



SAINT JOSEPH WITH SAINTS AIDAN & OSWALD

ADVENT WEEK 3: JOY

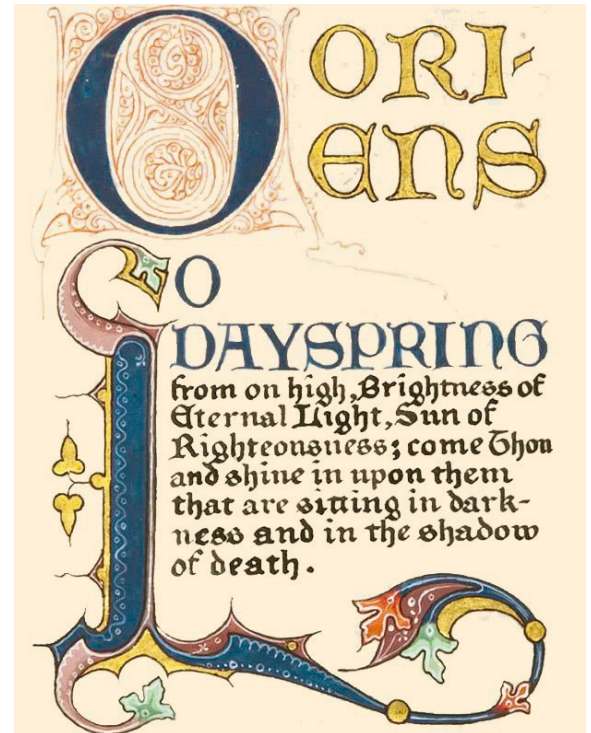


The countdown to Christmas intensifies with Gaudate Sunday, where we celebrate 'joy' at the coming of Christ at Christmas, and the 'O' antiphons from the 17th - 23rd December. The antiphons are usually sung phrases used in monasteries, where the community would sing the lyrics relating to the messianic titles of The Christ:

- O Sapientia (O Wisdom),
- O Adonai (O Lord),
- O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse),
- O Clavis David (O Key of David),
- O Oriens (O Dayspring),
- O Rex Gentium (O King of the nations),
- O Emmanuel (O God with us).

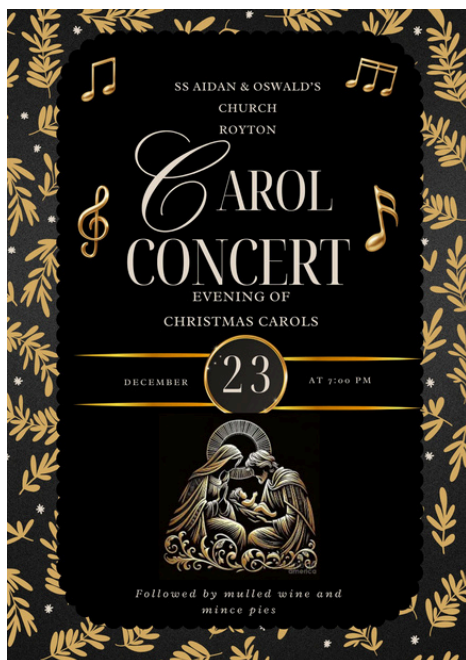
the first letter of each phrase, read in reverse, makes a hope-filled Latin phrase: 'Ero Cras', which means, 'tomorrow, I will come'

Perhaps the antiphons will give us an opportunity to delve deeper into the Christmas mystery.



