

LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 24 DECEMBER

But the angel said to the Shepherds, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:11-12

Sunday 24 December Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve	Pray for the Lord's blessing on all the services today, especially the Crib Service at 3pm. Pray that many families with children may attend and hear about Jesus. Pray also for the 11.30pm Midnight Mass, that newcomers may be awakened to Jesus. Pray for restraint on heavy drinking in the town.
Mon 25 December Christmas Day	Pray for safe and happy family celebrations. Pray for those who are alone that they may be remembered and included.
Tues 26 December	Pray for opportunities to speak about your faith in conversation with others. Pray that God will give you the right words and that you may speak clearly.
Wed 27 December	Pray for the Food Bank and Food Hub that they may have all the resources that they need to sustain those families in food poverty.
Thurs 28 December	Pray for children and young people that they may have positive social activities during the school break and be protected from anything harmful and destructive.
Fri 29 December	Pray for all those with addictions, that they may receive the help that they need to be free. Pray for an end to drug dealing in the area.
Sat 30 December	Pray for God's blessing on the Afternoon Tea taking place in the Church Hall this afternoon. May it be a good time of friendship and fellowship.

Almighty God hear the prayers of your people for those with whom we share our lives and on whose work we depend. Be with those who mourn, the lonely, anxious, or distressed and grant your grace and strength to all whose work is essential or places them at risk. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our needs before we ask and our ignorance in asking; have compassion on our weakness and give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.