

The Parish of St. Thomas Becket, Tarporley and St Cuthbert-by- the Forest, Mouldsworth
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Evening	5.30 (T)	Parishioners
Sunday Morning	9.00 (M)	Catherine Nelson (sick)
Sunday Morning	11.00 (T)	Margaret and Michael Jennings
Latin Mass	12.30 (T)	Stanley Parker

PRAYERS Please remember the sick and housebound in your prayers:

Especially Beryl Stapleton, Pat Croston, Eric Laird, Tom Carroll, Fred Tayman, Arthur Bristow, John Farey, Teresa Gilson, Marie Pinchin, Mary Lee, Danny Jones and Catherine Nelson.

CONFESSIONS : Are heard every Saturday morning from 11am to 12 noon in Tarporley, and as required.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT is traditionally known as GAUDETE SUNDAY taking its name from the Latin word "*Gaudete*", meaning "*Rejoice*". This is the first word of the Entry Antiphon, also known as the "INTROIT" of the Mass.

The season of Advent originated as a 40 day preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the Feast of St Martin of Tours on 12th November, and as early as the 5th Century it was known as " St MARTIN'S LENT". In the 9th Century ADVENT was reduced to 4 weeks, but it preserved most of the characteristics of a penitential season which made it a counterpart to LENT. Gaudete Sunday provides a break about midway through an otherwise penitential season. This signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming, and this in turn is signified by the Rose coloured vestments and the lighting of the pink candle.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

530pm (T)
8.00pm (M)

Wednesday 24th December

VIGIL MASS of CHRISTMAS
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Christmas Day

9.00am (M)
11.00am (T)

Thursday 25th December

MASS OF THE NATIVITY
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NEXT SUNDAY

530pm

CAROL SERVICE in TARPORLEY

THE ULTIMATE STOCKING FILLER!!

The Shrewsbury Diocesan Yearbook 2015 is on sale today, price £4.

DECORATIONS/FLOWERS for the CHRISTMAS SEASON

There will be a second collection today for Flowers/Plants to decorate our two churches.

AND FINALLY



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