



## 3rd Sunday of Advent

### Mass times, intentions + the week ahead

Sat 13th December	6.00pm	Celia Owen, Carmel Wright
Sun 14th December <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b>	10.30am	Parishioners Intentions George Billows, Molly Smith (90)
Mon 15th December	9.10am 7.00pm	Daniel + Eileen Collins Margaret MacBride (birthday) <i>Advent Reconciliation</i>
Tues 16th December	9.10am 7.00pm	Clare Larkman, <i>HR Ladies Carol Service</i>
Wed 17th December	11.30am 12 noon	<i>Confessions</i> Helen Robinson (A), Monica Taylor
Thurs 18th December	9.10am	Kenneth Tilley
Friday 19th December	9.10am	Edward McCall, Patrick Mullen, Graham Tunstall, Christine Gill
Sat 20th December	6.00pm	Marie Hülligan, Mary Bode
Sun 21st December <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b>	10.30am	Lorna Watts, Sarah Harrison

<b>Confessions</b>	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 MOSTYN + BRENKA AVE, ORMSKIRK RD, STATION COTTAGES

**Praying the Sunday Missal:** The readings are on **Page 9** in the red Sunday Missals - and on page 14 in the blue missals.

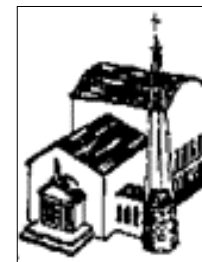


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## 3rd Sunday of Advent: 14th December 2025

**Rejoice in the Lord always;  
indeed the Lord is near!**



'Rejoice!' The word that begins the First Reading resounds in today's liturgy. Isaiah wants to show us that it is in the wilderness – the place of loneliness and desolation, and every human need – where rejoicing is to be found. It is exactly here, in the wastelands (the home of John the Baptist), where God's promise is to be discovered.

And what is God's promise? That he will save us (**First Reading, Psalm and Second Reading**) and therefore we must not lose heart. Even though we may feel we are stuck in the wild places, God is at work here.

The **Gospel** shows salvation explained and opened out: the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear and lepers are healed. Christ's actions fulfil the words of the prophet Isaiah and, today, give us hope to face the difficulties of the world and of our day-to-day lives.

On this Gaudete ('Rejoice') Sunday, let's give thanks for all that is good, and pray that we might also trust in the joyful hope of that which awaits us as we approach the Feast of Christmas.

### Advent

**Christmas Raffle draw:** the Parish Lounge on 14th December at 11.45am  
**School Services and Nativity plays** are a vital part of our Advent.

**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. **Advent in the Cathedral:** 14th Dec 3.00pm: Ceremony of Carols by Britten. Free and a lovely way to prepare.

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

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

**Service of Reconciliation:** Advent is a great time to come to confession. There will be a parish service of reconciliation on Monday 15th December at 7.00pm. Bring a friend (or even better an enemy!).

**Warm Lunch:** The next lunch is Friday 12th January.

**FoodShare:** Some cereals, jams etc.

**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 are available now. There are some great and luxurious prizes - thank you to all who have donated. The draw will be at 11.45am on Sunday 14th December.

**Clothes Bank:** You will see a clothes bank - in the front car park. This can be used to support research into leukaemia and myeloma.

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

**1st Communion: Year 4** - sign in at Mass! Coming to Mass is your gift to Jesus as you prepare for Holy Communion. We are seeking **new altar servers** from Year 4 or above - see Fr Philip or an altar server. We have some **new Mass books for children** to use (and leave in church).

**The Nicene Creed:** 16 people enjoyed a fascinating evening on the Creed. I think we all went home with lots to ponder. Thank you to Fr Mark Drew.

**The Caritas Christmas collection raised £485 on the day plus £450 in other donations..** How it will work: If you or anyone you know is in need please contact the parish office - the details will then be shared with the Caritas Group on their WhatsApp and we will try to respond.

**Companionship:** home visits, clinical appointments including hospital, doctors, dentist. **Financial:** funding made available on an individual and discretionary basis. **Transport:** to appointments, social engagements, church, shopping.

**Parish Development Strategy:** The group met on Thursday and have prepared 2 proposals - these will be shared with the parish in 2026.

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

**Thank you to K + K Butchers** for providing our Christmas trees this year. A big thanks to them for all the support they have given to our Friday lunches. If you can shop with them it is a great way of saying thank you.

**Christmas Tree Decorators:** Our trees have been decorated. Thank you for doing a great job.

**Holy Rosary School Christmas Services/Plays/Concerts:** It has been a privilege to be able to be part of so many events this year. The children have been wonderful and so have the staff. Thank you for enabling the families of Holy Rosary to reflect on this special season.

**All Christmas Offerings** are paid into the parish account for parish funds. They are not kept by the Fr Phil for his personal use. You need to give him something if you want it for him, (but not drink or sweets please!)

**Flu season:** The strain of flu that is affecting many people at the moment is a severe one - please do not come to church (or social gatherings) if you are affected and look after yourself - or get in touch if you need help.

### Christmas Masses:

**Christmas Eve:** 5.00pm (Family Mass);  
7.00pm Mass.

**Christmas Day:** 10.30am.