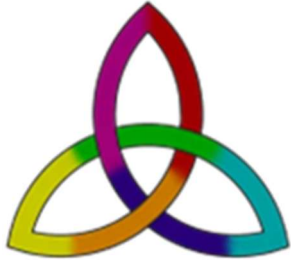


Second Sunday of Advent

Parish of The Most Holy and Undivided Trinity
The Catholic Church in
Grimsby, Cleethorpes & Immingham



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Newsletter



The Prophet Isaiah addresses the people, proclaiming the end of the Exile in Babylon and the return to Jerusalem. He prophesies: "A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord... Every valley shall be lifted up'. The valleys to be lifted up represent all the shortcomings of our behaviour before God, all our sins of omission. One shortcoming in our life could be the fact that we do not pray or that we pray little. Advent is thus a favourable time to pray with greater intensity, to reserve to the spiritual life the important place it deserves. Another shortcoming could be a lack of charity for our neighbour, above all toward people most in need of help, not only material, but also spiritual.

We are called to be, more attentive, closer, to the needs of others. Like John the Baptist, in this way we can open the ways of hope in the desert of the barren hearts of many people. We must take on attitudes of meekness and humility, without reproach, to listen, to speak with meekness and thus to prepare for the coming of our Saviour, He who is meek and humble of heart. The Saviour whom we await is able to transform our life with his grace, with the power of the Holy Spirit, with the power of love. The Holy Spirit, in fact, infuses our hearts with God's love, the inexhaustible source of purification, of new life and freedom. The Virgin Mary fully lived this reality, allowing herself to be 'baptized' by the Holy Spirit who inundated her with his power. May she, who prepared for the coming of Christ with the totality of her existence, help us to follow her example and may she guide our steps to the coming Lord.

Pope Francis, Saint Peter's Square
Second Sunday of Advent, 10th December 2017



Help lift a life

**CAN YOU HELP
LIFT A LIFE
THIS CHRISTMAS
AND BEYOND?**

Families are being pulled down by financial pressures and real poverty. We're asking supporters to help lift them up – with warmth, dignity, food, comfort, connection.

<https://svp.org.uk/>



Christmas Flower Collection

Next weekend

Let us be as generous as possible so that our church looks beautiful. Please return your envelope next weekend. Thank You

Diocesan Vacancies

Numerous vacancies are available in the Nottingham Diocese.

Diocesan Finance Team

is seeking to appoint a Parish Bookkeeper.

**The Parish of
Saint Ralph Sherwin Derby**
is seeking to appoint
a part-time
Parish Administrator.

**The Parish of All Saints,
West Nottingham**
is seeking to appoint
a part-time
Parish Administrator.

Find out more here:
www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers

News for the Pews



Christmas Calendar

Wednesday 17th December - 6.30pm

Carols by Candlelight

**Festive Mince Pie and Mulled Wine
at Cleethorpes**

Wednesday 24th December - 5.30pm

Mass of Christmas Eve - Cleethorpes

Wednesday 24th December - 8.30pm

Mass of Christmas Night - Grimsby

Thursday 25th December - 9.00am

Mass of Christmas Dawn - Immingham

Thursday 25th December - 11.00am

Mass of Christmas Day - Grimsby



The second Advent candle, also purple, represents Faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

Confession

This Sunday, assume that John the Baptist is speaking to you personally about repenting because "the kingdom of heaven is at hand." What is repentance? What repentance do you think God has in mind for you to do? What is the "kingdom of heaven?"

Immingham Extra Advent Confessions with Fr Robbie

Saturday 20th December - 11.00am - 1:00pm

Cleethorpes Extra Advent Confessions with Fr Robbie

Monday 22nd December - 10:00am - 11:30am

- 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Grimsby Extra Advent Confessions with Fr Robbie

Tuesday 23rd December - 10:00am - 11:30am

- 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Reflection - We appreciate John the Baptist better when we understand his mission in relation to the ministry of the promised Messiah, whose coming he dedicated his entire life to heralding. John knew what the coming of the Messiah meant for his people, who at that time were languishing under an oppressive Roman regime. He was deeply concerned about the pervasiveness of injustice in the land, especially the suffering of the poor—those at the receiving end of military brutality, extortion, and all other forms of dehumanization. He was saddened that so many of his people had abandoned the path of righteousness and had succumbed to despair. Above all, he understood the urgency of his mission. He was preparing the way for the Messiah, the only true king of justice and prince of peace.

