



The Society Parishes of
St. Mary Magdalene, Millfield &
The Good Shepherd, Bishopwearmouth
in the City of Sunderland



Sunday 7th December THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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The Second Sunday of Advent points to something new. Isaiah speaks of a branch growing from Jesse's stump. It is a sign of hope. God is doing something new. The old ways are ending. A peaceful king will come. In the Gospel reading, John the Baptist appears. He tells the people to repent of their wicked ways, turn around, and get ready. Someone greater is coming who will bring the Holy Spirit and fire. John reminds us that real faith can be measured and seen through our actions. We must bear good fruit.

The theme of this Sunday is about getting ready in the right way. It is not just about waiting. It's about turning back to God with open hearts and open hands.

MASS & SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

TGS – The Good Shepherd Church | SMM – S. Mary Magdalene's

Monday 8th December <i>The Immaculate Conception of B.V.M.</i>	Evening Prayer MASS	17:30 18:00	SMM SMM
Tuesday 9th December <i>Weekday of Advent</i>	MASS	14:30	TGS
Wednesday 10th December <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>	Morning Prayer MASS Evening Prayer	09:30 10:30 18:00	SMM SMM SMM
Thursday 11th December <i>S. Damasus I</i>	Morning Prayer MASS Evening Prayer Rosary MASS	09:00 11:00 17:30 19:15 19:30	TGS TGS SMM SMM SMM
Friday 12th December <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	Fr Richard's day off.		
Saturday 13th December <i>S. Lucy</i>	Advent Exposition MASS	10:00 10:30	SMM SMM

SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER

The Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-6 | James 5: 7-10 | Matthew 11: 2-11

Parish Mass 09:30 TGS
Solemn Mass 11:00 SMM
Christmas Memorial Service 16:00 SMM
Vespers & Benediction 18:30 SMM
Low Mass 19:00 SMM



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Confessions are heard by
appointment with Father Richard.**



PARISH NOTICES FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD

*Please forward any notices for the Sunday sheet to Fr Richard by
Wednesday each week*

Hymn List for the Sunday Mass

Introit:	498	Hills of the North rejoice
Offertory:	239	On Jordans bank
Communion:	112	Hark! a herald voice is calling
Recessional:	Sheet	Lo! he comes with clouds descending

The Seven Day Lamps

The Good Shepherd Lamp burns this week in loving memory of
BILLY WATSON

Our Lady's Lamp burns in loving memory of
STEVEN SPENCER HAZARD

If you would like to sponsor any of the Lamps, please speak to Fr Richard.

Sick List: Angela, Stephen, Flo, Susan, Mossad, Edith, Connor

Dead: Barry Henderson, Baby Theo R.I.P.

Anniversaries: Prudence, Jane, Gladys, Stan, Winifred, Herbert, Billy, Ethel, Stewart, Margaret, Ellen, Lila, Eva, Emily, Hannah, Frederick, Thomas, Doreen, Mary, Margaret, Steven.



Advent Carol Service – Thank you to everyone who came and supported our joint Advent Carol Service last Sunday. It was good to see so many people from both parishes coming together to begin our Advent journey.

Christmas Tree & Flowers Please hand any donations towards the cost of this year's Christmas Tree or flowers to the churchwardens.

Nativity Crib 7-day Candles – If you would like to donate a candle in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention, please complete the form at the side of church. Please ensure that names are printed clearly. Suggested donation £7.50 per candle. The candles will be placed at the Crib and lit during the Vigil & First Mass of Christmas. Further details from Fr Richard.

Carol Singers needed – We are looking for enthusiastic singers to sing at St. Mark's Nursing Home for their Carol Service on Tuesday 23rd December at 10.30am. If you are willing and able to come and sing, please do put your name on the list at the side of church.

Church Cleaning – If you are willing to help clean church, please see Fr Richard. This can be done at a time to suit. As the building works continue, we urgently need to keep on top of the cleaning to limit the amounts of dust.

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Fr Richard's day off this week is Friday (due to diary commitments)

Please contact the Parish Priest to book
Baptisms, Funerals, & Weddings.

Sick visits & Home Communion
can be arranged by speaking to the Parish Priest.