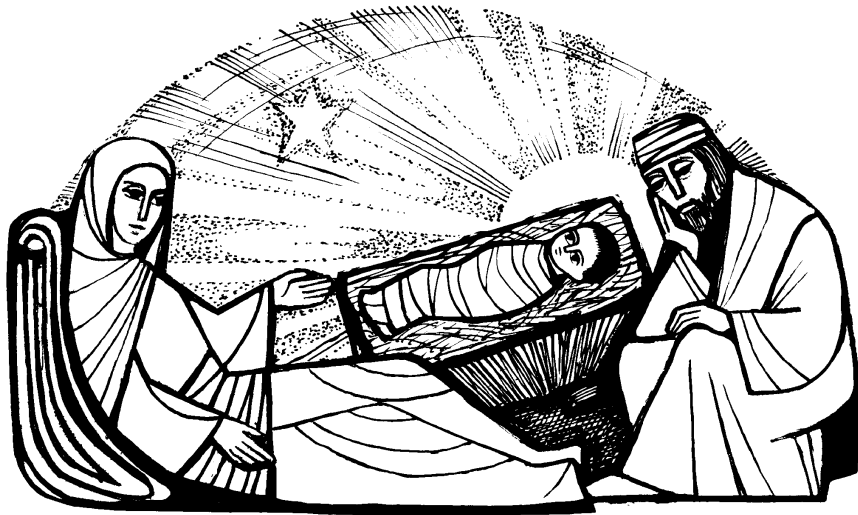


Our Lady & St Vincent Catholic Parish  
243, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar EN6 2AT

## Advent & Christmas 2017



*You have come to us as a small child,  
bringing the greatest of all gifts,  
the gift of eternal love.*

*St Bernard of Clairvaux*

# Advent

'Now we watch for the day hoping that the salvation promised us will be ours when Christ our Lord will come again in his glory.' *Advent Liturgy*

## OPEN CHURCH

Every day during Advent the church will be open between 8am and dusk. Access will be either to the main church or to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. A notice will indicate which part is open.

## SATURDAY SACRED SPACE

### Every Saturday of Advent Commencing 2nd December

10.30am Mass

11 - 12noon Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation

### Wednesday 6th December at 7pm

**Westminster Cathedral Choir** will perform Britten's Ceremony of Carols at Our Lady & St George, London Road, Enfield, EN2 6DS  
Entry free with retiring collection.

### Friday 8th December at 7pm

**Advent Service** led by Pope Paul School in Church  
*Come and let our wonderful primary school lead you in music and prayer.*

### Sunday 17th December at 5pm

**Parish Carol Service** with blessing of Tree of Light in Church  
*Followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the hall*

### Monday 18th December at 7.30pm

**Parish Reconciliation Service**  
*We pause to celebrate this beautiful sacrament in preparation for Christmas. There will be plenty of visiting priests for confession.*

### Tuesday 19th December at 7.30pm

**Churches Together in Potters Bar Carol Service** in Wyllyotts Theatre  
*Bring your friends and neighbours for this ecumenical service.*

### Saturday 23rd/Sunday 24th December: Fourth Sunday of Advent

6pm Saturday Vigil Mass, Sunday Mass 9am & 11am

# Christmas

## **Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve**

*Church closed 1pm - 3.30pm for preparation*

### **5pm Vigil Mass for Families with young children**

*Children are invited to come dressed as angels and shepherds.*

*Children assemble in the hall at 4.40pm.*

*You are asked, if at all possible, not to come to this Mass unless you have young children as there are great numbers of people at this Mass.*

*There is a Mass later this evening and also a Mass for families with children at 9am tomorrow.*

### **8.30pm Candle-lit Vigil & Mass**

## **Monday 25th December Christmas Day**

### **9am Dawn Mass with Children's Liturgy**

*This Mass is also appropriate for families with young children with readings and homily arranged to be more accessible to children.*

### **11am Mass with Carols**

*An opportunity to listen to and reflect on the incarnation from John's Gospel.*

## **The Octave of Christmas**

### **Tuesday 26th December (St Stephen, Martyr)**

12noon Mass with enrolment of Altar Servers

### **Wednesday 27th December (St John the Evangelist, Apostle)**

Mass at 10am

### **Thursday 28th December - Holy Innocents**

Mass at 10am

*Friday - no Mass*

### **Saturday 30th/Sunday 31st December (The Holy Family)**

6pm Saturday Vigil Mass, Sunday Mass 9am & 11am

### **Monday 1st January: Mary, Mother of God**

Mass at 12noon

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The Parish Office is open for non-urgent business every weekday from 9.30am - 12.30pm (Closed Christmas Week - reopens 2nd January 2018)

Christmas is a time when many people return to church after time away. You are especially welcome. We have many ways in which people can find help in returning to a regular practice or deepen their faith, either individually or in groups; Faith Sharing, Alpha, 'Come and See', Bible Study and individual discussion. If you are interested, please speak to one of the team in the New Year. Just email or telephone for an appointment.

**Crib Offerings**

Any financial offerings placed in the box next to the Crib will be sent to the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) which offers support to families in need throughout the diocese through one-to-one support of children, Family Centres and support services. Please be generous in your response. The CCS is playing a big role in supporting families affected by the Grenfell Tower disaster, which is a short distance from their offices.