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God!

Parish Office Hours

Holy Trinity Presbytery
Grimsby, DN32 9DZ
01472 342301

**Monday,
Tuesday & Wednesday**
9.00am until 12.30pm

Outside of these times the office
will not be available.

Fr Robbie's Friday Spiritual Surgery

Holy Trinity Presbytery
Grimsby, DN32 9DZ
01472 342301

Each Friday Morning
by Appointment Only
via the Parish Office

Appointment Times Available:
9.00am, 10.00am and 11.00am

Parish Finances Last Week

Thank you for your generosity
to the work of the Church!

In your Will, please remember
your Church.

Loose Plate	£374.10
Contactless	£229.00
S/Orders	£ 1,156.17
Total	£1,759.27

Parish Finances Last Month

November 2025

02/11/25	£1,817.82
09/11/25	£1,828.42
16/11/25	£1,598.82
23/11/25	£1,497.37
30/11/25	£1,759.27
Total	£8,501.70

Sign up for the Parish Bulletin



Would you like to join the Catholic Church as an Adult?

Fr Robbie and his team of Catechists will be running a formation course, The journey will teach you all aspects of the faith in an enjoyable manner – leading to you being received into the Church at Easter 2026. **Please contact the Parish Office, even if you completed a ‘Journey in Faith’ form previously.**

News for the Pews



Eucharistic Adoration is where you can spend time within your parish, with the Lord, in prayer, petition and glory...Search and You shall Find – Knock and the door shall be Opened to You...

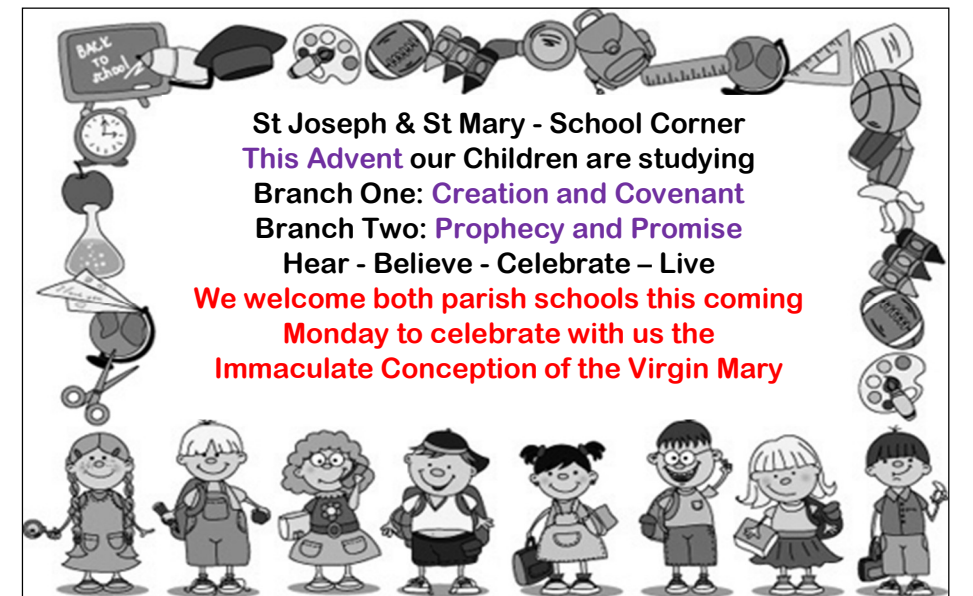
Parish Christmas Draw

Thank you so much to Patrick and his Team of Merry Elves, that ran the Parish Christmas Prize Draw last Saturday. Congratulations to all who won prizes and for all the funds that were raised to support our parish. Thank you to those who ran stalls and folded tickets and donated prizes. Thank you to those who served tea & coffee. The total raised by you all towards supporting our parish was **£3,700.00**.

