

### **Attendance and Collection**

3rd Dec Attendance 86 Collection £281.30 including baptism

10th Dec Attendance 141 Collection £310.20

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in our fundraising recently.  
Raffle at Xmas Dinner raised £179.00. Xmas craft evening raised 130.00.

### **Parishioners Who are Unwell**

If you would like the parish to pray for someone, please notify Father Sony on 01772 865229 for inclusion in the Bidding Prayers or newsletter. We also have an area in Church where you can write a prayer intention on a card and hang up if you prefer.

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### **Feast Days**

Thurs – St. Peter Canisius

### **School Events**

**Pre-school carols** around the tree – Mon 18 th December, 1.30pm – in church



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## **Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday**

**17th December - Readings - Year B**

**Sunday Mass - 10.30am**

### ***Parish Mission Statement***

*Our Parish, guided by the example of our patron St Francis of Assisi, seeks to be a welcoming Catholic Community by living, sharing and growing in faith.*

*We strive to deepen our own relationship with Christ  
and meet the needs of others.*

### **Today's Mass Intention is for the people of the Parish**

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially  
Lawrence Ibison, Bill Bamber, Shirley Walker  
Constance Mary Barber & Frank Morris.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially  
Mary Catherine Hegarty

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.00 am Adoration and Mass @ 9.30am.

Tea and Coffee are served at the back of church after Sunday Mass.

### **Christmas Masses**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - Vigil mass for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent @ 4pm

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December - No morning mass. Vigil mass for Christmas Day 4.00pm carols @ 3.30pm

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day mass 10.30am

### **School News**

As we approach the last week of term we continue to prepare for the Lord's coming as we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas.

We had our Infant Christmas play last week and the children are to be praised for their wonderful performance. Grateful thanks to Mrs Davies and Mr McGill for all their hard work in helping to bring the nativity story.

We held our family mass last Sunday followed by the Christmas Fair. Many thanks to all the parishioners who helped by making cakes, donating tombola prizes, making brews, manning stalls and coming and taking part.

We had our thought provoking Key Stage Two Advent Service on Tuesday in church and our Christmas music celebration on Friday in church. Both events were enjoyed by all.

Next week is certainly action packed in school. The pre-school are holding Carols around the Tree in church on Monday, 18th December at 1.30pm. On the 20th December, the whole school are going to The Globe Theatre at the Pleasure Beach in Blackpool to watch Beauty and the Beast.

We break up on the 21st\ December and wish you all a Very Happy Christmas with grateful thanks for all your support this year. Sending special Christmas Wishes to you all from all the pupils and all the staff.

In Religious Education we have been focusing on Advent and looking how we can prepare for Christ's coming by the way we act and behave towards others.

Here are some Advent Promises written by some of our pupils that we thought were definitely worth sharing with you.

I promise to look after my family and all my relatives this Christmas and spread joy to everyone.

I promise this Advent to be respectful, honest and loving .and to bring light to all those people I know and love

I promise to really try to give love, joy and peace to my family and friends this Christmas.

I promise to always smile at someone when I see them so I can cheer them up If they are sad.

I promise to be a real peacemaker this Advent by making sure nobody falls out with each other.

I promise to take more care of my mum and help her by doing more jobs around the house.

I promise to say a special prayer to Mary everyday and thank her for being such a special mother to Jesus.

I promise this Advent to pray more and share love and kindness with all my family and friends.

I promise this Advent to look through all my toys and clothes and give to charity all the things I do not need.

I promise to remember how lucky I am and to think of all those children who are not as lucky as me.

I promise to pray for God's blessing on me and all my friends this Advent.