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Our Lady of The Lakes
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Missio Red Box Collection 2021

Thank you to all who brought their Missio Red Boxes in recently. We have raised over £130 with this collection, which is wonderful.

The empty red boxes will be available at the back of church for you to collect from Sunday 5th December Your label will have your name on and the amount you collected.

I would like to thank Sylvia Wainwright who has very kindly offered to take over from me as Missio local secretary and who will collect the boxes in future. Your generosity continues to support our overseas missions and helps share our faith hope and love with our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

Thank you. Bev Shackelford

During Advent we will be holding some evening sessions looking at the **history of Synods in the Church**. As a Parish we will shortly be taking part in a Synod which Pope Francis has called for, so this would be an ideal opportunity for us to reflect and prepare ourselves to take part. The sessions will take place on Wednesdays - December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd - at 7.00pm in the church. We will be using some lectures produced under the auspices of the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology.

As we start to think about **Christmas gift buying**, please consider the option of buying World Gifts. You will find leaflets giving details at the back of church.

There will be **Christmas cards** from Traidcraft on sale at the back of church from this weekend. The proceeds will be for Cafod. Please put the money in the Cafod box.

Advent Prayer

Christ our Hope, shine in our lives
with hope and promise.

Give us eyes to see so that we
remain attentive in this holy season.

Remind us to look for you
in small acts of kindness and love.
We await your coming with wonder.

Amen.

A man who thought he was John the Baptist was disturbing the neighbourhood, so for public safety, he was put in a police cell overnight.. There was another man already there and the new arrival immediately began his routine, "I am John the Baptist! Jesus Christ has sent me!"

The other man looked at him and declared, "I did not!"



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Bulletin Notices (deadline Thursday 3pm) - Please send to Barbara Cunliffe

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Mass Intentions

Sat	Dec 4	VIGIL OF SUNDAY	6.45 pm	Gertrude & John Mackenzie
Sun	Dec 5	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	11.00 am	Pat Flynn
Mon	Dec 6	Week 2 of Advent		No Service. Church closed.
Tues	Dec 7	St Ambrose	10.45 am	Requiem Mass Denise Greenwood
Wed	Dec 8	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION		No service. Church closed.
Thur	Dec 9	Week 2 of Advent	9.30 am	Priest's intentions
Fri	Dec 10	Week 2 of Advent		No service. Church closed.
Sat	Dec 11	VIGIL OF SUNDAY	6.45 pm	Priest's intentions
Sun	Dec 12	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	11.00 am	Priest's intentions



Rosary 9.10am on weekdays before Mass.



PLEASE PRAY FOR Our sick and housebound: Christopher Larson, Shirley Forker, Hank De Groot, Brenda McMullen, John McNamee, Jean Mary Sandberg, Ewa Mapleton, Mary Reid, Branca Neves.

Also for those whose anniversaries are at this time. May they rest in peace.



Offertory Collection last weekend: £71.00 (+ £452 in Standing Orders)
Special collection for the Poor Missions Fund: £44.56

Mass Attendance last weekend: Vigil: 38 Sunday: 33



CHILDREN'S LITURGY On Sunday 5th December between 2 and 4pm in the church hall we will be holding a special Advent Children's liturgy. We will be thinking about the true meaning of Christmas and how we can prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus. After which we will have a craft session. All children and young people welcome. Pre-school children please bring an adult. To

If there are any children in your families who will be 8 years of age or over by the beginning of next May, and who wish to make their **First Holy Communion** then, could you please give me their names and details so that we can

CHURCH CLEANING

this week on
Tuesday 7th December.

Come and join us if you can.



Some thoughts on the second reading for today, from St Paul's letter to the Philippians. Thanks to Universalis

Paul always begins his letters with a commendation and a blessing. The Philippians to whom he is writing were Paul's favourite community. The letter is full of friendship and affection. Here he commends the Philippians for their partnership with him in the gospel, and prays that God's work in them may be completed. So they may be ready for the Day of the Lord, which he envisaged to be imminent.

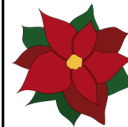
The passage is chosen as a preparation for the coming of the Lord Jesus at Christmas – and Christmas shopping leaves no doubt about the imminence of that Coming. It serves as a reminder that the traditional three comings of Christ cannot be separated. The coming in history was the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem. The coming in mystery is the coming of Christ into our hearts as we endeavour to mould ourselves as his faithful followers and to live out his values. The coming in majesty is the final coming of Christ in glory to gather his elect to himself, either at our homecoming in death or at the end of all things.

The three comings lead on, one to another: the coming in history gives a new impetus to the Kingdom of God, the coming in majesty brings it to its climax, and the coming in mystery is our own repeated response.

Fr Tom

Please note that the **Mass on Tuesday** is a requiem Mass for Denise Greenwood, and is at the later time of 10.45am.

CHRISTMAS HOME PRODUCE STALL There will be a Stall this weekend before and after Mass with all proceeds going to Cafod. Thank you in advance for your generous donations and support.



By popular demand we are having poinsettia plants again this year and once again would be very grateful if anybody would like to donate one. The plants can be left at the back of church when it opens for Mass on Saturday and Sunday 18/19 December or Tuesday and Thursday 21/23 December.

We will be arranging the plants at 9am on Friday 24th December and plants could also be delivered then.

If anyone would like to help arrange them they will be very welcome.

*There will be two **Reconciliation Services** during Advent. The first is in Cockermouth on Tuesday 14th December at 7pm. The second is in Keswick on Thursday 16th December at 6pm.*



RECONCILIATION



Carol service 19th December 6pm

Mulled wine, non alcoholic wine, and juice and mince pies. Names on the sheet on the notice board at the back of Church. Donations of mince pies very welcome by the morning of the 19th. Many thanks. Hilary



The next parish walk will take place on Wednesday 15th of December, starting in Keswick after the 9.30am Mass. We will be visiting Derwent Folds along the way, and will anticipate Christmas a little. We will need an idea of numbers - so could you