



## 2nd Sunday of Advent

### Mass times, intentions + this week

Sat 7th December	6.00pm	Those most in need of God's mercy. Parishioners
Sun 8th December <b>2nd Sunday ADVENT</b>	10.30am	Sheila Owen Ronald Murphy
Mon 9th December Immaculate Conception	9.10am	Conyngnam + McCool families (In remembrance)
Tues 10th December	9.10am	Shirley Kenny
Wed 11th December	11.30am 12 noon	<i>Confessions</i> James + Brigid Cummins
Thurs 12th December OL of Guadalupe	<b>9.30am</b>	Funeral Mass: Mike Hogg
Fri 13th December St Lucy	9.10am	Celia Owen Thanks for a successful operation + for prayers answered
Sat 14th December	6.00pm	In thanks for Gods love Josie Melia
Sun 15th December <b>3rd Sunday ADVENT</b>	10.30am 2.00pm	Bethany Parr Thanksgiving <i>Ecumenical Carol Service</i>

**Praying the Sunday Missal:** The readings are on **Page36** in the new Sunday Missals

<b>Confessions</b>	Wednesday confessions at 11.30am and by appointment with Fr Philip.
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**PRAYING THE PARISH:** WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN MOSTYN AVE, BRENKA AVE, ORMSKIRK RD, STATION COTTAGES.



## Parish of Holy Rosary

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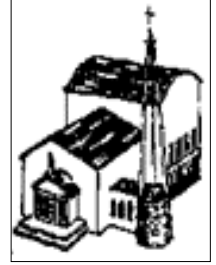
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### 8th December 2024.



*What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad!*

The Season of Advent is a good time to look back as well as forward. We begin our prayer in the present moment with God, but we are not the same people as we were a year ago. Our journey of life with God has changed us, sometimes in surprising ways.

We may be able to sing with the **Psalmist** of the marvels of God, our hearts filled with laughter and gladness. Or it may be that our experience has been one of tears and, like the exiled Israelites, we need the words of encouragement from the **First Reading** to remind us that sorrow can be transformed by God into joy.

St Paul (**Second Reading**) remembers the faithfulness of the Philippians and prays that they may continue to grow in holiness and knowledge of God. We, too, might pray to have their faithfulness and to continue to grow in the love of God during the coming year.

John the Baptist hears the word of God in the wilderness and emerges to proclaim our Lord's coming (**Gospel**). His promises are anchored in a particular moment of history.

Here, in our own time and place, we listen to God's word knowing that we, too, are invited to "Prepare a way for the Lord" in our own lives and in our world.

**New Year: new translation.** The season of Advent we use the new translation of the readings. Sunday cycle is Year C and weekdays is Year 1.

**Warm Lunch:** The next one is Friday 13th December in the Parish Hall - lunch served from 12.30pm. All welcome.

**Churches Food Share:** biscuits, tinned meat and paste, packet noodles and crackers for cheese. Thank you.

**Parish Christmas Raffle:** Luxury Hamper, Food hamper, M + S Voucher £30, M + S Voucher £15, M + S Voucher £15, Whisky, Whisky, Champagne, Wine + Prosecco, Baileys x 2, Handmade wood fruit bowl, Knitted 7 dwarfs, Pamper Set, Hand care collection, Pinkley: gift set, leather purse, slippers, Gourmet Stock Pot. Thank you to everyone who has donated prizes. Please get your tickets. The raffle will be drawn on Bingo and Fun night (20th Dec.)

**New Sunday Missals:** The individual orders have come - those who have ordered their new missals (blue covers) can collect them from the sacristy with payment of £13.00. Thank you. Some extra copies have been ordered - so it is not too late to buy one.

**Offertory Procession:** It would be lovely to be able to have parishioners bring up the bread and wine at Sat + Sun Masses. To do this we need someone on a Sat night and someone else on a Sunday morning to be responsible for finding who could do this. Is that someone you?

**Children's Chapel:** This space is for parents to go with small babies and pre-school children. It is not a place for children to be sent on their own. (No child can be there without a parent/adult). Will parents please help us to keep the sacredness of the church. No one minds if children get a bit noisy or fractious - many families know it can be hard sometimes - so we pray for patience and kindness from and for us all.

**Parish Council:** We are very lucky to have a dedicated parish council. At the meeting this week it was decided to set up a working party to look at whether or not we take back use of the former parish centre lounge (in July) as our parish hall. After Christmas we will be looking for volunteers to be part of this and to see if and what needs to be done.

**Christmas Appeal:** There has been a wonderful response. Thank you. The items have all been boxed up for the homeless project and have been taken to SHARE. There is a picture on the Facebook page of some of them.

**A time to prepare,** a time to pray. Please join us on the Wednesdays in December - 11th and 18th, 7.00pm-8pm in Romero Room for reflection + prayer before Christmas led by parishioners. All welcome.

**Advent Music at the Cathedral:** Bach + Handel, Sun 8 Dec, 3.00pm. A Ceremony of Carols, Sun 15 Dec, 3.00pm.

**Service of Reconciliation:** Tuesday 17th December at 7.00pm. This will be a chance for prayer and the sacrament of Confession.

**Holy Rosary Ladies:** Christmas Carol Service: Tuesday 10th December at 7.30pm - all parishioners are welcome.

**Ecumenical Christmas Nativity Pilgrimage:** On Sun Dec 15th at 2.00pm. This walk will be between our local churches - we will enter each church, hear part of the Christmas story and sing a carol. A mobile carol service! Please meet in the Methodist Church, Altway at 2.00pm.

**Parish Christmas Raffle:** Tickets are now on sale - £1.00 each. Prizes include: 2 hampers, bottles of spirits, wine, and many other prizes. Any money raised goes towards new shutters for the parish hall.

#### **Christmas Mass times:**

Tuesday 24th Dec: Mass at 5.00pm - come in your pyjamas - and bring a musical instrument!

Mass at 7.00pm

Wednesday 25th December: Mass at 10.30am.

Thursday 26th December: Mass at 10.00am.

**Prize Bingo + Fun Night:** Friday 20th December: Tickets are £2.00 each. Children go free (but they need a ticket). Tickets on sale now. This is a fun night - any funds raised will go to support the Catholic parish in Gaza.