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2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT 8th December 2024

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12:30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am

CONFESSIONS: Mondays 12 - 12:30pm (and on request)

HOLY HOUR animated by HAKUNA: Thursdays 7-8pm

(The Church is open Monday - Friday 8am-7pm, Saturdays 10am-5pm)

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER

Solemnity of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
MASS at 12:30pm & 7:30pm (animated by HAKUNA)



'JUBILEE' CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year Advent will take us to the beginning of the *Jubilee Year 2025*. A year to remind us that our life is in fact a 'pilgrimage' towards Heaven and that we can live anchored in 'Hope'.

A Year calling us to 'be Saints', to be Holy, to be 'different', to be like God, like children of God.

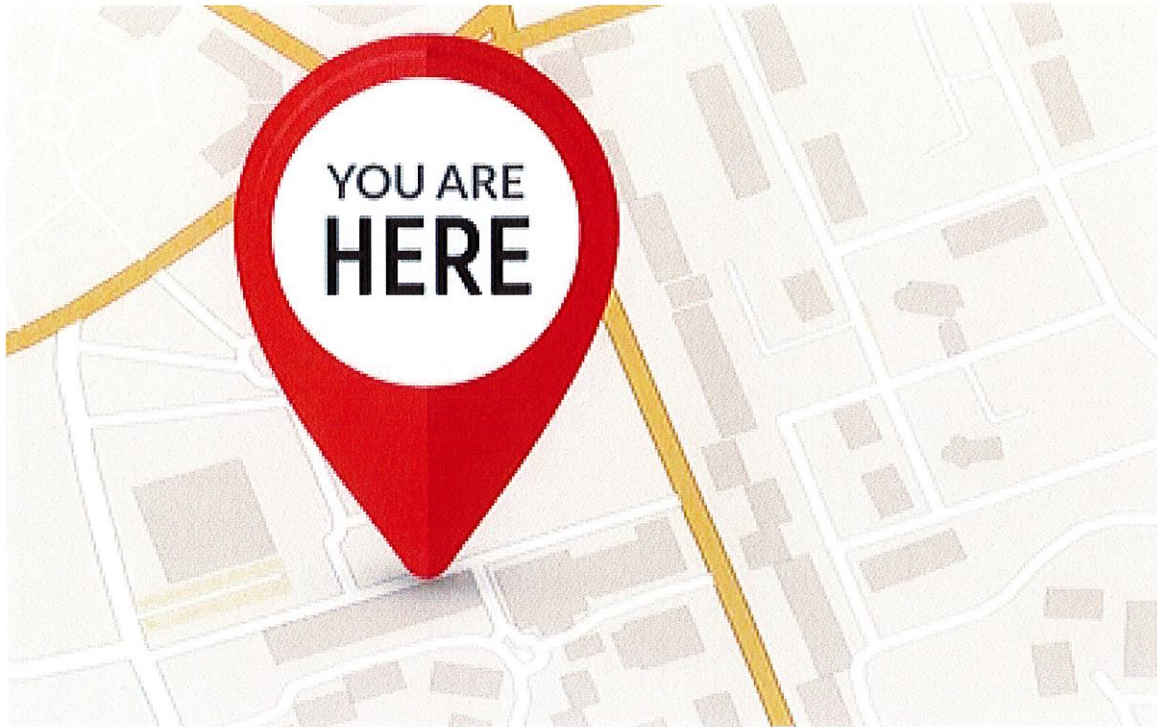
As a Parish we will organise talks, pilgrimages, corporal works of mercy. It is a Year of Grace... and it is coming...

Our **Parish Christmas cards** are more than a greeting cards, they are a 'sign', a **sign of Hope!**



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This is the second week of Advent. In less than 20 days Christmas would have arrived and gone!

The point of these first weeks of Advent is to 'locate' us, to 'place' us in our reality, to 'insert' us in our own history so that Christ (Christmas) can actually find us!

On Christmas night we will acclaim a Saviour. But 'salvation' and 'saviour' are not concepts, values, ideas... they are facts, events, that presuppose a reality, a history, a real and concrete needs. Today's Gospel ends with these words: "Every man (every 'flesh', literally in Greek) will see the Salvation of God". To see the Salvation of God is to experience a 'history of salvation' and a 'geography of salvation'. Our Saviour needs a 'stable', a postcode address, where to be born.

This is why these first weeks of Advent are so, so important. They tell us 'where we are', where you are. In the first week of Advent, we heard that we are in the 'night', that is, we are lost, in fear, alone, in need of a light, a direction, a victory over our deep fears. In this second week of Advent, we hear that we are in the 'desert', we are empty, vulnerable, without life within, in need of a liberator, a healing, a life-giving Word.

Let us not waste this precious time. Let us enter our 'history' and 'geography', our 'nights' and our 'deserts', because it is precisely there that we will see the Salvation of God!

In manus.

Father Ivano