

We Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners to our Parish Family  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)**

**MASSES 2nd /9th December 2018**

<b>Sat</b>	<b>1st Dec</b>	<b>10.00am</b> David Kavanagh R.I.P <b>4.15pm</b> Beginning of Advent Service with Blessing of Cribs, Calendars & Candles <b>6.00pm</b> Peter Kelly R.I.P (MAK)	<b>1st Mass: First Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>2nd Dec</b>	<b>8.00am</b> G.B.S Ints <b>10.30am</b> Maria Gurkalo (2nd Anniv) R.I.P (IG) <b>3.00pm</b> Homelink Christmas Carol Concert <i>with the Ashdown Singers</i>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>3rd Dec</b>	<b>No Liturgy today</b>	<b>Mem: St Francis Xavier, Priest</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>4th Dec</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Pip McMahan R.I.P (HK)	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>5th Dec</b>	<b>No Liturgy today</b>	
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>6th Dec</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Michael Morgan R.I.P (JM)	
<b>Fri</b>	<b>7th Dec</b>	<b>10.00am</b> Parish Family	<b>Mem: St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>8th Dec</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Neil McCapra R.I.P (F&JMcC) <b>6.00pm</b> Joan Gleeson R.I.P (JM)	<b>Solemnity: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1st Mass: Second Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9th Dec</b>	<b>8.00am</b> Ron & Hannah Shires Ints (Wedding Anniv) (R&HS) <b>10.30am</b> Helen Orchard R.I.P (HK)	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation After the 9.30am and 6pm Mass**

**Collection: 24th/25th Nov Total: £1271.71 £621.71 £650.00 Standing Order**

**Mass intention envelopes are available in the porch.**

**WALK WITH ME BOOKLET FOR ADVENT:** This is available in the porch for £1.00, there is also an Advent calendar with a thought for each day for 25p. Please put the money for both items in the box for the newspapers.

**CAFOD:** Letter of thanks on the porch notice board for our Fast Day collection.

**Please pray for all those who are sick in our parish at this time.**

**Please pray for Kate Hayward R.I.P who has died and all who have died recently. We also remember those members of our Parish family whose anniversary occurs at this time, Dilys Jean Puddephatt, Carole Pierce, John Blayney, Charles Smith, Harry Jackson, Michael Wolinski, Dr Kenneth McGhee and Babs Kelly. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.**

**Newsletter December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018 First Sunday of Advent**

Happy New Year !

**ADVENT BEGINS THIS WEEK:** The buying, wrapping and exchange of gifts is very much part of our Christmas and although sometimes we feel it gets a bit much deep down we know it makes a big difference to our celebrations. This year, if you wish, you can add another dimension to this side of the preparations by taking part in our Special Gifts for Special People project. On each Sunday of Advent you are invited to bring gifts for The Pelican Baby bank, then St Anne's Day Centre and lastly items for Foodbank Christmas gifts. THIS WEEKEND IT'S ITEMS FOR THE PELICAN BABY BANK ~ BRING ITEMS ANY TIME IN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. As you went from Mass last weekend you were given a leaflet giving ideas as to the gifts you might wish to leave for the three groups of Special People and we hope that it will help you and your families to enjoy Advent in a special way this year.

**QUIET TIME FOR ADVENT PRAYER** 7.30-8.00pm on Tuesday at Fr Paul's ~ all welcome.

**MASS ON THURSDAY:** Please note that Mass on Thrsday will be at 9.30am NOT 10.00am.

**HOMELINK CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** A concert of Christmas Music by the Ashdown Singers will be performed THIS SUNDAY at 3pm in St Thomas More Church, followed by tea and mince pies in the hall. There will be a retiring collection in aid of Homelink, a Lewes District churches together Charity, that helps the Homeless into housing. This is a Concert of exceptional standard not to be missed. Your support is most welcome.

