

Here are some online resources for your personal prayer

**Word on Fire** Bishop Robert Barron, the auxiliary bishop in Los Angeles, sends a daily email with a short reflection on the daily Gospel reading.

<https://www.wordonfire.org/>

**Ipray with the Gospel** This website and free app is ideal for our younger parishioners (and not so young). The daily comment on that day's Gospel reading triggers an authentic and personal conversation with Jesus.

<http://ipraywiththegospel.org/>

**Dynamic Catholic** This year, the Best Advent Ever, programme is based on Matthew Kelly's latest book, "Life is Messy". Each day you will receive an email with a short video reflection which will help you to discover and choose Christ the light.

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com>

**Bible Alive**

<https://www.alivepublishing.co.uk/publications/bible-alive/>

**Magnificat**

[http://www.magnificat.com/english/index\\_uk.asp](http://www.magnificat.com/english/index_uk.asp)

**Children's Liturgy / Family Prayer time**

<https://www.facebook.com/colourandshapeonline/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdJNyn5xOrOB5634uplhcQg>

**Daily Reflections and prayer**

<https://www.sacredspace.ie/>

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/home/>

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/>

**Catholic News**

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

<https://www.romereports.com/en/>

# St Mary's, Leek



# ADVENT

“Stand with confidence  
before the Son of Man”  
(Lk 21:36)

## **Advent**

The Season of Advent is the Church's new year. It is also our period of preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. As both a new year and a time of preparation, Advent is a great opportunity to be more resolved and focus on Christ.

This year, let's mark Advent with an enthusiastic opening of our hearts to the Lord. Let's refocus on him so that we can celebrate Christmas with devotion.

### **Let's join the celebration of Mass**

Sunday Masses is celebrated in church on Saturday afternoon at 230pm and Sunday morning at 10am.

If you are unable to join us in person, please join the live-stream on the Parish Facebook page; if you can't join Mass live, please watch the recording later in the day.

If you are hesitant about being in church, why not come to Mass on either a Tuesday or a Thursday at 10am when the congregation is smaller.

### **Let's pray**

Please keep with 5 minutes of prayer every day during this holy season.

Let's pray the Angelus. This ancient prayer honours Christ's incarnation and is a great accompaniment to this season.

The angel of the Lord declared unto to Mary, and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Word was made flesh, And dwelt among us.

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Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

### **Let's go to Confession**

Confessions or the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated in church on Saturday mornings between 10am and 1030am.

The Sacrament will be celebrated in the narthex area of the church and we ask you to wear a face covering and maintain social distance.

You can always speak with Fr Martin to arrange another time for Confession.

In Confession, God never tires of forgiving us.

### **Some events during Advent**

Sunday 28 November, 2021

3pm Blessing of the Crib in the Market Square.

4pm at All Saints church Advent Carols

Sunday 19 December, 2021

4pm at All Saints church Nine Lessons and Carols