Parish Christmas Lunch

Sunday 14th December at The Humber Royal Hotel at 12.30pm

Raffle – Jumper Parade – Quiz



Sanitising Hands

Please continue to exercise personal and social responsibility.

The word “Advent” comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means “coming.” Advent in the 4th and 5th century was a time of preparation for the baptism of new Christians. Christians would spend 40 days in prayer and fasting to prepare for the celebration that accompanied the baptism of new believers. Even when things feel chaotic we can find peace in Jesus. Advent is a chance to focus our thoughts on the gift God has given us in his son Jesus who stepped down from heaven and took the form of a man so that we might believe.

John was led by the Spirit - into the wilderness prior to his ministry where he was tested and grew in the word of God. John's clothing was reminiscent of the prophet Elijah (see Kings 1:8).



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Sunday: Yr. A - Weekday: Cycle II

Eucharistic Prayer: III - Psalter: II

Saturday 6th December - Advent Feria

10.00am - Holy Hour in Cleethorpes

10.00am until Noon - Confessions in Cleethorpes

5.00pm - **Immingham** - Vigil - Edward Owen McMahon RIP Pauline McMahon

6.00pm - Grimsby - Polish Language Vigil Mass

Sunday 7th December - Second Sunday of Advent

9.00am - **Cleethorpes** - Mass - People of God

11.00am - **Grimsby** - Mass - Deceased SVP Beneficiaries & Vincentians

Monday 8th December - The Immaculate Conception Solemnity

9.30am - Grimsby - Mass with St Mary's Primary Academy -
Private Intention - Nanette Brown

2.00pm - in St Joseph's Primary - Mass - Sabina Stack RIP - Family

6.30pm - Cleethorpes - Mass - Mary Linfitt RIP - Mark Linfitt

Tuesday 9th December - Advent Feria

No Mass - No Service

Wednesday 10th December - Advent Feria

9.00am - Grimsby - Rosary - Glorious Mysteries

9.30am - Grimsby - Mass - For Cath and John Jones RIP - Marie-
Therese

3.00pm - Hospital Monthly Mass - Diana, Princess of Wales Hospital

Thursday 11th December - Advent Feria

10.00am - Cleethorpes - Requiem Mass Muriel Winifred Easton RIP

Friday 12th December - Advent Feria

5.45pm - Cleethorpes - Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions

6.30pm - Cleethorpes - Mass - Martyn Gibson, Marie & Raymond
Thornley RIP - Caterina Thornley

Saturday 13th December - St Lucy, Martyr

10.00am - Holy Hour in Cleethorpes

10.00am until Noon - Confessions in Cleethorpes

5.00pm - **Immingham** - Vigil - Angela Murray RIP - Murray Family

6.00pm - Grimsby - Polish Language Vigil Mass

Sunday 14th December - Third Sunday of Advent

9.00am - **Cleethorpes** - Mass - People of God

11.00am - **Grimsby** - Mass - Rose, Alf & Stuart Bush RIP - Patrick
Dugard

The Immaculate Conception (Catechism) - To become the mother of the Saviour, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role." The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace". In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace.

The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.

