Please continue to email with any queries.

Inviting all young people to a special Candlelight Mass - 7th January A special Mass for young people at the start of January, celebrated by Bishop Peter. Followed by hotdogs, fireworks, and refreshments. 4pm - 6pm at The White House, 21 Upgate, Poringland, NR14 7SH. There will be a collection of gifts for the *Welcome Rucksack Project* which helps children who are refugees. Suitable gifts (please bring unwrapped) include small games, stickers, children's shampoo and bodywash. Organised by the Diocesan Youth Service www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

The Listening and Prayer Ministry is looking to recruit new Helpers. Applications are to be received by mid December 2022, with interviews taking place online and training planned to commence in January 2023. For more information on the Ministry and for a Person Specification please visit: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/prayer-ministry-needs-good-listeners-with-compassion/> To ask questions or to apply please contact: Antonia Braithwaite mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk

Healing After Abortion - Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat March 17 – March 19th, 2023, North Norfolk. Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Healing Weekends offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of healing. Do email so that we can correspond or arrange a time to chat. East England contact: sona@rachelsvineyard.org.uk
Further info: <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>



**Father Alan,
Father Michael
and
All Cathedral staff and
volunteers
wish you
and your families
a very happy
and blessed Christmas
and New Year**

CHRISTMAS MASS & CEREMONY TIMES

Saturday 24th

Christmas Eve

3.15pm	Solemn Pontifical First Vespers of Christmas
4pm	Mass [Old Rite Latin] – with carols
6pm	Family Mass
8.30pm	Mass in Polish
9pm	Mass at Holy Apostles, Scarnell Rd, NR5 8HT
11.30pm	Carol Service

Sunday 25th

Christmas Day

Midnight	Solemn Pontifical Midnight Mass – <i>for Kathleen Dickerson</i>
9am	Sung Mass of the Dawn – <i>for the Pope's Intention</i>
10am	Mass of the Day at Holy Apostles
11am	Solemn Mass of the Day – <i>for the People</i>
1.30pm	Mass in Polish

Monday 26th December - Friday 30th December 10am Mass only

Saturday 31st

New Year's Eve

10am	Mass
6pm	Anticipatory Mass
11.15pm	Mass of Mary, Mother of God, to welcome the New Year of Grace

Sunday 1st January 2023 – New Year's Day

9am	Mass
10am	Mass at Holy Apostles
11am	Solemn Mass
3pm	Low Mass [Old Rite Latin]
5.30pm	Mass

Friday 6th January – The Epiphany

7.30am	Mass
10am	Sung Mass
5.30pm	Low Mass [Old Rite Latin]
7pm	Solemn Pontifical Mass