



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A, 4 DECEMBER 2022

### MASS SCHEDULES

#### Monday - Tuesday

No public Mass

#### Wednesday – Saturday

9am (Adoration)

9.30am

#### Sunday

6pm (Saturday Vigil)

10.30am (English)

12noon (Polish)

#### Confessions Saturday

10.00am (After Mass)

or call to make an  
appointment.

Sundays 2 and 3 of Advent in all three cycles introduce John the Baptist. The simplest account is in Mark who begins his Gospel with John who announces the presence of Jesus the man. Matthew and Luke dwell longer on him and give examples of his preaching, with Matthew even putting into his mouth the words that Jesus will use of his own mission: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.” Unlike us, John is not preparing to celebrate the birth of a child; but to baptise the adult Jesus, but his call to repentance is addressed to us as well. With uncomplimentary language he introduces the pharisees and sadducees with whom Jesus will have similar arguments himself. He is said to have been prophesied by Isaiah but the passage of Isaiah in 1R is a different one and is applied to Jesus rather than John, with the little boy and the child causing us to think of the coming birth. But before that we hear of a man who will bring justice to the poor, and this is amplified by the psalm. 2R connects the present with the past, saying that Christ’s Coming was to fulfil the promises made to the Jewish patriarchs and to get the whole world (the pagans) to give glory to God. John the Baptist is a link with the past; he is the last of the prophets and hands over to the future. (*The Liturgy Planner*)

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### For Today Mass

#### Responsorial psalm

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

#### Gospel acclamation

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Bóg nie żąda od nas, abyśmy jak św. Jan Chrzciciel nosili odzienie z sierści wielbłądziej i żywili się szarańczę, greckie słowo akris oznaczać może i owada, i roślinę strączkową, chleb świętojański, ceratonię), ale oczekuje serc gotowych na Jego przyjście. Może zdarzyć się tak, że, i my, jak syn Zachariasza, będziemy głosem wołającym na pustyni. Jeśli jednak tak jak on, własnym przykładem życia będziemy mówić o Bogu, wówczas całe tłumy słuchaczy (Jerozolima oraz cała Judea i cała okolica nad Jordanem, pociągną w naszym kierunku i wydadzą godny owoc nawrócenia. Godny (gr. aksios: warty, dojrzały), czyli taki, którym inni będą mogli się karmić.

Jeden głos wołającego na pustyni i liczne tłumy nawracających się... Jeden Jonasz, pięć słów i przemiana moralna wszystkich mieszkańców Niniwy. Jeden prorok... Jeden „ja”, ale wierny w głoszeniu Boga. To wystarczy, by działy się cuda Bożego miłosierdzia, by przybliżyło się do nas królestwo niebieskie. Marana Tha! . (*Mateusz.pl*)

**SAINTS DAYS  
and SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCES THIS  
WEEK**

Monday 5th December  
**Second week of Advent**

Tuesday 6th December  
**Second week of Advent**

Wednesday 7th December  
**St Ambrose**

Thursday 8th December  
**THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Friday 9th December  
**Second week of Advent**

Saturday 10th December  
**Second week of Advent**

**PRAYERS**

Please pray for the  
repose of the soul of  
those whose  
anniversaries occur  
about this time

**Eternal rest grant  
unto their souls,  
O Lord. May they  
rest in peace. Amen.**

**OPŁATKI**

Poświęcone opłatki są  
przy wyjściu z kościoła.  
Składane ofiary za  
opłatki przeznaczone są  
na cele parafialne.

**REVERSE ADVENT  
CALENDAR**

As part of our advent  
activities this year, can  
we think of those less  
fortunate than ourselves  
by putting one item aside  
every day during advent  
and bringing them to  
Church on 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>  
December 2022 so that  
we can provide extra  
help for the foodbank  
and help those in our  
community who may not  
have anyone or anything  
to look forward to.

**LIST OF THE PRODUCTS  
ARE ON THE NOTICE  
BOARD**

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS  
COMPETITION**

Families in the Parish are  
invited to design and build a  
Christmas Crib Scene.

Cribs can be built out of any  
materials you can think of.

Finished Cribs should be  
brought to Church for the  
Christmas Day Masses where  
they will be laid at the front of  
the Altar.

There will be three main prizes.  
The Prize winners will be  
announced at Masses the  
following weekend.

**PARISH  
ADVENT AND  
CHRISTMAS  
BULLETIN AT  
THE BACK  
OF THE  
CHURCH  
AND PARISH  
WEBSITE**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY  
FOR CHILDREN**

**17 DECEMBER 2022  
SATURDAY  
12.00 – 14.00**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH  
HALL**

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

**COLLECTIONS**

Sunday's Collection  
27 November 2022

Cash – £212.00

Gift Aid – £30.00

Education - £40.50

**11 DECEMBER 2022  
SUNDAY MASS ONLY  
AT 12.00**

9 – 16 December  
No weekday Masses

**SCHOOL OF FAITH**

Every Sunday teaching of  
the Catholic Church from  
the Catechism  
will be given in brief