ADVENT CALENDAR 2026

JESUITS IN BRITAIN

As we journey towards Christmas, let us make space for God in our hearts and in our daily lives.



November 28

Preparing for Christmas Study Mornings with Fr Andrew Cameron-Mowat SJ
St Aloysius Church (Glasgow), Saturdays at 10am, followed by 12.15pm Mass

Advent Day of Prayer and Reflection | Ignatian Spirituality Centre
(Glasgow), 10.30 am
A restful day of prayer open to everyone
Book

November 29

Advent Retreat in Daily Life (Online) | London Jesuit Centre
A one-week guided Ignatian retreat
Book

***Magnificent Presence* Advent Retreat | Pray As You Go prayer platform**
Journey through Luke's Gospel to discover how God draws close to us.
Begin the retreat

December 1

Vespers for Advent (1, 8, 15 December)
Holy Name Church (Manchester Universities Catholic Chaplaincy), 5.45pm

Advent Faith Sharing Group (1, 8, 15 December)
Ogilvie Centre, St Aloysius Church (Glasgow), after the 12.15pm Mass and 6pm

December 2

St Aloysius' College Schola Choir Winter Concert
St Aloysius' Church (Glasgow), 6pm

Imagine December (Online) Jesuit Institute
A guided meditation using the imagination
Book

Lunch with elderly isolated people (2, 9, 16 December)
Meet at the Newman room (Manchester Universities Catholic Chaplaincy), 12pm

December 3

Advent Talk: Advent through Art with John Bosco Noronha SJ
Newman Room (Manchester Universities Catholic Chaplaincy), 5pm

December 4

In-Person Advent Reflections London Jesuit Centre
Over three Fridays, gather for an hour to pray and reflect on the coming of Christ
Book

December 5

Jesuit Young Adult Ministries Christmas Party
London Jesuit Centre, 7pm

Christmas Procession with Churches Together for Southall
Starting at St Anselm's Church (Southall), 4pm

Polish Jesuit Parish Advent Retreat
Błogosławieństwa Jezusa
A five-day retreat led by Fr Seweryn Wąsik SJ
Find out more

Polish Jesuit Parish Rorate Mass
Traditional Roraty Masses on Saturdays 5, 12 and 19 December
Find out more

December 6

Online Individually Guided Retreat – Advent (December 6-10) | Jesuit Institute
A four-day Advent retreat with support from an experienced retreat guide
Book

December 7

Preparation for Christmas Retreat (December 7-10)
St Beuno's Jesuit Spirituality Centre (North Wales)
Book

Coffee and Carols
The Ogilvie Centre, St Aloysius Church (Glasgow), 3.30pm-5pm

December 8

St Ignatius College Carol Service
Readings and music from the student choir and orchestra
St Ignatius College (Enfield), 6pm
Book

St Aloysius College Service of Lessons & Carols
St Aloysius Church (Glasgow), 6pm

December 10

The Stonyhurst Association Carol Service
Refreshments will follow (booking required)
St Peter's and St Joseph's (Stonyhurst), 7pm
Book

Carol Service with the Farm Street Church Choir
Refreshments will follow in Arrupe Hall. Farm Street Church (Central London), 7pm

Carols by Candlelight
Holy Name Church (Manchester Universities Catholic Chaplaincy), 7.30pm
Find out more

Donhead School Festival of Carols and Readings
Sacred Heart Church (Wimbledon), 4.30pm

December 11

Carol Service with the Jesuit YAM choir & Duncan Aspden (organist)
Farm Street Church (Central London), 7.30pm

Stonyhurst College Carol Service
St Peter's and St Joseph's Church (Stonyhurst), 3pm

December 14

Advent Adventure in Prayer (Online) | Jesuit Institute
A week to explore the riches of different types of prayer.
Book

Candlelit Carol Service, Wimbledon College and Ursuline School High School
Sacred Heart Church (Wimbledon), 8pm

December 15

Jesuit Refugee Service UK Advent Service
Farm Street Church (Central London), 7pm

December 17

Christmas Lunch for Senior Citizens
The Ogilvie Centre, St Aloysius Church (Glasgow), 1pm

December 18

Live Crib and Carol Service
St Anselm's Church (Southall), 6.30pm

Wimbledon College Carol Service
Sacred Heart Church (Wimbledon), 11am and 12pm

December 19

Christmas Fayre in support of Laudato Si'
The Ogilvie Centre, St Aloysius Church (Glasgow), 1-4pm

December 20

St Aloysius Church Carol Service
St Aloysius Church (Glasgow), 4pm

December 21

Christmas Dinner for the Homeless
St Ignatius Church (Stamford Hill)

December 24

Christmas Eve
Join your local parish as we welcome the light of Christ.

- Manchester – St Augustine's and Holy Name Church
- Preston – St Wilfrid's
- Stonyhurst – St Peter's and St Joseph's
- Central London – Farm Street Church
- Southall – St Anselm's
- Stamford Hill – St Ignatius
- Willesden Green – Our Lady of Mercy (Polish Parish)
- Edinburgh – Sacred Heart
- Glasgow – St Aloysius

December 25

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Christmas!

Watch the Jesuits in Britain Christmas message



ADVENT APPEALS AND ONLINE RESOURCES

Pray As You Go's Audio Series *Prophecy and Promise*
Listen to this audio series for children and families exploring the biblical stories of those who awaited the coming of Jesus.

Ignatian Spirituality Centre Advent Retreat
For the weeks of Advent, the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow offers you material for daily prayer.

Advent Reflections from *Thinking Faith*
Read some Advent reflections from the Jesuits' online journal.

Examened, a new Jesuit podcast
Listen to the first episode of *Examened*, exploring what 'Christmas creep' can teach us about waiting.

JRS UK Advent Appeal
Help provide warm spaces, hot meals and winter clothing for people seeking sanctuary this Christmas.

Jesuit Missions Christmas Appeal
Help young people find their voice.

www.jesuit.org.uk

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