

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 12th December Third Sunday of Advent Yr B Gaudete Sunday

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

Sunday 13th December Second Sunday of Advent Yr B Gaudete Sunday

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

Monday 14th December St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor

No Video Mass

Tuesday 15th December Weekday of Advent

Online	Video	Mass	Private Intention (R)
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Tues. 15th Dec. Cremation Service: Howe Bridge 12:00 pm Brenda Westhead

Wednesday 16th December Weekday of Advent

10:00 am	All Saints	Mass	Roy Jackson
12:00 pm	St. Lewis	Mass	Ann Niland
Online	Video	Mass	Ken Morris, Mandy Morris

Wed. 16th Dec. Cremation Service: Wigan 1:00 pm Brian Roberts

Thursday 17th December Weekday of Advent

No Video Mass

Friday 18th December Weekday of Advent

Online	Video	Mass	Peter & Margaret Ward
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Saturday 19th December Weekday of Advent

Online	Video	Mass	James Bashall
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Saturday 19th December Fourth Sunday of Advent Yr B,

Sat 5:00 pm	All Saints	Mass	In Memory of the Hatton & Vancalstern Families
Online	Video	Mass	Margaret Wiszowaty

Sunday 20th December Fourth Sunday of Advent Yr B,

Sun 9:00 am	St. Lewis	Mass	Teresa Ashton
Sun 10:30 am	All Saints	Mass	The Sick of the Parish

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



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SUNDAY 13TH DEC, 2020 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YR B

Parish Mass Book page 87, Order of Mass, P6, the Creed P12.

A witness to speak for the light. There is so much darkness around us: in the troubled parts of the world, in our own families and even in our own hearts. It is easy to become cynical but the Gospel today tells us that John the Baptist was someone who was 'a witness to speak for the light.' He gave hope to people.



Can we think of anyone today who witnesses to the light? Perhaps Malala Yousafzai is one. She was shot by the Taliban on her way to school in Pakistan because she was speaking for the rights of girls to education. She said: 'We realize the importance of our voices only when we are silenced. I was shot on a Tuesday at lunchtime, one bullet, one gunshot heard around the world.'

Malala was in her chemistry class when she heard she was to be the youngest ever recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. She celebrated by going on to a physics class.

If we look around our families and communities we will see those who try and witness to the light and we have the capacity to do the same; to answer the Gospel challenge and bring hope and good news.

'They bear witness to the rest of us that somewhere in the dark a light always shines, a light that darkness cannot overpower, and therefore we can all believe again.'

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The Christmas rush. Well, it feels a little like the Christmas rush has started early with people booking on the website for Christmas Eve/Day masses as if it was the Boxing Day sales! It's good to see so many wishing to be at mass this Christmas, even if you haven't managed to get to mass since we have returned from the first lockdown. But please remember: Mass will be very different from what we had last Christmas. Restrictions on our celebrations go beyond track and trace: masks, hand sanitising, social distancing and no singing (sadly.) And in order to reduce the chances of cross infection, mass will be shorter than normal (I'm not sure anybody is upset at that!)

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.

Armchair Retreat: Every week the Diocesan Pastoral Formation dept., send us information about a range of things. One that caught my eye, was Armchair Retreats with Fr. Denis Blackledge. It's a series of talks given by Fr. Denis, a Jesuit Parish Priest currently serving at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Liverpool. By the look of it, the sessions aren't that long but give a good opportunity for reflection. He talks can be found at www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/armchair-retreats And if that wasn't enough to entice you, then get a load of the title: Love and Seduction! I thoroughly recommend them...

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=MGNUNmlQUWEzeUxhNmh5TC9HbndoZz09>

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.

Rejoice in the Lord Always... This week we have received a Pastoral letter from the Archbishop celebrating Gaudete Sunday.

This week's joke:

My favourite teacher at school was Mrs Turtle.
Strange name, but she tortoise well.....

Foodbanks: Thank you for the fabulous response to the request for food items for our local Foodbanks. I am tempted to wonder if we can keep this level of giving going! However, I would rather your giving be steady throughout the coming weeks and months for whilst keeping people fed at Christmas is wonderful there will be hard times ahead in the New year for many families.

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



Christmas Flower Arrangements: We are in need of small-leaved foliage and holly for the church's Christmas arrangements. If you have any that you could spare could we ask that if possible you could leave it near the raised bed at the presbytery door this week. Due to the current situation we are struggling to get what we need.



Please remember in your prayers: the sick of our community and all those who have died recently including Brenda Westhead, Brian Roberts and Elizabeth Carney and all whose anniversaries occur at this time