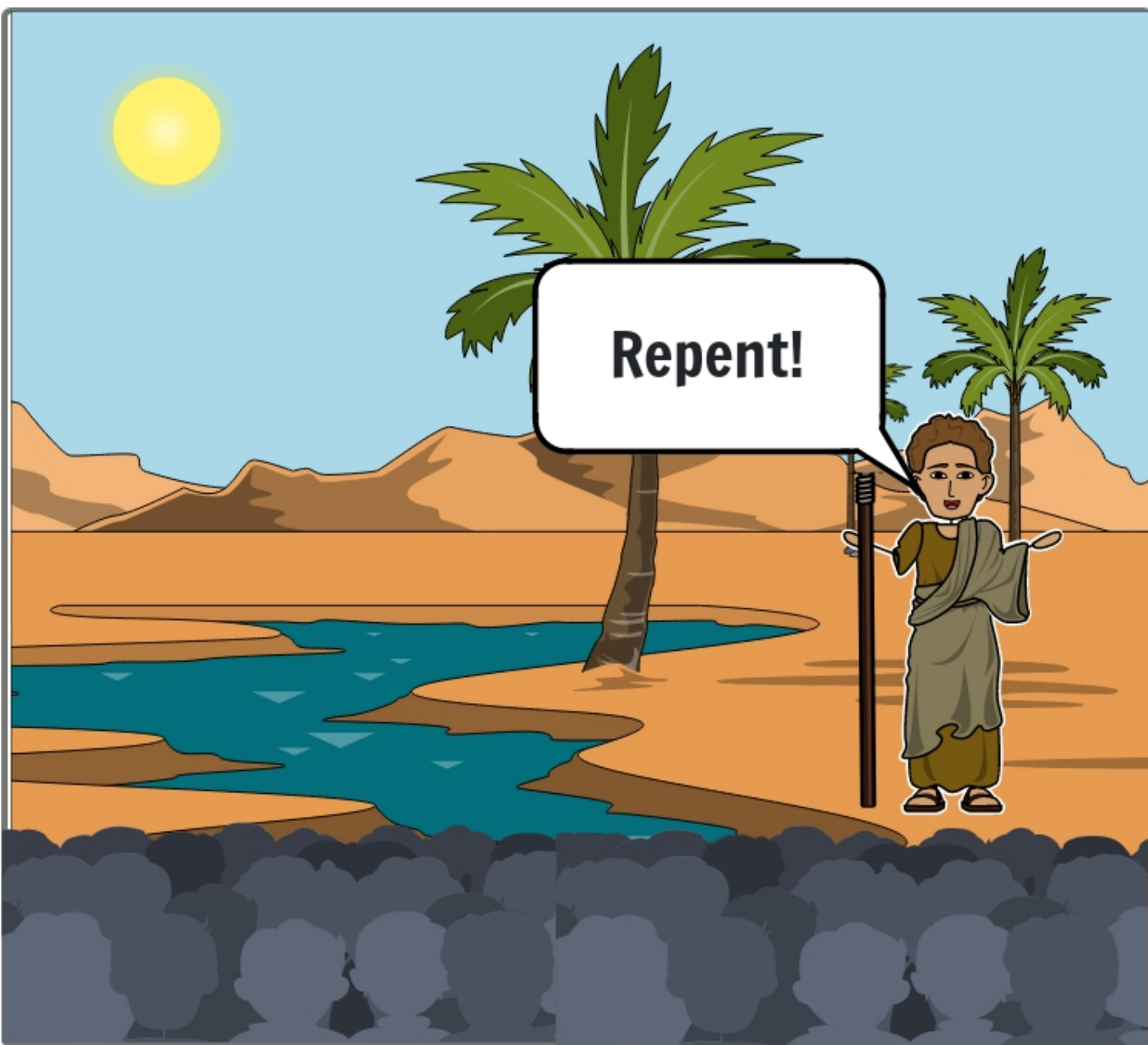
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קול קורא---במדבר,
פנו דרך יהוה; ישרו,
בערבה, מסלה,
לאלהינו.



...the word of God came to John son of Zachariah,
in the wilderness.

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**He went through the whole of the Jordan district
proclaiming a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins,
as it is written in the book of the sayings of Isaiah:**

