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**ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
2025**

**COME CELEBRATE
THE SEASON WITH US**

**NEW YEAR
2026**

“PILGRIMS OF HOPE”



Schedule of Masses, Services and Events

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2025 – NEW YEAR 2026

Masses for Advent:

All Weekday Masses - Tuesday to Friday 9.30am

Sundays of Advent - Vigil Mass 5.30pm, 9.00am and 10.30am

**At each Mass there will be appropriate silence
after the Readings from Scripture and the Gospel**



ADVENT HOUSE GROUPS

This Advent, starting on **30th November**, we are inviting you to take a step closer to the heart of Christmas. Join us for four weeks of fellowship, reflection and celebration in a warm and welcoming house group setting. If you are interested and would like to take part, please click on the button below and fill in the online sign-up form to let us know who you are and when you would like to meet.

<https://www.olsd.org.uk/parish-life/house-groups/>

[Advent House Groups 2025 - Sign Up Form · ChurchSuite Forms](#)



Thursdays: ADVENT ADORATION 7PM - 8PM

You are invited, amid the busy-ness of getting sorted for Christmas, to 'retreat' into a sacred and prayerful place for three separate 'holy hours' during Advent. The first will be on Thursday 4th December at 7.00pm. All are welcome. Bring your friends.



ADVENT RECOLLECTION WITH MARY

Novena to the Immaculate Conception – Sat 29th Nov to Sun 7th Dec

Recollection Day - Saturday 6th December 9.30am to 1.00pm (Hall & Church)

Monday 8th December Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Mass at 9.30am
Joint Principal Patron of our Diocese



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be available throughout the Season of Advent

Saturday Evenings 4.15pm - 5.15pm

Before, and after each Mass at the weekend

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PARISH ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 17th December at 7.00pm

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Weekday Mass – 17th-24th Dec – O Antiphons and Novena

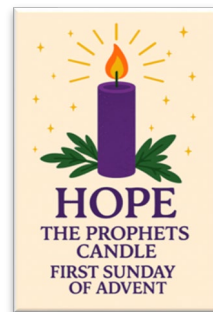
Sunday 30th November | First Sunday of Advent

(Sat 29th) Confessions 4.15pm-5.15pm

(Sat 29th) Mass 5.30pm (Vigil - '**Darkness into Light**' in collaboration with Cove CofE parish "Mosaic Arts")

Mass 9am, 10.30am (Family/sung, with **Toddlers & Children's Liturgy**; RCIA – Rite of Welcome)

Advent Service 7.00pm at St John's Church, Cove - "**Darkness into Light**" in collaboration with OLSD choir



Thursday 4th December

School Reconciliation Service for years 4,5, & 6 – St Bernadette's School

Sunday 7th November | Second Sunday of Advent

(Sat 6th) Confessions 4.15pm-5.15pm

(Sat 6th) Mass 5.30pm (Vigil)

Sunday Mass 9am, 10.30am (Family/Sung with **Toddlers' & Children's Liturgy**)



Friday 12th December

Decorating the Church and Hall for Christmas – 10.30am in the Church

Saturday 13th December

Children's Christmas party 10.30 am – 12.00 noon in the Hall (for ages 2 to year 6 primary school).

All First Holy Communion children are invited

Sunday 14th December | Third Sunday of Advent

(Sat 13th) Confessions 4.15pm - 5.15pm

(Sat 13th) Mass 5.30pm (Vigil)

Mass 9am, 10.30am (Family/sung **Toddlers' & Children's Liturgy** – Christingles)

Christmas Carol Concert - 5.30pm – 6.15pm in the church.

Festive music and Cultural Carols plus congregational carols.

Proceeds in aid of the Salesians in Bethlehem Christmas Gift.



Wednesday 17th December

Carol Service – St Bernadette's School 2pm at OLSD

Parish Community Advent Reconciliation Service 7pm

Friday 19th December

Altar Server's Training - 4.00pm – 5.00pm in the church.

Christmas Party for Adolescents - 5.00pm – 7.00pm in the Hall

All Confirmation youngsters are invited

Sunday 21st December | Fourth Sunday of Advent

(Sat 20th) Confessions 4.15pm - 5.15pm

(Sat 20th) Mass 5.30pm (Vigil)

Mass 9am, 10.30am (Family/Sung with **Toddlers' & Children's Liturgy**)



Wednesday 24th December | CHRISTMAS EVE

Children's Vigil Family Mass of Christmas 4pm

Mass of the Nativity of the Lord 12.00 midnight (with Carols from 11.45pm)

Thursday 25th December | CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass 9am, Mass 10.30am (Family)

Friday 26th December | ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

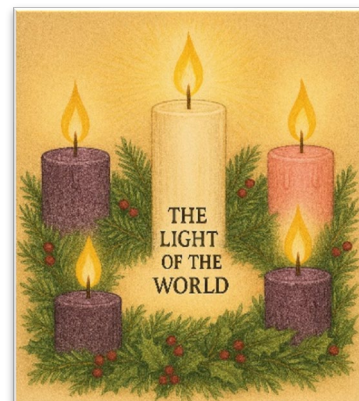
Mass 9.30am

Sunday 28th December | THE HOLY FAMILY

(Sat 27th) Confessions 4.15pm - 5.15pm

(Sat 27th) Mass 5.30pm (Vigil)

Mass 9am, 10.30am (Family/sung)



Wednesday 31st December | New Year Vigil Mass 12 midnight

(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11pm with the *Te Deum* to midnight)

Thursday 1st January 2025 | MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Confessions 9.00am – 10.00am

Mass 10.30am (Solemn/sung)

The Veni Creator Spiritus will be prayed on New Year's Day

Friday 2nd January

Mass 9.30am

Adoration 10am - 10.30am

Sunday 4th January | 2nd Sunday of Christmas

(Sat 3rd) Confessions 4.15pm - 5.15pm

(Sat 3rd) Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Mass 9am, 10.30am (Family/sung)

Traditional Christmas Lunch for senior members of our local community – 1.00pm onwards

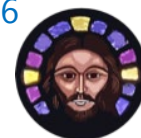
Monday 5th January - 7.30pm Vigil Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord

Tuesday 6th January | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Holy day of Obligation)

Mass 9am



The Parish Clergy,
Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee
& the Salesians of Don Bosco
wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year 2026



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