

## Worship this week

Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	9.30am Morning Prayer <b>11am Sung Mass</b> <b>4pm Nine Lessons &amp; Carols</b>
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	O Rex	9am Morning Prayer at St Mark's (and via Zoom) 12noon Mass 1pm Confessions 5.30pm Evening Prayer
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup>	O Emmanuel	8.30am Morning Prayer 12 noon Confessions 6.30pm Evening Prayer 7.30pm Mass
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Eve of Christmas</b>	8.30am Morning Prayer 10.15am Last Mass of Advent 11.30 to 12 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <b>4pm Children's Crib Service</b> <b>11.30pm Midnight Mass</b>
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	9.30am Morning Prayer <b>11am Christmas Day Sung Mass</b>
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>S. Stephen</b>	<b>12noon Mass</b>
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>S. John the Evangelist</b>	<b>12noon Mass</b> 12.45pm Healing Ministry
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holy Innocents</b>	9.30am Morning Prayer <b>11am Sung Mass</b>

Morning and Evening Prayer will also be available on Zoom. Please contact Fr Neil for details. All our Masses will be livestreamed.

**This week we offer our Masses for:** Sunday: Parish and People, Monday: HM The King, Tuesday, Peace in the Holy Land, Wednesday: A peaceful and happy Christmas, Thursday: Parish and People, Friday: Deacons, Saturday: Good friendships in 2026.

**We pray for our local community in:** Elmer Ave, College Way, Elmer Approach, Luker Rd, Station Approach, High St, Clifftown Parade, Prittlewell Square, Devereux Rd, Clifton Mews, Clifton Terr, Royal Terr, Royal Mews, Market Place, Alexandra St, Clarence St, Clarence Rd, Weston Rd, Clifftown Rd, Scratton Rd.

**For those who are sick and in need:**

**Sunday:** Jo Allen, Diane Paisley, Terry Gray, Binu Mullor, Diana, Paul Davison, Jackie Keys, Brenda Bond, Philip Broomfield, Anna Fong, Charlotte Cheeseman, The King. **Monday:** John Triggs, Robin, Marta, Pauline Maker, David Raglan, Graham Turnidge, Nicole Beard, Mthr Lizzy, Jamie Hawkes, Sheila Grant, Luke Mesher.

**Tuesday:** Sally, Gregory, Arthur, Maggie, Leesa, Nicholas, Anne Box, Sue Burton, Norma Gray-Griffiths, Pauline Clark, Helen Pierce.

**Wednesday:** Lisette, Lucy, Neil, John McGuinness, Pauline Barta, Fr Ian Michael, Audrey Berry, Jason, Alice Bossard, Jen & Matt Duff, The Revd Julie Fleming, Mark Punter. **Thursday:** Suzi Procaccino, Mary, Christine, Brenda, Keith North, Leah Morassi, Mark, Jim Easton, Dawn Gilbert, Jeff Campbell. **Friday:** Ken McMillan, Roy North, Danielle Gregory, Jackie Paul, Philip Walker, Cate, Michael Grant, Mark Simpson, Philip St James, Betsy, **Saturday:** Marcus Gregory, Matthew Gregory, Graham Cushion, Dave, Mary North, Janet Beale, Maureen Gray, Frankie Rose and family, Andrea Walzy,

**Recently Departed:** Kitty Gregory.

**In Memoriam:** John Dennington, Frederick Child, Edward Underwood, Liam David Sanders, William Booth, Adrienne Benner, Samuel Adam Emptage, Kathleen Orchard, Emily Harris.

**Next Week's Readings:** Jeremiah 31:15-17, Psalm 124, I Corinthians 1:26-29, Matthew 2:13-18

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## Saint Alban the Martyr

Westcliff on Sea

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Our Sunday Mass begins with hymn **186 Tell out my soul** in your green book which we will sing after the bell rings.

Our **Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** is this afternoon at 4pm. We are looking for volunteers as percussionists for one of the carols. Can you play the triangle or jingle bells in time to music?

Wednesday 24 December –

**4pm Children's Crib Service**

**11.30pm Midnight Mass**

Thursday 25 December –

**11am Christmas Day Sung Mass**

There will be tea, coffee and seasonal refreshments available after Mass on **Christmas Day** and there will be tea and coffee after Mass on **S. Stephen's Day** - our Mass that day is usually a nice quiet antidote to Christmas excess.

On New Year's Day we celebrate the **Naming of Jesus** and there will be a Sung Mass at 12 noon.

Do tell other folk what we are doing. We'd be grateful for volunteers to help welcome people and give out books etc at each of these times.

Fr Neil and all the ministry team would like to thank you all for your cards, gifts and kind wishes for Christmas and the New Year and send their best wishes to you in return.

Advent is a good time to think about making your Confession. Fr Neil will be available at 1pm on Monday to hear Confessions or by appointment at another time.

**Healing ministry** is available after Mass on Saturday 27th. Please note that Mass is at the later time of 12 noon.

**Alban's Allsorts** is now on Christmas break and will reconvene on Tuesday 13 January 2026.

**Gluten Free wafers** are available but please let us know that you need one when you arrive at church.

**Church cleaning and gardening** on Wednesdays from 12 noon until 2pm. Tea and chocolate biscuits offered in recompense.

We do not currently take a collection during our Sunday Mass but **everything that we do in our parish relies entirely on the donations that you give us**. To make a regular donation you can sign-up to our Parish Giving Scheme at [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) or by telephoning 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9 - 5. You can make a one-off donation by cash in the plate at the back of church or on our card machine at the coffee bar.



Our parish is a member of Inclusive Church. This means that we are committed to work towards being a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.