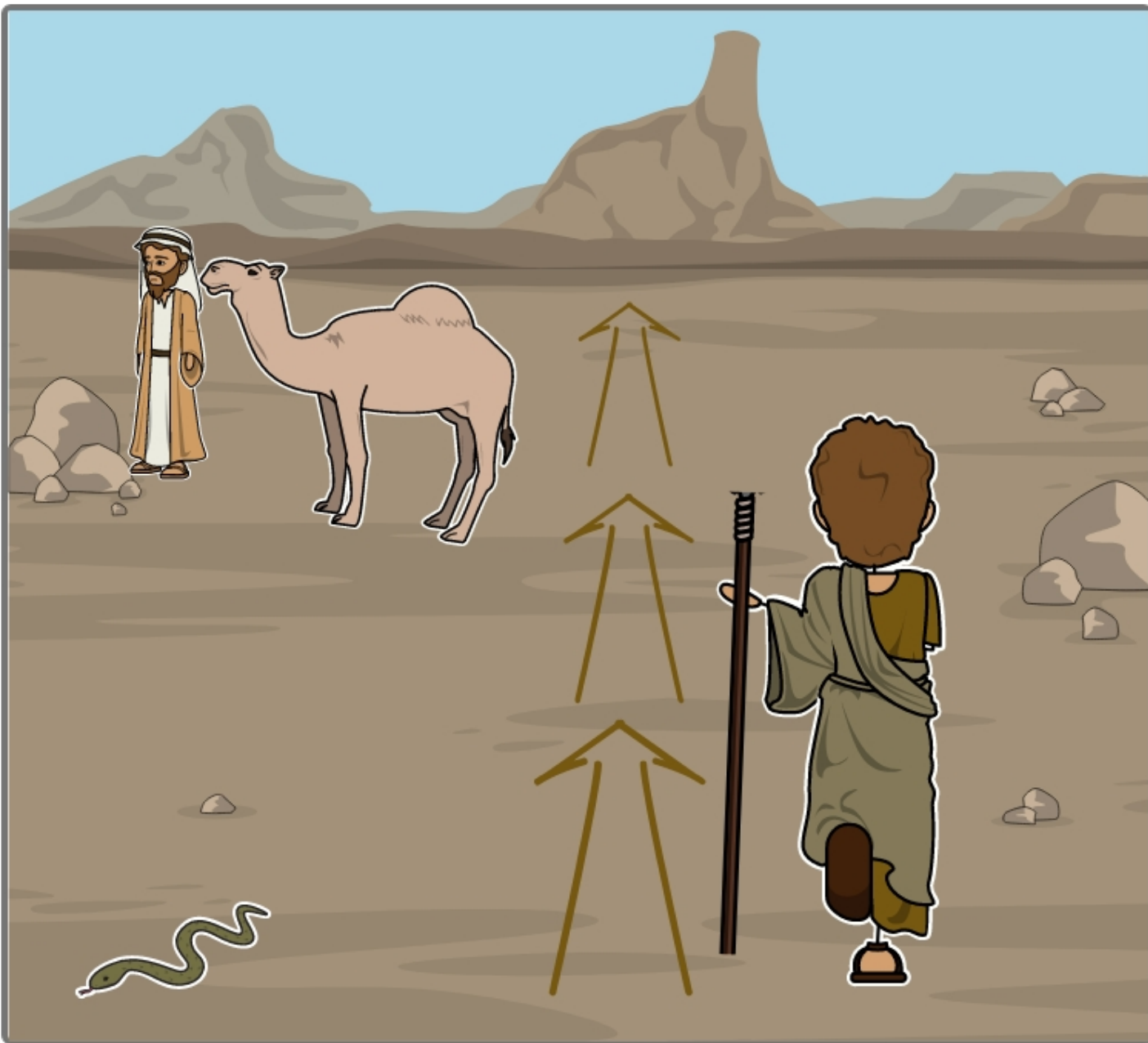
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Here I am Lord!

