



SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

ADVENT



Advent is a special season in the Church's year, when we await, with hope, the coming of Christ. Advent means 'to come', but it also has an expediency about it. It isn't simply 'when Jesus arrives' but more 'we await his arrival with great expectancy'.

The Advent wreath is symbolic of the season and what we celebrate: candles representing Jesus being the light coming into the world; the evergreen speaks of God's love which is omnipresent; the circular wreath is symbolic of God's love being never ending.

The four weeks of Advent have different themes: Hope, Peace, Joy (gaudate), and love. These virtues are an invitation for each one of us to enter into the season.

THE CHRISTMAS GIFT TREE

You will notice 'The Christmas Gift Tree', which is an appeal for gifts. Please take a tag from the tree, wrap your gift and return it before 22nd December, placing the gift under the tree. The gifts will be delivered to the local Women's Refuge, the Welcome Centre, and De Paul Young People's Homeless Project.

TRAVELLING NATIVITY

A talented Parishioner has knitted a full nativity, which will be travelling around our two parishes. Each evening the nativity scene will be hosted by a family, who will also lead a time of prayer, before handing the nativity onto another family.



CAROL SERVICE: 23RD DECEMBER

Traditional Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies at Ss. Aidan & Oswald's, 7pm

Date	Time, Church	Liturgy	Other
Monday 1 st December	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre
Tuesday 2 nd December	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Wednesday 3 rd December St. Francis Xavier, Priest	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	7pm, SJ: RCIA (for those who would like to explore the Catholic faith)
Thursday 4 th December St. John Damascene Priest, Doctor	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass	9.30am, SSAO: Knit&Natter 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Friday 5 th December	9am, SSAO 9.30am, SSAO 10am, SJ 7pm, SSAO	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass Mass: First Friday	6-7pm, SSAO: Adoration, Confession, Benediction.
Saturday 6 th December St. Nicholas, Bishop	10am SJ 10.30 SJ 5pm-5.20pm, SSAO 5.30pm, SSAO	Mass followed by the Rosary Confession Confession (Vigil) Mass	10am, SJ: Mass, Adoration, Confession, Rosary: First Saturday Devotion
Sunday 7 th December	9.30am, SSAO 11am, SJ	Mass Mass	7-9pm, SSAO: AA

CONFESSION

The scheduled times for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Confession are each Saturday morning, after the 10am Mass at SJ, each Saturday evening from 4.45 - 5.15pm at SSAO, and each month at SSAO for the First Friday Devotions from 6-7pm, during adoration.

DONA MACHINE: TOKENS

The use of the new contactless donation machine - Dona - has been a good success, with many people opting to use them as their way of donating their offertory because of the ease of use, and the fact that they can Gift Aid their donation.

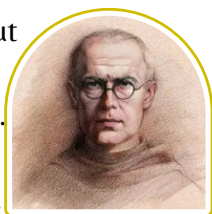
I know it may feel a bit awkward when the offertory basket comes and you have already made your offering on the Dona machine, so we are introducing blue tokens. Please take one after you have made your Dona donation and place the token in the offertory basket when the offertory basket comes to you.

Thanks once again for your generosity

CHRISTMAS FAIR

A big thanks for the donations for the Christmas Fair. Donations of bottles, chocolates, etc can be delivered to the sacristy before/ after the Mass.

St. Maximilian Kolbe is a martyr of charity; giving his life for a fellow prisoner of Auschwitz who was due to die, but St. Maximilian exchanged places. He is a patron saint of prisoners.



YOUTH CORNER

MASSSES
RECEIVED

TAIZE EVENING OF PRAYER

A Parish Advent Taizé Service will be held at Ss Aidan and Oswald's on Sunday, 30 November, at 7.30pm. All welcome.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

For the feast of the Immaculate Conception on the 8th December, Mass will be at 7pm at SSAO with the erection of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

COFFEE MORNING SVP

On Sunday 14 December. The SSAO SVP are hosting a festive coffee morning with a 'Light Brunch'. Join us in the community room following the 9:30am. Mass Free of charge.

"The Lord will not be out-done in generosity to those who serve the people most in need"

Pope Leo XVI

RECONCILIATION: ADVENT

Advent reconciliation service on the 18th December, 7-8pm. A wonderful opportunity to enter into the Christmas season with our sins forgiven.

SVP: CHRISTMAS PARTY

St Joseph's SVP Christmas Party for Senior Citizens will take place on Saturday 6th December, 2pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre. Places are limited. Please enter your name on the list at the back of church.

STRICTLY COME DANCING

An evening of fun & entertainment: watching professionals and learning ballroom ourselves! £10pp. Hot Supper included. Tickets for sale. Auction on the night! keeeep dancing!!!

Saturday 13th Dec: 7pm till late, SJ.

ST JOSEPH RC PRIMARY

This week we reflected on forgiveness and community service. We missed a visit from Blue Watch because of an emergent callout, reminding us of their importance. We enjoyed the Middleton Arena pantomime, and the children recorded Christmas jokes. Year 3 prepared for reconciliation in anticipation of their First Holy Communion. We celebrated Andrew's Blue House and anticipate Father John's 90th birthday.

S. AIDAN & OSWALD PRI

This week we enjoyed Family Day, celebrated speed stacking and a liturgy on working together. Nursery and Reception families loved the Bedtime Story event, and Year 6 read beautifully at Mass.

Please join us for our Christmas Fair straight after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 30th—everyone is welcome.

Reception places are available.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Canon McBride will be leading the Advent recollection at SSAO on Saturday 13th Dec., 12noon - 3pm. Free Soup lunch. Please sign up.

A time of preparation for Christmas

DONATIONS VIA QR

St Joseph Ss Aidan & Oswald



General: Winifred and Wilfrid Tootill, O'Brien Family, Patrick Butcher, Harry Dubois (3), Recovery post surgery
Lately Dead: Joan Wiseman, Russel Cunningha, Jacqui Stansfield



Anniversary: Michael Crossan, Joan Cartleage, Dominic Mazza, Michael Crowther, Mary Ward, Tim Hurley, Jozef & Jozefa Noga, Margaret Gidley

Stay awake so that you may be ready (Mt 24:37-44)

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If the SVP can be of any support to you, please contact: SJ: 07850 696676 Chris or SSAO: 0 7528 790623 Mike