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Rye, East Sussex*

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**Saint Clare Fraternity**, Poor Clare Convent, Hollington,  
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**16 DECEMBER 2018 ~ GAUDETE (THIRD) SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**"A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord' "**

**Times of Mass This Week**

15 Dec Saturday	For the Parishioners	6:00 PM Gaudete (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Sunday of Advent
16 Dec Sunday	+ Prof. Thomas Healy, req B. Doherty	8:00 AM Gaudete (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Sunday of Advent
16 Dec Sunday	Intentions on the St. Anthony Prayer board	10:45 AM Gaudete (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Sunday of Advent

Monday, 17 December

*O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love:  
Come to teach us the path of knowledge.*

Tuesday, 18 December

*O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel, Who showed Yourself to Moses in the burning bush, Who gave him the holy Law on Sinai mountain: come stretch out Your mighty hand to set us free.*

Wednesday, 19 December

*O Flower of Jesse's stem, You have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in Your presence; the nations bow down in worship before You. Come, let nothing keep You from coming to our aid.*

Thursday, 20 December

*O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel controlling at Your will the Gate of Heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead Your captive people into freedom.*

Friday, 21 December

*O Radiant Dawn, Splendor of eternal light, Sun of Justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.*

Saturday, 22 December

*O King of all the nations, the only Joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.*

**Fourth Sunday of Advent, 23 December**

*O Emmanuel, King and Lawgiver, Desire of the nations, Saviour of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God*

24 Dec Sunday, 8:00 AM

24 Dec Sunday, 10:45 AM

Collections: £ 391.65 [Does not include direct deposit donations]

Thank you very much!

THIS WEEK: SECOND COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:** Geoff Brown, Dominique Chapuis, Susan Clarke (Bernie's wife), Kathleen Sherwood (niece of Sheila Miller & Audrey Hatter), Reg & Monica Flint, Richard Horner, Richard Carey, Luisa Schetter, James, (Fr. Brian's father), my nephew, Nathaniel.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, ESPECIALLY:** Members of our parish, our families, our relatives, our friends, our acquaintances, the people for whom we offer Mass this week.

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**Scripture Discussion this Monday, 18 December at 5:00 PM at the Rye Social Club. Topic: Gospel for December, 24<sup>th</sup>, Fourth Sunday of Advent, Luke 1:26-38; The Annunciation.** I am sure that you have heard and meditated on this Gospel hundreds of times, so we should be ready for a lively and in-depth discussion. Quite simply, without this event, there is nothing else to discuss. This Event changed the world, and the world acts as if it never happened. Even if you have not come to the discussion group before, this is the one to make!

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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#### **Looking ahead – Our Christmas Mass Schedule**

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>/Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec

Mass time as usual

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec

6.00p.m Vigil Mass

11.45p.m Midnight Mass

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**From a homily, *In Praise of the Virgin Mother* by St. Bernard, abbot**

You have heard, O Virgin, that you will conceive and bear a Son; you have heard that it will not be by man but by the Holy Spirit. The angel awaits an answer; it is time for him to return to God Who sent him. We too are waiting, O Lady, for your word of compassion; the sentence of condemnation weighs heavily upon us.

The price of salvation is offered to you. We shall be set free at once if you consent. In the eternal Word of God, we all came to be, and behold, we die. In your brief response we are to be remade in order to be recalled to life.

Tearful Adam with his sorrowing family begs this of you, O loving Virgin, in their exile from Paradise. Abraham begs its, David begs it. All the other holy patriarchs, your ancestors, ask it of you, as they dwell in the country of shadow of death. This is what the whole earth waits for, prostrate at your feet. It is right in doing so, for on your word depends comfort for the wretched, ransom for the captive, freedom for the condemned, indeed, salvation for all the sons and daughters of Adam, the whole of your race.

Answer quickly, O Virgin. Reply in haste to the angel, or rather through the angel to the Lord. Answer with a word, receive the Word of God. Speak your own word, conceive the divine Word. Breathe a passing word, embrace the eternal Word.

Why do you delay, why are you afraid? Believe, give praise, and receive. Let humility be bold, let modesty be confident. This is no time for virginal simplicity to forget prudence. In this matter alone, O prudent Virgin, do not fear to be presumptuous. Though modest silence is pleasing, dutiful speech is now more necessary. Open your heart to Faith, O blessed Virgin, your lips to praise, your womb to the Creator. See, the Desire of all nations is at your door, knocking to enter. If He should pass by because of your delay, in sorrow you would begin to seek Him afresh, the One Whom your soul loves. Arise, hasten, open. Arise in Faith, hasten in devotion, open in praise and thanksgiving. *Behold the handmaid of the Lord, she says, be it done unto me according to your Word.*

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and of the Pre-Born, pray for us!*