

ST DOMINIC’S, DURSLEY & ST JOSEPH’S, NYMPFIELD

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**15TH DECEMBER 2024
ADVENT III (YEAR C) - GAUDETE**



ADVENT III (Year C) Gaudete (remember to wear something pink!)

Sat 14 th Dec		5.30pm	Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfie
Sun 15 th Dec		10.30am	Sunday Mass & 2 nd Scrutiny	Dursley
		6.00pm	Ecumenical “Beer & Carols”	The Hoptician in Dursley
Mon 16 th Dec	Advent Feria	No public Mass because its Fr. P’s day off		
Tue 17 th Dec	Late Advent Feria – O Sapientia	9.30am	Mass ()	Dursley
Wed 18 th Dec	Late Advent Feria – O Adonai	9.00am 6.00pm	Mass () Nympsfie Village Carol Service in St Bartholomew’s	Dursley Nympsfie
Thu 19 th Dec	Late Advent Feria – O Radix Jesse	9.00am 9.45am Noon	<i>School Christingle Service 1</i> <i>School Christingle Service 2</i> Mass ()	<i>Nympsfie</i> <i>Nympsfie</i> Nympsfie
Fri 20 th Dec	Late Advent Feria – O Clavis David	6.00pm 7.00pm	Adoration, Rosary & Confessions Mass ()	Dursley Dursley
Sat 21 st Dec	Late Advent Feria – O Oriens	Noon 3.00 -4.00pm	Mass () Confessions	Dursley Dursley

ADVENT IV (Year C) O Rex Gentium

Sat 21 st Dec			Sunday Mass (Pro Populo)	Nympsfie
Sun 22 nd Dec			Sunday Mass & 3 rd Scutiny	Dursley

TIMES OF MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

- Tues. 24th Dec. 6.00pm The Vigil Mass in St Dominic’s
- Tues. 24th Dec. 9.00pm Mass of Christmas Night in St Joseph’s
- Wed. 25th Dec. 9.00am Mass of Christmas Dawn in St Joseph’s
- Wed. 25th Dec. 11.00am Mass of Christmas Day in St Dominic’s

Please note that the weekday Masses of the Christmas Octave will all be at Noon, no matter where they are celebrated



POPE’S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER - PILGRIMS OF HOPE We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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MASS PROPERS FOR ADVENT III (Year C)

Entrance Antiphon Rejoice in the Lord always; I say, rejoice. Indeed, the lord is near. .

First Reading – Zephaniah 3:14-18a *Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem!*

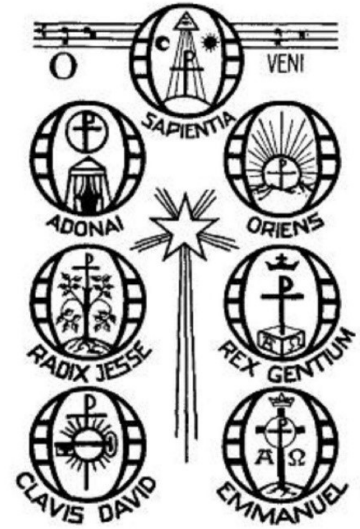
Responsorial Psalm Shout aloud and sing praise, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading – Philippians 4:4-7 *St Paul tells the Philippians to rejoice always, because the Lord is at hand.*

Alleluia Verse The Spirit of the Lord is upon my; He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Gospel Reading – Luke 3:10-18 *St John answer the question, ‘What should we do?’ to prepare for One Mightier than him, Who is coming.*

Communion Antiphon Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, Our God will come, and He will save us.



FORTHCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- 18th December 6.00pm Pre Christmas Carols in St Bart's, Nympsfield.
- Sunday 29th December, Feast of the Holy Family, we propose replacing the Café Dominic with Mulled Cider/Apple Juice and mince pies, to bring the family of the parish together.

R. C. DIOCESE OF CLIFTON PILGRIMAGE TO ROME IN JUBILEE YEAR 2025 Visit the main Basilicas of Rome enter through the Holy Door in the Jubilee Year. Spend 5 nights in Palazzola Retreat House, in the hills south of Rome near to Castel Gandolfo. Explore Rome with Canon Christopher on walking tours; Daytrip to Assisi with a stop at pretty hilltop village of Greccio where St Francis invented the Christmas Crib. Contact us here: enquiries@jcjourneys.com www.jcjourneys.com 01886 812862 Dates & Pricing Saturday 27th September - Thursday 2nd October 2025 What's Included 5-nights in Villa Palazzola, overlooking Lake Albano Return easyJet flights from Bristol to Rome Daily Mass Airport transfers included Coach transfers to and from Rome for 3 days Breakfast and dinner at Palazzola included Day trip to Assisi and Greccio Led by Bishop Bosco MacDonald & Canon Christopher Whitehead £1050 pp Room with ensuite bathroom (limited rooms available) £965 pp Room with shared bathroom.

“SING, CHOIRS OF ANGELS” As we approach the season of carols and joyful music, beginning with the angels in the sky over the hills above Bethlehem, this a seasonal reminder that choirs on earth need singers too! We can teach you to read music and how to sing in harmony. Make yourself known to existing choir members or to our Organist/Director of Music. Come and have fun.

CALLING THE ABLE-BODIED In order for the Café Dominic to run successfully, we need to offer not only Coffee/Tea but refreshments sitting down at tables and chairs. Can any of our able-bodied adults help us by just dropping into the hall on their way into church to give us quick hand?

HYMN VERSE BASED ON THE FIRST O ANTIPHON FOR TUESDAY

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
 And order all things, far and nigh;
 To us the path of knowledge show,
 And cause us in her ways to go.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

The O Antiphons are said or sung at either end of the Magnificat at Evening Prayer/Vespers. They consist of biblical titles for Christ, mostly from the Old Testament. Each starts with an O, hence the name – O Wisdom, O Adonai [Lord of Sinai's Height], O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, O Rising Sun, O King of the Nation, O Emmanuel. In the Middle Ages various parts of Europe and various religious orders added to this list, but in Rome they stuck with these.