

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 1st March - First Sunday of Lent

Sat. 4.15 pm	All Saints	Confession	
Sat 5.00 pm	All Saints	Mass	Kevin Peter Carlon, Joyce & Terry Williams
Sun 8.30 am	St Lewis	Mass	LISCF
Sun 10.00 am	All Saints	Mass	Jack & Kathleen Casey, James Dunne, Sick Relative J.S.

Monday 2nd March - Weekday of Lent

9.30 am	All Saints	Mass	Anne & Dennis Wright
7.00 pm	St Lewis		Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 3rd March - Weekday of Lent

9.30 am	St Lewis	Mass	Ilena Taylor
10.00am	St Lewis		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 4th March - Weekday of Lent

7.00 pm	All Saints	Mass	Bill Tinley
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Thursday 5th March - Weekday of Lent

9.30 am	St Lewis	Mass	France Welsby
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Friday 6th March - Weekday of Lent

12.00pm	All Saints	Mass	Living & Deceased Members of Afternoon Club
12.30pm	All Saints		Stations of the Cross

Saturday 7th March - Weekday of Lent

10.00 am	St Lewis	Mass	LISCF
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Sunday 8th March - Second Sunday of Lent

Sat. 4.15 pm	All Saints	Confession	
Sat 5.00 pm	All Saints	Mass	Monica & Albert Blackwell & Eileen, Liam Calgie
Sun 8.30 am	St Lewis	Mass	Patrick Gorman
Sun 10.00 am	All Saints	Mass	Pat McGoldrick, and also Ellen & Patrick Redmond

Q: Why do they say 'Amen' at the end of a prayer instead of 'Awomen'?

A: The same reason they sing Hymns instead of Hers!



Newsletter for the Parishes of St Catherine of Siena & All Saints and St Lewis.



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LENT

Lent is a time of renewal and new beginnings. It is a time for us to enter into the suffering and death of Jesus, before celebrating the joy and hope of Easter. It is a time to reflect in a special way on God's word. Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that God's words are nourishing – man does not live on bread alone.

Our focus should not only be on earthly things; Lent reminds us that there is more to life than the physical world. We are all guilty of getting caught up in the practicalities of life; it is only natural to work and rush and plan and worry. Lent offers us an opportunity to reflect on what is really important. The sacrifices we make or the extra effort we put in to become better people this Lent are all part of that spiritual journey.

Advance notice. Next Friday is Family Fast Day and there will be a retiring collection for CAFOD after all Masses next Sunday, 8th March. There are Gift Aid envelopes in the porch of each church to be taken this weekend and Debbie Knowles will say a few words at each mass.

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This Week's News.

Proposed changes to the Sunday Mass Times.

At the Parish Council Meeting 17th February, a proposal was put forward to move both Sunday morning Mass times forward by half an hour, meaning St Lewis Mass would begin at 9.00am and All Saints Mass would begin at 10.30am. The Saturday evening Mass at All Saints would remain unaffected at 5.00pm. The reasoning behind this is: St Lewis has only one Mass; parishioners don't have a choice as to which Mass they attend; It's at a time that doesn't encourage young families to attend; it's very early for the older generation who need more time to get ready in the mornings; it would be particularly beneficial in Winter; All Saints Mass used to be at 10.30am. If Parishioners are agreeable to the changes, we would look to start the new times from Sunday 19th April onwards. We would be grateful for your thoughts and comments. The leaflets at the back of church provide space for these; please leave them in the box provided.

New offertory envelopes. If you wish to start using envelopes or no longer need a box, please fill in a form from the porch and give it to Fr Gordon **as soon as possible**.

World Day of Prayer Formerly Women's World Day of Prayer, this is an annual ecumenical service. It is the turn of All Saints to host the service this year which will be this Friday 6th March beginning at 2.00pm.



Mel Humphrey is our co-ordinator and she is looking for any interested parties to contact her so that we can organise it appropriately. Ring her on 07969335272. Of course, there is World Day of Prayer for the Croft/Culcheth Ecumenical Deanery which will take place on the same day at **6.30pm in Newchurch Parish Church, Culcheth**.

All Saints Club: an evening with Billy Scott & The Jetsons featuring Chris Britton on Friday 6th March, in aid of maintenance of the cemetery at All Saints. Tickets are on sale now after Mass in both churches, or phone Loretta on 01695 229616.

Ecumenical Lenten Talks. Once again All Saints will be hosting the Lenten talks for the Lowton and Golborne area. This year's theme is 'Exploring Lent Through Art' and will be at the usual time following Wednesday evening Mass.



Easter Cards to the Holyland.

As you know our Parishes have been paired with Beit Jala seminary, Bethlehem for sending Christmas cards. It would be great if they could receive an Easter card as well. You can send a card of your choosing or one we can provide (from the box in the porch) and send it to a person from the list on the noticeboard. We have to send them by 10th March for them to arrive in time. We are hopeful that four seminarians will be able to visit Liverpool in July and during that time we can host them for an evening.

St Lewis Parish discussion group are meeting again Mon 9th March at 2.00pm at 30 Culcheth Drive. WA3 4PT. They are listening to Daniel O'Leary's *The Astonishing Secret*. For more info 01925 768916.

Stations of the Cross. Once again we will be celebrating Stations during Lent. This year they will be: *at All Saints at Friday lunchtime following midday Mass* and *at St Lewis on Monday evenings beginning at 7.00 pm*.

Tuesday Afternoon Club. The next meeting is this Tuesday. 3rd March at 2.00 pm in the Benedict Room at All Saints Church. All are welcome

The Chrism Mass at the Cathedral. The Chrism Mass should normally be celebrated on Holy Thursday morning before the Triduum begins. However, to encourage participation from across the diocese it has, for a number of years been transferred to Wednesday evening. For those who wish to go we will be putting on transport to the Chrism Mass for Wednesday 8th April. The Mass begins at 7.30pm but we will look to be there for 7.00pm. Please sign up on the list on the noticeboard and note the time of pick up.

The ministry of Reader.

Last year we had a morning of reflection for our Eucharistic Ministers. This Lent we are inviting our Readers to come and reflect on their ministry. There's two separate dates: come to either of them. At All Saints on Sat. 14th March between 11.00-12.00pm and at St Lewis on 21st March between 10.30-11.30am.



Please remember in your prayers: the sick of our community, those who have died recently, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.