



### The Sacred & Solemn Season of Advent

We begin this weekend a penitential time, a time of self-denial, a time of work on our self-control and rid ourselves of that toxic attitude of 'entitlement'.

Advent (Latin for 'arrival') is a time we spend focused on our preparedness for the Lord's Second Coming, when the Lord Returns to bring time and this world to an end. Jesus warns us in the Gospel today to 'stay awake because you do not know the day when the Master is coming'.

Being ready for the moment Jesus will suddenly appear is what our life is for, everything else is a distraction.

Being ready means being in a 'State of Grace' with the Blessed Trinty present in the soul and our wilful cooperation with God's Holy Plan for humanity.

These next few weeks of Advent are truly blessed and graced by God for us. Let's live Advent well and grow in our relationship with the Lord.



#### Parish Mission:

We are here to make Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament better known. loved honoured, worshiped & adored. All of our efforts in this parish will be geared towards helping every individual discover the Lord who is waiting for them to approach Him in the tabernacle.





## **Holy Mass Times**

Mon 10:00am
Tues 7:00pm
Wed 07:30am
Fri 12 Noon
Sat 6:00pm (Vigil)
Sun 10:00am

#### **Confession Times**

Tues 6:00pm

Fri 11.00am

Sat 5:00pm

Or 30mins before any Mass



**Adoration Times:** 

Tues 6.00pm

Fri 11am

Sat 5pm

DECEMBER 2025							
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1ST IN SUNDAY ADVENT	Bible Study	2 Adult Formation	3	4	5 SOUPS	6 CHESS 11AM QUIZ 7:30PM	
7 2ND IN SUNDAY ADVENT	8 Bible Study	9 Adult Formation	10		12 SOUPS	13 Nativity Rehearsal 10am	
14 3RD IN SUNDAY ADVENT	15 Bible Study	16 Adult Formation	17		19 SOUPS	Nativity Rehearsal 10am	
21 Parish Nativity 2pm	Bible Study	23	24 Christmas Eve 5:30PM 11:30pm	25 Christmas Day Mass: 10am	26 Mass: 10am	27	
28 Holy Family	29 Mass: 10am	30 Mass: 10am	31 New Year's Eve Mass: 10am		H		

### Dates / Events coming up:

29<sup>th</sup> Nov Nativity Rehearsals 30<sup>th</sup> Nov First Sunday of Advent

6<sup>th</sup> Dec Big Christmas Quiz of the Year!

21<sup>st</sup> Dec Parish Nativity: 2pm please come along and support the youth of our parish

#### **Christmas Mass times:**

24<sup>th</sup>Dec Family Mass 5:30pm and 11:30 Carols followed by Midnight Mass

25<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Morning: 10am

26<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Octave Weekday Masses: 10am Weekend Mass as usual.

**Supporting the Parish:** 

Account Name: CDP BORDON SACRED HEART

Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account Number: 01755138

#### First Sunday of Advent

As usual, we will have Evening Prayer (Vespers) at 5pm this Sunday – the First Sunday of Advent. An opportunity to begin this sacred time together in prayer.

#### **Red Missio Boxes**

If you are collecting for Missio using the Red boxes, please bring them in for counting in the next few weeks.

#### **Parish Nativity**

The Nativity will take place on **Sun 21st Dec at 2pm.** Rehearsals take place every Saturday at 10am. All young people are encouraged to be involved. If your child would like to take part, please add their name to the list in the porch this weekend.



Big Christmas QUIZ Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm

**Entry fee:** 

£2.50 per person Bar:

£3.00 pint of beer £3.00 glass of wine Food:

Half time

#### **First Saturday Chess**

Our Chess group will meet again next Saturday at 11am.
All ages and abilities welcome.

#### **Christmas Quiz**

Our usual First Saturday quiz will take place next weekend and will be the last of 2025. Thank you to all those who have supported the quiz nights and a special word of thanks to Cecilia and Jim, our quizmasters. All Welcome!

#### First Wednesday Prayers

Deacon Kim leads prayers on the first Wednesday of each month for the Holy Souls in Purgatory from 7pm.

#### **Parish Programme for Advent**

In addition to the usual times for Holy Mass, Adoration and Confessions we offer the following sessions to help you grow in your faith this Advent:

Mondays: Bible Study 10:45am

Tuesdays: Formation 7:45pm

Wednesday: Early Mass 0730am

Fridays: Soup Fast 12:45pm

#### **Advent Confessions**

Making sure we are spiritually ready for Christmastide is important. The usual Confession times will remain, but an extended period will be added on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 7pm.

