

Sunday 30 November 2025

1st Sunday of Advent (A)

Welcome to today's Parish Mass. A loop system is fitted here for those with hearing devices. A collection will be taken at the Offertory, or if you prefer, a contactless machine is available by the South Porch Door. Please respect others by not talking now, simply prepare quietly by reading this booklet or today's hymns. You may like to recite this 4th Century prayer of preparation.

Lord Almighty, send down upon this sacrifice your Holy Spirit. May he declare this bread that we shall eat to be the body of Christ, and this cup that we shall drink to be the blood of Christ. May he strengthen and sanctify us who eat this bread and drink this cup, grant forgiveness of our sins and deliver us from the wiles of the devil. May he fill us with his presence to make us worthy of Christ, your Son, and obtain for us eternal life. Amen.

Mass Setting: MacMillan, St Anne Mass

Please stand when the bell rings and join in with the parts in bold.

Hymn 501

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**

The priest introduces the Mass

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

All sing:

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy, Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray.

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Please be seated

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Sion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

122(121):1-2. 3-4a. 8-9. R cf. 1

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

Jerusalem is built as a city
bonded as one together.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

For the sake of my family and friends, let me say, 'Peace upon you.'

For the sake of the house of the LORD, our God, I will seek good things for you.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Romans 13:11-14a

Brothers and sisters: You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Show us, O LORD, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 24:37-44 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and

would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated

Homily – Fr Spicer



After a time of reflection please stand when the priest stands.



I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,

and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Bidding Prayers with the response after each intention:

Lord, hear us, **Lord graciously hear us.** Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen

After a brief silence the Priest concludes the prayers. Please then be seated for the Offertory, during which a collection will be taken for God's work here-thank you. The bread, wine, altar, cross, priest and people are censed. Please stand when the thurifer approaches.

Hymn 9

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For he assumed at his first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when he comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest. we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope. And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel

The Priest continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

After the words of the Consecration:

The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

The prayer concludes with:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please stand

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All offer one another the sign of peace

Please kneel

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon
The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

Please come forward now to one of the three Holy Communion stations. If you are used to receiving Holy Communion, then share with us, otherwise bow your head for a blessing.

The Body (Blood) of Christ. Amen.

The choir sing the Anthem People, look East – arr. Velu

Hymn 18

Please stand when the priest stands

Let us pray.

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

May the almighty and merciful God, by whose grace you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son and yearn for his coming again sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent and enrich you with his blessing. **Amen.**

As you run the race of this present life, may he make you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity. **Amen.**

So that, rejoicing now with devotion at the Redeemer's coming in the flesh, you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life when he comes again in majesty. **Amen.**

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

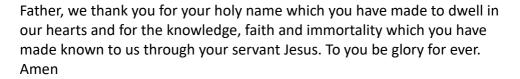
Thanks be to God

Mother of Christ! hear thou thy people's cry, Star of the deep, and Portal of the sky!

Mother of Him who thee from nothing made, Sinking we strive, and call to thee for aid:

Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee, Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.

You may like to recite this 4th Century prayer of thanksgiving.



There is no organ voluntary during Advent.

Please join us now for refreshments at the West End and take this booklet home with you for the coming week's notices.





Please pray for

peace especially in the DR Congo, the Holy Land, Lebanon, Ukraine, South Sudan, Sudan, Yemen and Syria;



for all in need;

our GP surgeries, hospice, hospital, and care homes;

the sick, especially;

Angela, Angela, Bev, Chris, Christine, Eric, Geoff, Jan, Jon, Mick, Paul, Richard, Richard Francis, Tracey, Tuomas, and Violet.

for those who are unable to attend Mass;

Christine, Eileen, Judith, Linda, Maureen, and Tony.

for those who have died recently;

Wendy Neighbour and Rosaline Staniland

for those whose anniversaries fall around this time.

30 Nov	Frank Pierce (priest), Enid Gwendoline Heseltine		
1 Dec	Louise Jane Beck, Edward Pearce, Freda Hartley, Valerie		
	Alberta Poxon, Elisabeth Crofts		
2 Dec	Anthony Christopher Skilbeck-Taylor		
3 Dec	Linda Valerie Paine, Cora-Leigh Ivy Pashley		
4 Dec	Ernest Hilton		
5 Dec	Edith Ledger		
6 Dec	Gisela Coe		



Services for the week ahead				
Today	9.30am	Mass with Junior Church		
	11.30am	Mass at Clumber		
Monday 1 December	9.30am	Mass		
Feria				
Tuesday 2 December	6.30pm	Mass		
Feria				
Wednesday 3	9.30am	Mass		
December				
St Francis Xavier				
Thursday 4	6.30pm	Mass		
December				
Feria				
Friday 5 December	12.00pm	Mass		
Feria				
Saturday 6	9.30am	Mass		
December				
Feria				
Sunday 7 December	9.30am	Mass		
2 nd Sunday of	11am	Baptism at Priory		
Advent	11.30am	Mass at Clumber		



Live streaming through Worksop Priory Facebook Page will take place whenever possible and technology allows.

GIVING as an act of worship BEFORE GOD

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

Due to bank charges for processing cheques and cash, we kindly ask that, wherever possible, people donate money using online banking, even for small amounts. This doesn't cost us a penny. Please indicate in the reference field who it's from, and what for, then we can Gift Aid your donation wherever possible.