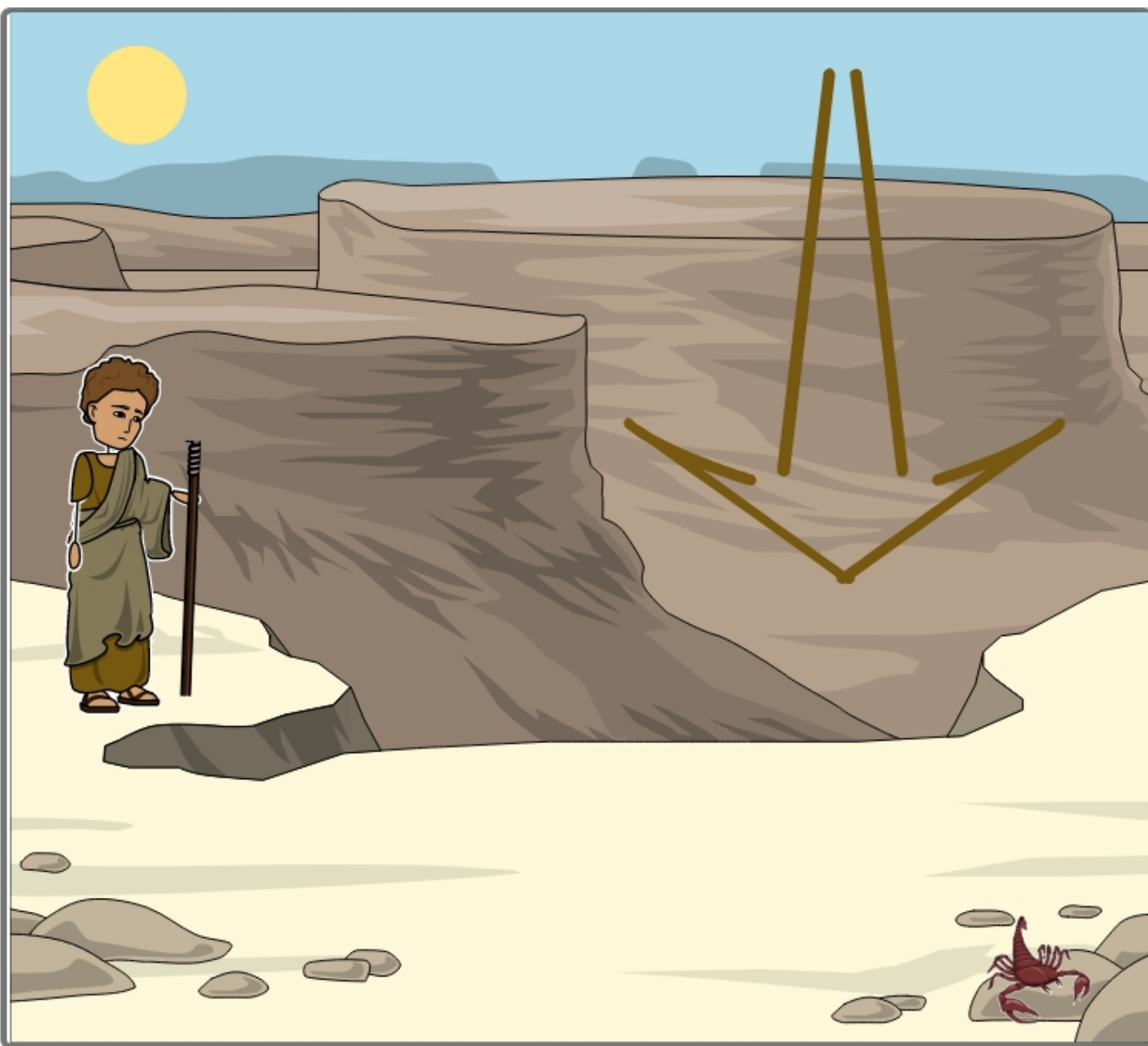
**A voice that cries out in the wilderness;
prepare a way for the Lord...**

