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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT — *29th November 2026:* Year B

The Candle of Hope invites us to remember God's ancient promises, hope given to His people as they waited for the coming Saviour and King.



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Sunday Readings
Isaiah 63: 16b-17; 64:1, 3b-8
PSALM 80(79)
1 Corinthians 1; 3-9
Matthew 13: 33-37

The Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of DECEMBER
For single-parent families.

Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times.

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parishes:

Kevin Weardan, Victoria Leighton, Ellie Rose, Joe McIntyre, John Riley, Joe Kemp, Amanda, David Cochrane, Jessica, Christine, Patricia Sweeney, Josie Bateman, Barbara Black, Caspia Bragagnini, Valerie Tudor, Adrian Tudor, Stan Jackson.

To have the name of a seriously sick person on the newsletter, please submit their name and yours with your phone number.

*****MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS*****

***Saturday** –28th November*	6:00pm	**OLSE**	
Sunday –29th November *First Sunday of Advevt*	**8:45am** 10:30am	**OLSE** SMN	Peter & Teresa Sudell: Remembrance R.I.P.
Monday – 30th November St. Andrew Apostle, Feast	**9:05am**	**OLSE**	
Tuesday – 1st December	**4:00pm**	**OLSE**	
Wednesday –2nd December	7:00pm	SMN	
Friday – 4th December	**9.00am**	**OLSE**	
***Saturday** — 5th December* *Second Sunday of Advent– EP1*	**6:00pm**	**OLSE**	
Sunday 6th November 2026 Second Sunday of Advent	**8:45am** 10:30am	**OLSE** SMN	Joanne Rossiter: Death Anniversary

Confession available at Our Lady & St Edward's & St Mary's, Newhouse after Mass.
SMF (FERNYHALGH) Mass Schedule - NO MASSES on Mondays & Fridays.
Tuesdays @9:00am, Wednesdays@9:00am, Thursdays @9:00am, Saturdays @12noon-Ladyewell Shrine, SUNDAYS@10:00am and 3:00pm

Today's Gospel Reflection

Today's reading is from the speech of Jesus about waiting for the return of the Lord. This is the most prominent theme in the first weeks of Advent.

With the coming of the Lord, we are forced to wait. This is just as well, for we need to grow in maturity and generosity, in wisdom and love, in order to be ready for our encounter with the one who is wisdom and love made flesh.

In this chapter Jesus speaks of the trials which people will have to face, and especially of the need for steadfastness among Christians. But the coming of the Lord, to gather together his people from the ends of the earth, is nevertheless assured. The verses we hear today repeatedly encourage us to be watchful for the Lord's coming.

The reading from St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians strikes a similar tone. Paul speaks of 'the last day', 'the day of our Lord Jesus Christ'. He assures the Christians of Corinth that they are already united with Jesus and can therefore rely on the fidelity of God.

The book of Isaiah expresses a deep yearning for the coming of the Lord. 'Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down!' The people have experienced exile and the return to their own land is beset with difficulties. Trust in God's goodness is expressed by the image of the potter and his clay: 'we are the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand'.

Do I wait in joyful hope for the coming of the Lord?
What do the words 'stay awake' mean in my life?

Fr Adrian Graffy reflects.

1. **Today Collection- Diocesan Poor Missions Fund**
2. Thurs 3rd December is Migrants Day
3. Friday is First Friday