



1. This weekend we celebrate the **Fourth Sunday of Advent – ‘Gaudete’, or ‘Rejoicing’ Sunday**. The readings can be found on page 91 of the Parish Mass Books.
2. **There will be 12.30 lunchtime Masses on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Advent, until 21st December inclusive.**
3. **Please see the accompanying poster with details of our Christmas services.** *Please note – there is a Carol Service at 11.30 pm, half an hour before the Midnight Mass.*
4. **Envelopes for your Christmas Offering** are now in the church porch – the Christmas Offering is your personal gift to the priests of the parish.
5. **The deadline for returning school application forms for Holy Ghost School (and other Catholic Primary Schools) is January 15th.** *Since Fr Richard hopes to take some time off after Christmas, it would be appreciated if these forms could be given in before Christmas, where possible, so that he can sign them before going away.*
6. **Families who will be applying for places in a Catholic school – Primary, Secondary or Sixth Form – in the near future should make sure they fill in a ‘Mass attendance form’ every Sunday (or Saturday evening) during term time. Forms are available at the back of church and, once completed, should be left in the tray provided. These forms are used by the clergy to assist them in completing school reference forms when asked – most schools require evidence of 3 years weekly Mass attendance.**

7. Many of you will be travelling to see family and friends at Christmas – so for those we won't see in person over this season, we do wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas, and every blessing for 2023!