Our Virgin Money bank details for standing orders or donations are:

Worksop Priory PCC

Sort Code: **05-09-89** Account Number: **38125853**

For convenience there is also a card machine in the Priory which can be used for donations or regular payments.

You can also donate quickly and easily by scanning our QR code, this includes an option to register your donation for gift aid, it takes a matter of seconds!

Those of you that wish to continue to put cash in the collection plate each week, please note that gift aid envelopes are only required for amounts over £30.



Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.



Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment, or before Mass on Thursday Evening or Friday Lunchtime.

Please contact Fr Spicer for either prayer or practical need. If requested, we will come and visit if



we can, and especially in extremis. If you go into hospital or a care home please give the staff our contact numbers so that we can visit

Other Activities					
Tuesday 2	10am-6pm	Tree Festival – setting up			
December	1-2pm	CommuniTea at St Paul's			
	2-3pm	Community Pantry at St Paul's			
Wednesday 3	10am – 4pm	Christmas Tree Festival			
December	10am-1130am	Songs & Stories			
	5-6pm	Community Pantry at St Paul's			
Thursday 4	10am – 7.30pm	Christmas Tree Festival			
December					
Friday 5	10am – 4pm	Christmas Tree Festival			
December	10.30am	Public Hour at Priory			
	1pm	Mosaic Recorder Concert			
	3pm – 4pm	Set up of Christmas Fair			
Saturday 6	8.30am -10am	Christmas Fair – setting up			
December	10am – 4pm	Priory Christmas Fair			
	7pm	Priory at Christmas Concert			
Sunday 7	10am – 4pm	Christmas Tree Festival			
December					

PRIORY CHRISTMAS FAIR

Please spread the word about the Christmas Fair which takes place on Saturday 6 December between 10am and 4pm.

If you are able to help set up or tidy away, please contact Susan on 07355 850735. If you usually have a stall and have not heard from us, please give her a call asap.

Please bring any donations for the Refreshments, Tombola or Bric-a-Brac stall to church by Friday 5 December at the latest or please get in touch with Susan, Val Higgins or Ivy Underwood.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Please spread the word among your family & friends about the festival which runs from Wednesday 3 December to Sunday 7 December.

Thanks to a kind supporter the tree with the most visitor votes at the end of the festival will receive a £100 donation for their cause. Make sure you visit and place your vote!



We are delighted to welcome Mosaic Recorder

Consort on **Friday at 1pm** to provide us with some music, and we have some of our local schools bringing groups to visit over the course of the week.

Please, if you are able to help me 'staff' church through the festival, give me a call on 07355 850735 to discuss your availability.

Thank you, Gusan

We need your Support!

Bassetlaw Food Bank



There is a collection box, near the South Porch door.



St Paul's Community Pantry



Opening Hours: Tuesdays 2pm -3pm Wednesdays 5-6pm All are welcome, no referral necessary



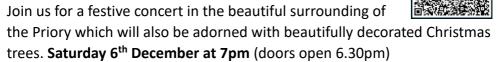
£5 buys a mixed bag of produce, fresh and frozen and ambient products depending on availability.

EVENING MUSIC at WORKSOP PRIORY 19th December 2025 at 7pm

An ADVENT concert in the baroque tradition (free admission)

Evening Music is a tradition dating back to baroque times in Germany, where it thrives still. A short concert is given in town churches, with a mix of sacred and secular music programmed. Worksop Priory Choir and friends perform with strings, woodwind, and organ directed by Rosemary Field.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT WORKSOP PRIORY Featuring Carlton Main Frickley Colliery Band & Whitwell Brass Band



Tickets £10 (U16s free) Tickets available at www.carltonmain.co.uk or use the QR code.

If you are able to help steward or serve refreshments at the concert please contact Susan, you'll get to enjoy the music at the same time!

NEW YEAR RAFFLE

Books of tickets are now available in church for you take home and sell, please do try and sell as many as you can, it would be great for our funds if we could sell them all!

1st Prize £75 2nd Prize £50 3rd Prize £10

If you are able to help us secure extra prizes from a local business you are connected to, please let us know.

The draw takes place on **Sunday 4th January after 9.30am Mass**.









Christmas Lunch

Worksop Priory
Sunday 28th
December 2025

12.30pm

Traditional Turkey Dinner & Christmas Pudding £8

Please add your name to the list at the back of church.

See you there

Congratulations!

Friday 21st November Draw Winners



£20	90	Fr Spicer
£10	18	Miss L Davison
£5	40	Ms M Dixon
£5	67	Mrs K Walters

Subscription Information: To make this enterprise simpler to manage we please ask that subscriptions be paid by bank transfer if possible and referenced '100 CLUB'. Cash or cheque payments (payable to 'Worksop Priory PCC') should be in an envelope clearly marked '100 CLUB' with your **NAME** and **NUMBER**. Each number is £1 per week. Envelopes can be placed in the collection plate or passed to a member of the clergy, Keith Wake or Susan Bekisz.

AVAILABLE NUMBERS 29,32,34,59,62,63,72,74,80,81,82,84,86,89,91,92,96,97

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