Date	Time, Church	Liturgy	Other
Monday 15th December	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre
Tuesday 16th December	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Eucharistic Service Mass	10am-12noon, SSAO: Welcome Centre 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Wednesday 17th December O Wisdom	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Req. Mass: Chris Burke	7pm, SJ: RCIA Party (for those who would like to explore the Catholic faith)
Thursday 18th December O Adonai	8.30am, SSAO 9am, SSAO 10am, SJ 10.30am, SSAO 6pm, SJ 7pm, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass: Whole School SSAO Mass Req. Mass: Michael Day Holy Hour Reconciliation Service	9.30am, SSAO: Knit&Natter 12.30pm, Roe Buck, Lees: Parish Christmas Dinner 7-9pm, SSAO: AA
Friday 19th December O Stock of Jesse	9am, SSAO 9.30am, SSAO 10am, SJ	Adoration & Rosary Mass Mass: Whole School SJ	
Saturday 20th December O Key of David	10am SJ 10.30 SJ 4.45-5.20pm, SSAO 5.30pm, SSAO	Mass followed by the Rosary Confession Confession (Vigil) Mass	
Sunday 21st December 4th Sunday of Advent O Rising Sun	9.30am, SSAO 11am, SJ	Mass Mass	Christmas Decorations after the morning Masses. 7-9pm, SSAO: AA

UPCOMING EVENTS



CHRISTMAS FAIR

A huge thank you for all who helped and supported the Christmas fair.

SVP: COFFEE MORNING

All are welcome to the SVP Festive Coffee morning at SSAO after the 9.30am Mass.

RECONCILIATION

This Thursday evening we celebrate a time of Reconciliation. As parishes we will gather to pray for forgiveness for the times we have failed to live up to, and live out, our Christian calling. Confession is a Sacrament to be enjoyed and celebrated. SJ, 18th Dec., 6pm Holy Hour, 7-8pm Confessions.

YOUTH CORNER
St. Tarcisus was a 12 year old boy who lived in Rome and was an Altar Server. He died a martyr protecting the Eucharist with his body.



CAROLS & ROSARY

'Carols and Rosary at Crib'

St. Anne's Square, Manchester,
Join us for Carols and Holy Rosary at the Crib as we come together in faith to sing cherished carols and pray for peace in our world.

Date: Saturday, 27th December

Time: 2:00 PM

The Crib outside St Ann's Church, St Ann's Sq., Manchester M2 7LF

The Legion of Mary

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✦ All are welcome ✦

"The eternal Word became small - small enough to fit into a manger"

Benedict XVI

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

SJ: 5pm

SSAO: 7pm

SJ: 11pm carols, followed by

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

SSAO: 9.30am

SJ: 11am



DAY OF RECOLLECTION

A thank you to Canon McBride for leading our Advent Day of Recollection where we contemplated the words of St. Charles Borromeo "bringing Christ to birth in oneself and others."

DONATIONS VIA QR

St Joseph

Ss Aidan & Oswald



ST JOSEPH RC PRIMARY

This week in school, our collective worship has focused on Preparation as we journey through Advent towards the great celebration of Christmas, reminding children daily that without Christ, there is no Christmas. It has been a busy and joyful week, with our choir sharing Christmas cheer across the parish and community, including SVP parishioners, Dr Kershaw's and Manchester People First. We also enjoyed a Rocksteady assembly showcasing growing musical talent, Christmas lunch day, and a well-attended PTA Movie Night. On Thursday, Year 3 took an important step in their faith journey by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Final preparations are now underway for next week's productions.

S. AIDAN & OSWALD PRI

This week, our Nursery and Reception children gave a beautiful performance of their Nativity, sharing the Christmas story with great confidence. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Freddie Fit which brought plenty of energy and excitement to the week. Adding to the festive spirit, our school gathered for Christmas dinner — a wonderful opportunity for pupils and staff to come together.

As we continue our Advent journey, we remain grateful for the many ways our school community comes together in faith, joy and celebration.

MASSSES
RECEIVED

General: Cecil, Ann, & Thomas McDermott, Winifred & Wilfred Tootil, Sheila & Kevin Mohan, Mary Jones, Maureen Brown



Lately Dead: Christopher Burke, Sheila Joyce, Lyn Priestly, Arthur Melling, Michael Day
Anniversary: John Slevin, Mary Cleary,

'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?' (Matt. 11: 2-11)

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