



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B, 10 DECEMBER 2023

### MASS SCHEDULES

#### Monday - Thursday

No public Mass

#### Friday – 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.

The readings today are the reverse of those last week - 1R and Gospel are about new beginnings, while 2R is a dire warning about the end of this world. The Isaiah reading is the first chapter of the Book of Consolation, chaps. 40-55, written possibly 150 years later than 1-39, during the Exile in Babylon. It hardly needs any explanation as its message is quite clear. Notice the idea of the Way along which the Lord will come with power, leading us like a shepherd leading his flock. The Psalm puts a personal angle on this 'I will hear what the Lord God has to say' and the Gospel takes up the idea of the Way. Note the first words: *The beginning of the Good news about Jesus Christ, the Son of God*, like 1R but a much more serious beginning. The first words of the quotation, about the messenger, are not actually from Isaiah. But they do allow the appearance of John the Baptist, and all the people of Jerusalem 'made their way' to him. In the very next verse the man Jesus comes to be baptised - there is no infancy narrative in Mark. 2R speaks also of a new heaven and a new earth, in terms which are familiar from some OT sources and the Apocalypse: The Day of God will come, the earth and sky will be burnt up. We should be waiting for this, and living our lives without spot or stain. [Liturgy planner](#)

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### For Today Mass

#### Responsorial psalm

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

#### Gospel acclamation

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

Dzisiaj, w drugą niedzielę adwentu przypominamy, jak ludzkość czekała na Zbawiciela. Wsłuchani w nawoływanie proroka znanego z Jordanu — Jana Chrzciciela prostujmy drogi swego życia, abyśmy mogli stać się uczestnikami zbawienia, które przygotował nam Bóg.

„Oto Pan Bóg przychodzi, przygotujcie Mu drogę” — głosi prorok Izajasz. Dzień przyjścia Pana jest niespodziewany, dlatego mamy tak żyć, by Chrystus zastał nas bez plamy — upomina św. Piotr. Dlatego także ewangeliczne wołanie Jana Chrzciciela nakazuje prostować drogi życia dla Pana przez nawrócenie i czynienie pokoju. [Mateusz.pl](#)

**SAINTS DAYS  
and SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCES THIS  
WEEK**

Monday 11th December  
**Second week of Advent**

Tuesday 12th December  
**Second week of Advent**

Wednesday 13th December  
**St Lucy**

Thursday 14th December  
**St John of the Cross**

Friday 15th December  
**Second week of Advent**

Saturday 16th 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**

Przy wyjściu z kościoła  
można nabyć poświęcone  
opłatki na stół wigilijny.

Składane ofiary  
przeznaczone są na remont  
Sali parafialnej

**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  
LOTERY**

**TOWARDS PARISH  
ROOM  
REDECORATION**

**£2 PER TICKET**

**PRIZES: CHRISTMAS  
HAMPER, MYSTERY  
BOX, PS4 and many  
others**

**COLLECTIONS**

Sunday's Collection

3 December 2023

Cash - £264.00

Gift Aid - £30.00

*Thank you for your donations*

**NOVEMBER 2023  
FINANCES**

Income: £1832.05

Expenses: £1865.59

**Balance: £-33.54**

Bank account: £3301.94

**TEA AND COFFE  
AFTER MASS**