**VERY MANY THANKS:** Thanks to all of you came along and supported the Shalom autumn fayre – it was a great success and raised £1,818.08 for the Sisters work in Madagascar. Sr Pat & Sr Marcelline would lie to thank all those who supported the fair in any way to raise this magnificent sum which will be very much appreciated by the Sisters in Madagascar. Well done to organisers, helpers and supporters. Graham Duff would like to thank all those involved in producing the Luxury Christmas Hamper he was lucky enough to win at the week-end

**ROTA OF PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD:** If you are a regular reader and have not received an email or phone call over the last week from Kathy Dawson, our new organiser, please email her at [kathleen@dawson.myzen.co.uk](mailto:kathleen@dawson.myzen.co.uk) or ring/message her on 07876 241349. She is checking data prior to drawing up the schedule for the first part of 2019. We would welcome new proclaimers, especially at 6pm and 8am. Please let Kathy know if you are interested ~ training will be provided.

**CHRISTMAS – PARISH REPOSITORY SHOP:** All Christmas stock is now in the shop and there are still a few cribs left, small to large, and a wooden crib for younger children. Packs of small nativity figures, and also a set of children nativity figures. A beautiful display of angels, and many other Christmas items, some of which are reduced in price. A few Advent calendars and candles, and Christmas cards are still available.

**FINANCE:** As always, many thanks for last week's Offertory Thanksgiving. The Finance Committee meets on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and if you have any finance related issue you wish raised, please have a word with Fr Paul. If you would like to attend the meeting, have a word with him.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT GROUP:** PLEASE NOTE The meeting set for the 23rd November will be transferred to **Friday 7th December at 7.00pm** due to a lot of preparation and setting up for the Shalom sale on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>. We begin as always with a shared supper. This month we will watch the second talk in the series by Fr Raniero Cantalamessa. All welcome to join us. *Tel: Deacon Colin 07594456441.*

**THE WORD WHO IS LIFE:** If you go to the diocesan website – just type Diocese of Arundel and Brighton' into your search engine – and on the home page you will see a link which will enable you to see the bishop Richard's thoughts and reflections for the future mission and life of the diocese in pdf format. Before the end of the year we will give ourselves an opportunity to meet and reflect upon his plan and its implications for us here in Seaford.

**SEAFORD CATENIANS:** The Catenians meet in Seaford Golf Club, Firlie Road, on the second Monday of the month (except in December) at 7:30 pm. If any gentleman is interested in joining the Association please contact *Michael Logan on 01323 491566 or Martin Klust on 01273 584204.*

**THE TRADCRAFT STALL** will be open on Sunday 9th December, in the parish hall, after 10.30am Mass.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER DRIVERS** to fill in gaps in our rota. Winter conditions make it very difficult for some people to get to mass on Sundays. It involves just one Sunday a month, but makes a great difference for those who receive lifts. If you can help please contact the *Parish Office, or Tony [01273 510491].*

Open our eyes to what we need to see.  
Open our ear to what we need to hear.  
Open our minds to what need to know.  
Open our hearts to what we need to bear.  
Open our hands to what we need to give.  
Open our lives to justice and love.

**email items for the newsletter to: [newsarticles4stm@gmail.com](mailto:newsarticles4stm@gmail.com)  
Hard copy to the presbytery by 12.00 Wednesday**

## *FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT*

*December 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 7<sup>th</sup>*

*Advent, a special time for someone special:*

*The Pelican Baby Bank*

*Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>: Parish family Prayer Breakfast 8.30am*

*Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>: Blessing of Advent Candles, Calendars and Cribs, 4.15pm in the church.*

*Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>: Homelink Carol Concert, 3.00pm in the church.*

*Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>: Advent prayer and reflection, 7.30-8.00pm at Fr Paul's.*

*Friday 7<sup>th</sup>: 'Life in the Spirit' evening, including a talk on the Eucharist, 7.00pm in the hall, see newsletter for details.*

## *SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT*

*December 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 14<sup>th</sup>*

*Advent, a special time for someone special:*

*St. Anne's Day Centre for the Homeless*

*Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Advent prayer and reflection, 7.30-8.00pm at Fr Paul's*

## *THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT*

*December 15<sup>th</sup> ~ 21<sup>st</sup>*

*Advent, a special time for someone special:*

*Food Bank Christmas Collection*

*Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Family Christingle Service. 3.00pm, meet in the hall from 2.30 to make your own Christingle.*

*Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>: Advent prayer and reflection, 7.30-8.00pm at Fr Paul's*

*Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>: Quiet prayer, music and reflection in the church 8.00-9.00pm*

## *MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS*

*Christmas eve, 5.00pm Family celebration*

*11.00pm*

*Christmas Day 8.00am and 10.00am*