

## 2nd Sunday of Advent – 9th December 2018



**Mon 10th**

**Tues 11th**

Mass 1pm

*Lectio Divina* 6.15pm

**Wed 12th**

Our Lady of Guadalupe

*Adoration* 5-6pm

**Thurs 13th**

St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

*No Mass today*

**Friday 14th**

St John of the Cross

**Saturday 15th**

**Sunday 16th**

3rd Sunday of Advent

Mass 5.30pm followed by refreshments.

If you need to see one of the Catholic chaplains at any time, please do not hesitate to contact either of them on 01524 594080. You can contact Fr Philip at St Joseph's parish on 01524 32493, email [p.conner@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:p.conner@lancaster.ac.uk) or you can contact Ruth Baker by email: [r.baker5@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:r.baker5@lancaster.ac.uk). We are always happy to meet up if you need a conversation or some help.

Would you like to be received into the Church? Or maybe you are already Catholic but have not had the opportunity to receive your First Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation? Please let Fr Philip know so that we can begin some preparations.

Today, at the end of Mass, there is the opportunity for Confession. Fr Philip and Fr John Paul will be available and there will be quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament so that you can prepare a way in your heart to welcome the Lord this coming Christmas. There is nothing that cannot be forgiven, and we must never tire of asking of God's forgiveness. God's mercy is the greatest experience of liberation on this earth. Have courage to take this opportunity to begin again.

### Events coming up:

**Monday, University Carol Service at 6.30pm in the Chapel.** All welcome for some festive cheer!

**Tuesday, *Lectio Divina*, 6.15pm for half an hour in the chapel.** A short period of prayerful reading of the Scriptures. *Lectio Divina* is an ancient and meditative way of reading the Bible and contemplating on what God is saying to us through it. It is a practice that is wonderful to develop whether you are new or experienced with it. Copies of the Gospel will be provided.

**Wednesday 12th December, 7pm: CathSoc End of Term Celebration!** Join us for our evening to celebrate the end of term. There will be our annual 'Meal of All Nations'. We invite you to prepare and bring food from your home country to share together. After the food, there will be a short talk from Lancaster alumna Sophie Benson: 'A Survival Guide to Being Catholic at University'. This promises to be an encouraging and enjoyable and (not to mention, tasty!) evening. All welcome.

**Thursday Breakfast Club**, hosted by *CathSoc*, meet at 8am in the chapel for the *Divine Mercy* Prayer, followed by a delicious breakfast afterwards in the Flat. It is the perfect way to start your Thursday, and if you haven't come along before, you are very welcome to do so.



### CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

Next Sunday is the last Mass of term in the Chaplaincy Centre. Sunday and weekday Masses will resume on Sunday 13 January at 5.30pm. If you are remaining in Lancaster over the holidays you will have to find Mass in one of the local parishes. Please can you let Fr Philip know if you are on campus for Christmas itself so that we can arrange transport for Christmas Eve Mass (sign up sheet at the back of the church). On this special night, we don't want anyone to be left out or unable to get to Mass. There is a possibility of a taxi from the Chaplaincy Centre to Fr Philip's church in town where there will be Christmas Night Mass at 10pm on Monday 24 December.

**Over the holidays, there is Mass at the following times, though check the websites for variations on Christmas Day itself:**

- In St Peter's Cathedral, Balmoral Rd, Lancaster LA1 3BT. Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 6.30pm, Sunday at 10.30am and 6.30pm. Times different on Christmas Day. See [www.lancastercathedral.org.uk](http://www.lancastercathedral.org.uk)
- In St Bernardette's, 120 Bowerham Rd, Lancaster LA1 4HT. Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 6.30pm, Sunday at 11am. See [www.st-bernadettes.org.uk](http://www.st-bernadettes.org.uk)
- In St Joseph's, Slyne Rd, Lancaster LA1 2HU (Fr Philip's parish). Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 6.30pm, Sunday at 10am. See [www.stjosephs-lancaster.co.uk](http://www.stjosephs-lancaster.co.uk)

**Holiday Events at the Chaplaincy Centre.** Some of the Chaplaincy Team are organising a Christmas Soup and Sandwich lunch at 12.30pm on Thursday 19 December in the Café downstairs, followed by a few carols. Everyone still on campus is most welcome.