

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 5th December Second Sunday of Advent Yr B

Sat. 5:00 pm	All Saints	Mass	Ron & Rae Price
Online	Video	Mass	Molly Lamb

Sunday 6th December Second Sunday of Advent Yr B

Sun 9:00 am	St. Lewis	Mass	Brian Taylor, The Welcomers
Sun 10:30 am	All Saints	Mass	David & Shelagh Preston

Monday 7th December St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor

No Video Mass

Tuesday 8th December Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Online	Video	Mass	Hilda Swift
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Wednesday 9th December Weekday of Advent

10:00 am	All Saints	Mass	Marie Garside
12:00 pm	St. Lewis	Mass	Josephine Shovelton
Online	Video	Mass	Loretta Walker

Wed. 9th Dec. Cremation Service: Howe Bridge 3:00 pm Michael Barrett

Thursday 10th December Weekday of Advent

No Video Mass

Thurs. 10th Dec. Cremation Service: Howe Bridge 11:00 am Terry McAlinden

Friday 11th December Weekday of Advent

Online	Video	Mass	Stephen Boyce
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Saturday 12th December Weekday of Advent

Online	Video	Mass	James Barry Grehan
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Saturday 12th December Third Sunday of Advent Yr B,

Sat 5:00 pm	All Saints	Mass	Mafanwy Hall & Margaret Kirkham
Online	Video	Mass	Pauline & Bob Robinson

Sunday 13th December Third Sunday of Advent Yr B,

Sun 9:00 am	St. Lewis	Mass	Josie Sudworth, Special Birthday
Sun 10:30 am	All Saints	Mass	Margaret & Edward Fox

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



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SUNDAY 6TH DEC, 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YR B

Parish Mass Book page 85, Order of Mass, P6, the Creed P12.

The second Sunday of Advent turns our attention to John the Baptist. John was an interesting individual. We are told he dressed a bit strangely, had an odd diet and spent a lot of time in the desert. Yet it seems he was very popular with the whole of Judaea and 'all the people of Jerusalem' went out to hear him. John must have been a dynamic speaker and one in whom people found hope and inspiration. Who are these attractive messengers for us today? Who brings us good news and hope? Whose message makes sense for us? Who do we flock to hear?

Today we might also reflect on the messengers in our own lives. Who did God send to you while you were in your own wilderness? Perhaps they brought with them a moment of grace, reassuring you that you would not be drifting aimlessly forever. Perhaps the evidence at that moment in your own life stated the contrary, yet these words of encouragement or comfort gave you reason to hope and to hang in there. These 'John the Baptists' are messengers of the light. They are all around us. Sometimes we are the ones called upon to be a messenger of light for someone else. The good news of the gospel today is that even in times of desolation there is a hope, a promise that urges us on. How we prepare for this journey determines our experience. See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you ...

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Hallelujah!!!! It's good to have you back with us for Mass in our Parish churches. Let's hope that, whatever happens in the coming weeks they will allow us to continue to celebrate Mass and welcome everyone to church. In the meantime, let us continue to sign up for mass using the online booking system or ring the office to book yourself a place. Looking ahead we are likely to be able to celebrate Christmas in church, but with the current restrictions: sign-up for track and trace, masks, hand sanitising, social distancing and no singing (sadly.) And this will be a 'ticket only' event as the Archbishop has designated it. For us, that means online and telephone bookings. Anyone 'walking up' for a Christmas service cannot be guaranteed a place so PLEASE book your place for Christmas mass as soon as the signing up sheets are posted online. We will of course advise you of when this will occur.

The NHS Covid 19 Mobile phone App: If you have downloaded this and you bring your phone with you to church, the poster to scan in will be on a table outside of the main porch door.

Christmas Lunch: Chris Bolland, one of our readers here at All Saints, does voluntary support work for SWAP (Support Wigan Arrivals Project). And he is trying to co-ordinate help to ensure a hot Christmas meal is provided to the Asylum Seekers in our area. If you are interested in being part of this project or need any more information, please call the office and we will forward your details to Chris.

Email Scams: It seems that email scams are on the increase. Recently I received an email supposedly from Archbishop Malcolm requesting I send money for his relatives needing an urgent operation. Suffice to say when I checked with him this was not the case. It may be that someone will send you an email on my behalf requesting you give money for some family emergency or other. Please be assured that I will NEVER request money from you in this way. So, if you do receive an email from me asking for money, please don't send any or respond to it. Do however, forward it to the parish office so we can help the police trace where it has come from.

The Epiphany Trust "Virtual" Carol Service: will take place on Sunday 20th December at 6:30pm with readings, carols and prayers. To join the service you will need the link to get onto Zoom, which is: <https://zoom.us/j/6830786316?pwd=MGNUMlQUWEzeUxhNmh5TC9HbndoZz09>

The Meeting ID is: **683 078 6316** and the Passcode is: **carols**

Lanyard for Non-Mask Wearers: We now have lanyards to give out to those who have a medical reason/exemption to wearing a mask, if you need one please let the Welcomers know as you come to mass. They will give you a lanyard for you to wear and to bring each week, so that you won't be challenged when you don't wear a mask but you will be asked to sit in a certain area, so that your non-mask wearing does not cause a health or safety issue for anyone else.

This week's joke:

Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing...they always drop their needles!!

Foodbanks: It wasn't a hard decision to make when I was asked if we could collect items to help the local Foodbanks, given how long the pandemic is going on and the worsening employment situation. I know that times are particularly hard for many people and so whatever you can spare will be enough. There will be collection boxes at both churches, from Saturday 5th December.

St. Catherine & All Saints: All donations will go to the foodbank set up by ACT (Ashton Churches Together) several local churches are involved with this initiative, which covers Golborne and Lowton. Whilst the foodbank is based St. Thomas' and at St. Luke's in Ashton, pre-lockdown 50% of users referred were from the Golborne Area

St. Lewis: Initially, St. Lewis' SVP will organise for the donations to go towards Christmas parcels for the school families at St Lewis who are in need, thereafter the food donated will go to the Culcheth Food Bank.

Below is a list of essential items required by the Foodbank:

Tinned Goods	Sugar	Cartons of Juice
Tea/Coffee	UHT Milk	Ready to Eat Custard
Cereal/Porridge	Evaporated Milk	Sweets
Pasta Sauces	Packets of Mash	Biscuits

Please Note: They do not need any Pasta, Soup or Tins of Beans, just the items above.



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass Times

All Saints: Christmas Eve 7pm - Christmas Day 10:30am

St. Lewis: Christmas Eve 9pm - Christmas Day 9:00am

The sign-up sheets for these masses will go live Friday 11th December.

Christmas Poinsettias Appeal

We would like to decorate the Sanctuaries of both churches with poinsettias again this year and are inviting parishioners to donate plants to help...if you are able to do so, would you please hand them to a welcomer when you arrive.



*The Sanctuary Lamp at All Saints will be lit
Week Commencing 6th December 2020
for Ellen & Jim O'Donnell*



*Please remember in your prayers: the sick of our community
and all those who have died recently including
Michael Barrett, Terry McAlinden, Brenda Westhead
& Brian Roberts and all whose anniversaries occur at this time*