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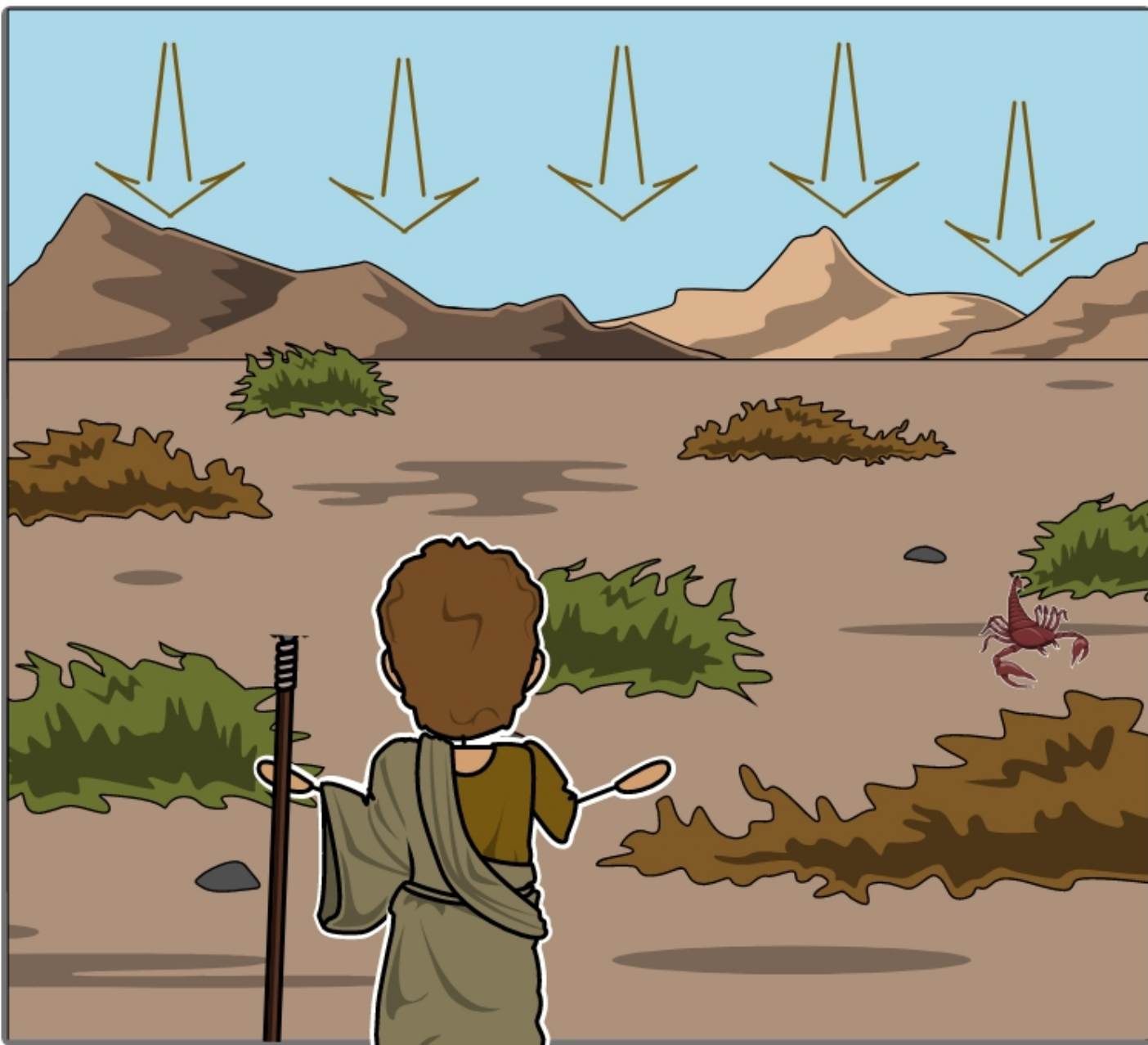
...make his ways straight.

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Every valley will be filled in...

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every mountain and hill be laid low...

Second Sunday of Advent



winding ways will be straightened...

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...and rough roads made smooth.

Luke 3: 1-6



And all mankind shall see the salvation of God



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JOIN OUR TEAM

Parish Administrator

Based at: St Mary's Rectory, Parish of St Ralph Sherwin, Derby (DE1 3AU)

Purpose of role: We are looking for a candidate with proven experience in administration and finance, ideally within parish, school, or charity settings. The successful applicant will play a key role in supporting parish operations and financial processes.

Hours of work: 25 hours per week – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: Hours 08:30– 2:45pm

Rate: £14.17 per hour (Band 4)

Apply by: Monday 8th December 2025

For an informal conversation about the role, please contact Canon Andrew Cole andrew.cole@dioceseofnottingham.uk

To request and application form, please email:
office@dioceseofnottingham.uk



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YOUNG ADULTS / 18-35s

Christmas Party

Holy Mass followed by party drinks
and nibbles (+party games!)

Sun | 14 | Dec | 2PM

Saint Mary's Catholic
Church, Derby



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