

MASS PROPER SUNDAY 10.30AM

Introit

Ad te levavi (Ps 25:1-3)

Unto thee, O Lord, lift I up, my soul; O my God, in thee have I trusted; let me not be confounded; neither let mine enemies triumph over me; for all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed.

(Ps) Show my they ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths.

GLORY. Unto thee...

Collect

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility: that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

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drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Ps 84:8

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Prayer over the Offerings

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Lord: that the effectual power of these holy mysteries may in such wise cleanse us from all our iniquities; that we may in all purity attain unto him who is the author of the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Preface

Preface of Advent

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; ever more praising thee, and saying: Holy, Holy, Holy ☩.

Communion

Dominus dabit benignitatem (Ps 85:12)

The Lord shall show loving-kindness: and our land shall give her increase.

Postcommunion

GRANT to us, O Lord, we beseech thee: so to wait for thy loving kindness in the midst of thy Temple; that in readiness of heart and mind we may hail the coming feast of our redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER ADVENT ONE

Advent opens with a great promise: “In the days to come...” the hope of a people who need God. “...The master is coming” is also a promise, not a threat to breed fear, but to answer our cry. So Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past, with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to stay awake, and treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with mercy. Nevertheless we must always be watchful, because we can grow sleepy and complacent, saying that we can leave this prayer or that confession or the other change in the way we live to tomorrow. Even as we look forward to the tomorrow of the Lord’s coming, we must remember that it might be today!

THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

As we enter into Advent, Isaiah greets us with a promise of universal peace. He foresees a time when all nations will learn God’s ways. They will no longer make weapons or train for war. They will “walk in the light of the Lord.” When Isaiah wrote his message of hope, Judah and its capital, Jerusalem, were under the threat of attack by its enemies. Yet the prophet clung to his faith that God would come to save God’s people. We know that God has already come to save us through Jesus Christ. We know that he is with us now. And we believe that Jesus Christ will come again at the end of the world. This is what gives us hope.

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

What else can we do to prepare for Christ’s final coming in glory? “Awake from sleep,” Paul says, and “put on the armour of light.” He means that we should practice love for our neighbours and avoid deeds of darkness (sin). He warns us that we may not have as much time as we think, because the day (the day when Jesus will return) draws near!

Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

In today’s gospel, we are asked to live in the present with an eye toward the future. We are not to be totally absorbed by the usual activities of life. We are to remain open to the coming of the Lord, and be prepared. Here Jesus compares himself to a thief who breaks in when no one is looking! Jesus wants us to be prepared so that we can welcome him, not as a thief, but as our long-awaited Saviour!

SUNDAY MASS

6.00pm (Saturday Vigil), 10.30am (Solemn), 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS

12.45pm Tue-Fri

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION

As advertised.

CONFESSIONS

Sat 5.15-5.45pm

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Dioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Dr Rose Cleary, who can be contacted on safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk.

NEWS & EVENTS

Advent Carols & Benediction

Monday 22nd December at 7pm

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve (24th) at 6.30pm Solemn Vigil Mass of Christmas

Christmas Morning: 10.30am Mass with Carols.

For your diary:

Sunday January 25th 2026: the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. There will be a Solemn Evensong at 3.30pm. It is a great joy to welcome back the Rev. Dr Robin Hill, Minister of Gladsmuir Kirk, near Edinburgh. There will be an opportunity to meet downstairs in the Chal-loner Hall with ecumenical guests.

And while we're on matters ecumenical:

Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th March 2026: the Ecumenical Marian Pilgrimage Trust's Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The accommodation will be at the Anglican Shrine, and the total cost will be £345, including a non refundable deposit of £60. There will be Mass at the Catholic National Shrine, daily Catholic Mass, as well as liturgies in the other traditions represented, including Anglicans and Orthodox. Further details on the leaflet at the back of Church.

Order of Malta Rorate Caeli Mass this coming Tuesday morning:

The Priory will mark the beginning of Advent with a traditional, candlelit, Mass of Our Blessed Lady, on Tuesday 2 December, which is also the feast in the Order of Our Lady of Liesse. This beautiful custom is called a "Rorate Mass", after the first word of the Introit for the Mass, *Rorate caeli de super et nubes pluant justum* - "Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness."

The Mass will be celebrated at 8am on Tuesday 2 December at Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street, and be followed by coffee and pastries in the Chapter Room. All are welcome to attend.

A reminder:

...that the Church of our Lady of the Assumption relies very heavily on the generosity of our members and visitors. Regular members are asked to consider setting up a regular monthly standing order, our details being as follows:

WRCDT Warwick Street Church; HSBC Uk account number: **11094904**; sort code: **40-05-20**

Thank you!

Sunday 30 th November	ADVENT ONE	10.30am (Solemn) 5.00pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish	Please pray for: THE SICK Assumption Fernandez, Bernice Taylor, Flutura, Charlie O'Donnell, Kenny, Norma Skeggs, Paul FAITHFUL DEPARTED
Monday 1 st December		No Mass		
Tuesday 2 nd December	<i>Advent feria</i>	8.00am 12.45pm 6pm Rosary	Rorate Mass	
Wednesday 3 rd December	St Francis Xavier, priest	12.45pm 6.30pm Sung Mass (Latin)	James Kirk RIP	
Thursday 4 th December	<i>Advent feria</i>	12.45pm		
Friday 5 th December	<i>Advent feria</i>	12.45pm		
Saturday 6 th December	Our Lady on Saturday Advent Two	12noon 6pm (Sunday Vigil)	Benjamin Muncaton (B'day int.)	

WHO'S WHO AT OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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Rev. William Lo

MASS PROPERS SATURDAY 6PM

Entrance Antiphon

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Collect

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.

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Prayer over the Offerings

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.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 84: 13

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

Prayer after Communion

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.