

LITURGICAL DIARY

Sunday 1 December	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9.30 am 11.00 am 5.30pm	Sung Latin Mass Sung English Mass Mass
Monday 2 December	8.00 am 1.10 pm 6.00 pm	Rorate Caeli Mass Mass Vespers at Emmanuel
Tuesday 3 December	St Francis Xavier 8.00 am 1.10 pm 6.30 pm	Rorate Caeli Mass Mass Mass
Wednesday 4 December	St John Damascene 8.00 am 1.10 pm	Rorate Caeli Mass Mass
Thursday 5 December	8.00 am 1.10 pm	Rorate Caeli Mass Mass
Friday 6 December	St Nicholas 8.00 am 1.10 pm 6.45 - 7.15 pm 7.15 pm	Rorate Caeli Mass Mass Confessions Candlelit Mass
Saturday 7 December	St Ambrose 12 pm - 1.00 pm 1.10 pm	Confessions & Holy Hour Mass
Sunday 8 December	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9.30 am 11.00 am 5.30pm	Sung Latin Mass Sung English Mass Mass

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POETRY EVENING

This Sunday (1 December), 8 pm

Bring a poem to read for the theme of 'Christmas'. Poems can either be your original work or that of other poets. We shall gather in the Great Chamber over a glass of something.

ADVENT CELEBRATION

This Tuesday (3 December), from 6.30 pm

Celebrate the beginning of Advent and the end of term at Fisher House:

6.30 pm: Candlelit Advent Carol Service in the Chapel.

7.15 pm: Dinner in the Fisher Room - bring some food. The Black Swan Bar is open.

8.15 pm: Ceilidh - if you have not danced before, do not worry. It is great fun.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR JUBILEE YEAR

Monday 25 - Friday 29 March 2025

Fr Paul will lead this pilgrimage for students. Cost: £650 (includes flights, accommodation, meals). For further information and to book, e-mail Fr Paul.

RORATE CAELI MASSES

Monday-Friday this week, 8 am

A Rorate Caeli Mass is traditionally celebrated just before dawn in Advent as a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass is only lit by candles, representing Mary's role in bringing the Light of the World into the darkness of the world. Breakfast will follow in the Fisher Room.

GRADUATE SOCIETY ADVENT DINNER

This Thursday (5 December), 7.30 pm

Drinks at 7.30 pm in the Fisher Room, followed by dinner at 8 pm. After-dinner guest speak: Eamon Duffy. To register, please e-mail Alex Lynch (all62).

SOUP LUNCH/A SHOT OF THEOLOGY

Fridays, after 1.10 pm Holy Mass

This term, over soup after Friday Mass, a ten-mins talk will be given by one of the Chaplains on the Beatitudes. This Friday is the final one: 'Blessed are the persecuted.'

CHRISTMAS DRINKS FOR SENIOR MEMBERS

Sunday 15 December 7 - 9 pm, Great Chamber

ADVENT

PREPARING TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Our days are filled. We are hurtling to the end of term. There is much to do and enjoy. And for most, Christmas Day is the climax of the festive season. From now, until 25 December, there are gifts to be bought, parties to be enjoyed, crackers to be pulled. Yet we know that Christmas Day is only the beginning of the festive season, with Advent its mini Lent. I shall not suggest that we remain aloof from the Christmas festivities already in full swing. But we should not let the opportunity of Advent be drowned in mulled wine. How to keep it though? Consider these possibilities:

1. Going to Mass during the week.
2. Giving (extra) time to prayer - 10 mins.
3. Pray a decade each day from the Joyful Mysteries.
3. Read scripture or a spiritual reading book.
4. Support a Charity.
5. Abstain from something - food/drink.

Too often we arrive at Christmas Day bloated and tired. Once again we have allowed ourselves to be robbed of the opportunity of Advent. This year, however, we could go deeper, and be ready at Christmas to welcome Jesus because - through December - we created a crib for Him in our hearts.