



1. This weekend we celebrate the **First Sunday of Advent**. The readings can be found on page 82 of the Parish Mass Books.
2. **The Holy Ghost Youth group** will commence again this Sunday, 27 November. We look forward to welcoming back our young people and sharing our faith together. **When:** 26 November **Where:** The Crypt **Time:** 7-8:30pm. To mark the first meeting since summer, there will be pizza!
3. **Holy Ghost School shall be hosting an Open Day** on Wednesday 7th December 2022 at 9.30am – 10.30am for new and prospective parents. There will be a welcome from the Headteacher at 9.30am and a tour of the school by the Y6 pupils. No need to register – all welcome. The event is not suitable for young children.
4. **A Carer is wanted for an elderly parishioner**, one night a week from 6pm initially, please call 07977 810534.
5. A parishioner recently left a red 'Missio' box containing £25 in loose change at church – but there was no sticker on the box to identify the owner. If you are that person, and would like the box back to refill, please contact the parish office and we can arrange for its return. Thank you to all those who support the good work of 'Missio'.
6. Parents who need **School Reference Forms** signed for primary or secondary school transfer should drop them off at the Parish Office, 27 Nightingale Square, and Father Richard will complete them as soon as he is able – **please make sure you include contact details in case he needs to ask you any questions**. You will be informed when the documents are ready for collection. Please note – if the school has asked you to provide a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' (CCP), you must download this from the internet, print off and complete your own

details before passing it on to Fr Richard. The Parish Office does NOT provide the CCP for you.

7. **We invite volunteers to act as welcomers at Mass** – you can sign up using this link <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/dJqNOrDb>
8. **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.**
9. PLEASE NOTE – the old email address for Fr Richard – frrichard@hgbalham.com – has been obsolete for some time, **and Fr Richard is no longer able to access these emails.** The only email address you should use for him is – richardwhinder@rcaos.org.uk – emails sent to the old address cannot be read and will not be answered.