Chess club First Saturday 11am

Quiz Night First Saturday 7:30pm

Parish Pipe Band Thursdays 7pm

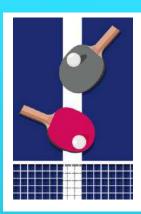
Coffee: Mon, Wed & Fri 8am -10am

Soups Every Friday 12:30pm

Gardening Team Saturdays

Community
Pantry
Mon: 8am10am and
12noon -2pm,
Wed: 8am –
9:30am
Fri: 8am –
10am and
12:45pm – 2pm





# **Table tennis Saturdays**

We have had three new 9 foot table tennis tables donated to the parish. We will set them up every Saturday afternoon for practice and we'll hold tournaments from time-to-time. ALL WELCOME!

# Men's walking group

A group for men to get together whilst benefiting from a bit of outdoor exercise. The routes will be carefully selected to include a pub lunch! The walks will take place monthly.





## **Uno tournament**

We will host a county-wide Uno Tournament open to all ages and abilities. The competitions will take place on Saturdays.... ALL WELCOME



Holy **Baptism** Preparation courses run throughout the year (outside of Lent)

our next session will be on Sunday 18th January

after Mass

**Confirmation Holy Communion Confession** our next Preparation Programme will begin on Sat 29th Nov 10am

Tues 6pm Fri 11am Sat 5pm or 30mins before any Mass

Holy **Matrimony** It takes at least one year to prepare for marriage

**Holy Orders** we should all consider whether God is calling us for service in His Church

**Last Rites** As soon as there is a danger to life, a priest must be called



## Family learning from the Catechism:

Advent is a penitential time, time of denying the self, overcoming entitlement and putting God first. Here is what the Catechism has to say about penance:

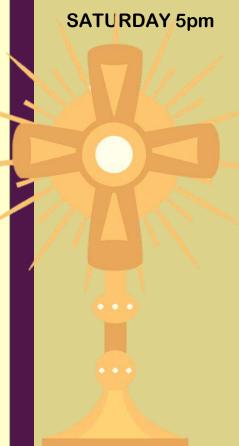
1434 The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways. Scripture and the Fathers insist above all on three forms, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others.

1435 Conversion is accomplished in daily life by gestures of reconciliation, concern for the poor, the exercise and defence of justice and right, by the admission of faults to one's brethren, fraternal correction, revision of life, examination of conscience, spiritual direction, acceptance of suffering, endurance of persecution for the sake of righteousness. Taking up one's cross each day and following Jesus is the surest way of penance.

Times when we can adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament:

**TUESDAY 6pm** 

**FRIDAY 11am** 



The church is open every day from 9am - 7pm for private prayer How long have you spent in prayer this week?

# Have you been to Confession this month?

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November First Sunday of Advent (Vigil)	Joyful Mysteries	Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Adoration	5:00pm	
Confessions:	5:00pm - 5:40pm	
Holy Mass: (Sunday Vigil)	6:00pm	Duncan & Urszula Wright 15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> November First Sunday of Advent	Glorious Mysteries	Dedicated to the Resurrection
Holy Mass:	10:00am	Edouard Trebucq RIP
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December First Week of Advent	Joyful Mysteries	Dedicated to the Holy Souls
Holy Mass	10:00am	Joseph Chandler Int.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December First Week of Advent	Glorious Mysteries	Dedicated to the Holy Angels
Adoration	6:00pm	
Confessions:	6pm-6.45am	
Holy Mass:	7:00pm	Apolinario Cabatana RIP [N]
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December First Week of Advent	Sorrowful Mysteries	Dedicated to St Joseph
Holy Mass:	07.30am	Helen and Martin Galvin RIP [N]
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December First Week of Advent	Sorrowful Mysteries	Dedicated to the Cross
Adoration	11am	
Confessions:	11am-11.45am	
Holy Mass:	12 noon	Anne Canale RIP [N]
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> December Second Sunday of Advent (VIGIL)	Joyful Mysteries	Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Adoration	5:00pm	
Confessions:	5:00pm - 5:40pm	
Holy Mass:	6:00pm	People of the Parish