



1st Sunday of Advent

Mass times, intentions + the week ahead

Sat 29th Nov Year A	6.00pm	Pious Lists, Dolly + Tommy Thomas Boyd
Sun 30th Nov 1st Sunday of Advent	10.30am	Pious Lists, Ted Murphy, Mary Rooney
Mon 1st December	9.10am	John Shaw, Dave Halliday Patricia Rankin
Tues 2nd December	9.10am	Billy Cavanagh Mila Facenfield
Wed 3rd December St Francis Xavier	11.30am 12 noon	<i>Confessions</i> Shirley Reck
Thurs 4th December	9.10am	Linda Rawcliffe, Sheila Kearns
Friday 5th December	9.10am	In thanksgiving
Sat 6th December Year A	6.00pm	Peter Barnicle Jane + Patrick Stanton
Sun 7th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	10.30am	Ron Murphy Genevieve Ogbonna (Special Int)

Confessions	Wednesday 11.30am and by appointment with Fr Philip.
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Pope Leo's prayer intention for December: Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope

PRAYING THE PARISH: WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO LIVE IN GAZA AND UKRAINE

Praying the Sunday Missal: The readings are on **Page 1** in the red Sunday Missals - and on page 5 in the blue missals.



Parish of Holy Rosary

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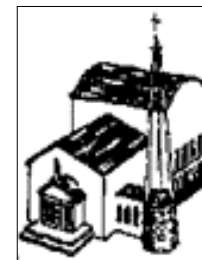
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1st Sunday of Advent: 30th November 2025

'You must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Today marks the beginning of the new liturgical year and the season of Advent, a time of watching and waiting, of longing and preparation for the Lord.

Isaiah (**First Reading**) presents his vision of a peaceful world, where weapons of conflict are turned into tools to rebuild communities, as people grow together in God's love.

The **Psalm** continues this prayer for peace and security, with a reminder to look to the Lord for guidance on how to live in unity, peace and joy.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul urges the Romans to wake up; to abandon thoughts and behaviour that keep God in the dark, and to live in the light of his love. He is direct and uncompromising, but reassuring that God's salvation is as attainable as putting on new clothes.

The theme of awakening features again in the **Gospel**, as Jesus calls on people to 'be ready' for God's salvation by living in love and faith. Jesus uses examples ranging from the dramatic events of Noah and the flood, the mundane image of workers in the field and at the mill, and the unexpected thieves breaking into a house. All of these highlight that God is constantly inviting us to follow his example in all that we do.

As **Pilgrims of Hope** in this Jubilee year, we reflect on how we might cast off old habits that keep us in the dark and walk in the light and hope of God's eternal love.

Advent begins on the 29th/30th November, the first Sunday of Advent.

Advent is the first season of the Catholic liturgical year, a sacred time of waiting, preparation, and hope. It is a four-week journey that leads up to Christmas, celebrating both the first coming of Jesus Christ at Bethlehem and anticipating His second coming in glory at the end of time. The name Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming” or “arrival.” In Greek, the corresponding word is *parousia*, which is also used in Scripture to describe the Second Coming of Christ (see Matthew 24:3). Thus, Advent has a dual character: 1. Looking back to the historical birth of Jesus — God made flesh. 2. Looking forward to the future coming of Christ — the fulfilment of all things in Him.

We have many things on offer to everyone in our parish to deepen our understanding and so enter into this holy season with devotion.

Monday 8th December: Talk on the Nicene Creed at 7.00pm

Christmas Raffle draw: the Parish Lounge on 14th December at 11.45m

Advent Carol Service for Holy Rosary Ladies: – Tuesday 16th December at 7.00pm - all welcome.

School Services and Nativity plays are a vital part of our Advent.

School Christmas Fair: in the Parish Lounge Fri 5th Dec, 3.30pm all welcome

Advent Reconciliation Service – Monday 15th Dec, 7.00pm. Come and hear the words, ‘your sins are forgiven’, so that you may welcome Jesus in your heart and home this Christmas.

Christmas Masses: Wed 24th Dec 5.00pm (Family Mass) 7.00pm Christmas Mass. Thursday 25th December: 10.30am: Christmas Mass.

Advent in the Cathedral: 30th Nov: 5.00pm Advent Sequence. 7th Dec: 3.00pm: Bach Cantata. 14th Dec 3.00pm: Ceremony of Carols by Britten. All free and a lovely way to prepare.

Warm Lunch: The next lunch is Friday 12th December.

FoodShare: Some beans, tinned mushy peas and meats.

Parish Account Details: Holy Rosary Presbytery (183) Sort Code 40-29-12 Account No. 41543849 Or fill out a Standing Order form (in church).

Christmas Raffle: Tickets will be available now. There are some great and luxurious prizes - thank you to all who have donated.

Christmas Bingo + quiz night in the Parish lounge - sold out!

Christmas Cards and 2026 Calendars on sale. Calendars are just £1.00

1st Communion: Year 4 - don't forget to sign in at Mass! Coming to Mass is your gift to Jesus as you prepare for Holy Communion. We are looking for **new altar servers** from Year 4 - see Fr Philip or an altar server. We have some new Mass books for children to use (and leave in church) please make sure you share this.

The Nicene Creed: Fr Mark Drew will give a talk on Mon 8th Dec at 7.00pm in Holy Rosary Parish Lounge: The Nicene Creed: what is it; what does it mean and why does it matter.

Youth Sunday: Thank you for the collection of **£218**

SVP - Relaunch: At the meeting last week 8 people have agreed to begin a parish **Caritas Group**. The word Caritas means love/charity. It is a group that will help us to be the face of Christ in our community if there is a practical (financial) need. More details next week. The Caritas Christmas collection will be as you leave Mass next weekend.,

Do you know anyone who might be interested in **becoming a Catholic?** Please email the parish office: holyrosary@rcaol.org.uk

Parish Development Strategy: The steering group members and their teams were given the data last week and so now begins the discernment process of suggesting option for the future - everyone will be invited to have their say. This week the roll out is with Sefton coast Deaneries.

Communion Preparation: for those not at Holy Rosary school begins on Sunday 30th Nov at 11.45am.

Holy Rosary Ladies meet on Tuesday (2nd Dec) at 7.30pm - Christmas garland making! All welcome.

Holy Rosary Monthly Book Club meets in the Romero Room on Thursday 4th December at 6:15pm - there is no meeting in January. All welcome.

Parish Council + Finance Committee: Meet on 2nd December at 7.00pm in the Romero Room. Any items for the agenda?

Confirmation in 2026: Anyone in year 8 can now register to be confirmed in June 2026. Register: liverpoolcalled.co.uk (See poster in the porch)