# Saint Anne's Chertsey - Parish Newsletter

## Third Sunday in Advent

# 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## A Christian community inspired by the Salesian ideals of Saint John Bosco

	<b>No Confessions on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b> Carol Service in Church 21 <sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm
Last Week Offertory collection: £704.51 + our usual Standing Orders. Thank you. Sunday Third Sunday of Advent. Decoration of our Church for Christmas. Refreshments are served: Thank you to our coffee bar servers and to our decoration team!	Salesian Cooperators: our donations at the Carol Service go to the Creche at Jerusalem. Refreshments are served following the service in the Savio Centre. <i>All are welcome.</i> <b>Friday</b> 9:30am Mass <b>Saturday</b>
Monday 9:30am Mass <i>St Anne's School Year 4 in church</i> <i>with their families:</i> <i>Performance 1.00-2.30pm</i>	10.00am Mass: <u>then</u> Altar Servers' Practice for Christmas. <b>Mass Intentions</b> <u>Sun</u> 8.30am People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday</b> 9:30am Mass <b>Wednesday</b> <i>No Mass: Church closed.</i> 7:30pm Legion of Mary meet in the Savio Centre	Sun11.30amPeter Harvey RIPMon9.30amAnn Gallagher Int.Tue9.30amIn ThanksgivingThu9.30amSheila Coyle Int.Fri9.30amSusan & Matt Peoples
<b>Thursday</b> 9.30am Mass 7.30pm Carol Service in Church: organised by and led Parish Music Group with the support of the	Sat10.00amMaureen Maguire Int.Sun8.30amPatrick & Annie McDonagh RIPSun11.30amPeople of the Parish

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#### **Carol Singing and Evangelisation**

The Legion of Mary will be singing carols outside Sainsbury's from **4-5pm on 23rd December**. They will also be handing out free copies of the Gospel, and Christian tree decorations to those who members of the public who wish to receive them. Anyone in the parish who wishes to join the Legion for this event is very welcome to come along. You can either meet outside the church at 3.40pm to walk down together or go straight to Sainsbury's.

### **Schools Application Forms**

Please remember that all applications need to be delivered by the family to the school of application <u>before</u> the third week of January next year-2024.

## Gaudete Sunday in Advent

This Third Sunday is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means <u>rejoice</u>. 'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near'. These words are taken from St Paul's letter to the Philippians. This Sunday's scriptures express the rejoicing at the coming of the Saviour, the greatness of John the Baptist, the wonder of Jesus' ministry and, in the letter of James, the call not to lose heart, for the Lord is coming.

# **Confirmation Applications**

Please collect your form from the table below the pulpit at front of church:



Our Post box for Confirmation application returns is in the Sacristy. Please return your form before 31<sup>st</sup> December!

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve



### Christmas Masses in our area.

<u>St Anne's</u> will have 8.30am & 11.30am Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day-& 11.30pm Midnight. <u>Holy Family Addlestone</u> will have Vigil Masses at 6.00pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> and 10am on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> and 10pm evening of 24<sup>th</sup> as Midnight Mass.