



8 December 2024

Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, and wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you. (Baruch 5:1)

Faith in Focus

Back to the future

If 'things ain't what they used to be', then Christianity makes no bones about proclaiming that one day they surely will be once more. For in Advent we walk in the shadow of a wonderful promise, that one day the rule of God will hold sway over all creation and life will be restored to that perfect balance that God intended us to have from the beginning.

That's why Advent carries with it a tremendous sense of yearning and longing. We look back to the initial peace and tranquillity of God's creation (as symbolised in the story of the Garden of Eden) and we remember the coming of the Messiah in Bethlehem with the powerful promise of a kingdom where the meek and the humble shall rule.

But Advent is not locked in the past. It's about now. We look around at ourselves and at our world and ask whether we can play a more active role in establishing the justice of God's kingdom in our lives, on our street, in our family, in the place where we work. For Advent is also about change, changing ourselves and our world, and it beckons us to be renewed.

And like all feasts and seasons Advent has a future dimension to it. We look forward, beyond the Christmas scene, to the coming of Christ as he takes possession of this world once more and subjects all creation to the rule of God. None of us knows how or when this will

happen, but Christians eagerly await the blessing that God's coming again will bring.

Advent asks of us that we never lose sight of what God has offered us in Christ. It demands a rebuilding programme in our lives as we straighten our ways and smooth our roads for God. And it invites us to watch joyfully for the day, that day when the salvation promised us will be ours, when Christ will come again in his glory.

Pope's intention - December

For pilgrims of hope

Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Votive lamps

This week, at Holy Name, the votive lamps burning either side of the Blessed Sacrament are for **the intentions of Patricia Wilson and Martha Tighe.**

This week, at Our Lady & St Philomena, the votive lamp burning before the relic of St Philomena is for **the intentions of Faye Wright.**

**Family of parishes:
Blessed Sacrament, Holy Name and
Our Lady & St Philomena**

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Holy Name, Moss Pits Lane, L10 9LG

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Road, L9 6BU

Parish office at Holy Name: Open Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00 am
to 12.30 pm, and 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm.

Baptisms: By prior arrangement.

Confessions: Holy Name on Saturday from
5.30 pm, Our Lady & St Philomena on
Wednesday from 6.30 pm or by request.

Funerals and Marriages: By arrangement.

Rosary: Before each weekday Mass.

Novena: After Wednesday evening Mass at
Our Lady & St Philomena.

Exposition: Holy Name, Thursday at 9.15 am

Visits to sick and housebound: Please
contact the parish office.

Hospital visits: If you wish to see a priest,
please let the hospital staff know.

Mass requests: Please complete the pre-
printed envelopes and place in the Mass
intention box. Please also specify the reason
for the intention, i.e. lately dead, anniversary
etc. For a particular day, please request early.
To enable more Mass intentions to be said in
the parish and not sent away, the Mass may
be shared unless you request otherwise.

Newsletter notices: Please e-mail to
holyname@rcaol.org.uk or hand in to the
Parish Office by Thursday morning.

Repository: Open before and after Mass.



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Readings at Mass

Scan the QR code for the Mass readings.

1st reading: Baruch 5:1-9

2nd reading: Philippians 1:3-6,8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6



Psalm response

What great deeds the Lord worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.

Thank you

Your offerings this week total £970.47 and
for the SVP £252.10

Baptism

Congratulations to Isla Jane Gibney who
receives the sacrament of baptism at Holy
Name on Sunday 8 December.

Welcome

We welcome Mason Drak Mirga, Harlow
Steven Jeffrey Hughes, Bonnie Sinclair,
Derrie Kim-Billie Simpson, Oliver Freddy
Jennings, Gracie Louise Gallagher, Daniel
Stephen Gallagher, Zak James Gallagher
and Myla-Lily M^cNichol to Mass at Our
Lady & St Philomena this weekend as they
will receive the sacrament of baptism on
Saturday 14 December.

We welcome Harry Robert Moon, Sadie
Lin Ager, Isla Mae Goldie and John Steven
Goldie to Mass at Holy Name this weekend
as they will receive the sacrament of
baptism on Sunday 15 December.

Christmas Mass times

A leaflet showing the Christmas Mass
times for our family of parishes is available
in church.

School carol service

Holy Name Catholic primary school are
holding a carol service at Holy Name
Church at 10 am on Friday 13 December.

Eucharistic service

Due to other commitments, there is no
Mass at St Philomena on Friday 13
December, there is a Eucharistic service.

Christmas Mass intentions

From Christmas Eve until the Epiphany there will be no individual Mass intentions. This is to allow everyone the opportunity to have Mass intentions offered during the Christmas period. Envelopes are available in church.

First Communion

For children in year 4 or above who want to make their First Communion next year, the **next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 December at 6 pm** in the Russell Room at Our Lady & St Philomena.

The meeting is for children and parents, grandparents or guardians.

Christmas hampers appeal

Any donations of luxury items for our Christmas hampers such as toiletries, chocolates, mince pies etc. will be greatly appreciated. Please bring to St Philomena's Church. *Thanks, Sr Kathleen*

Catholic Pic

The December edition of the Catholic Pic is in church, on parish website, Facebook page and via <https://tinyurl.com/8yxh4588>

LGBTQ+ Catholics

The next LGBTQ+ Catholics Mass is on Sunday 8 December at 2 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Swan Lane, Wigan, WN 2 4HD. Followed by a social event. All welcome.

Light for Dark Times

An Advent Peace Service is celebrated on Sunday 8 December at 4 pm in St Teresa's Church, L11 3BW. Includes candles and song, silence and prayer for peace, refugees, the victims of climate change and domestic violence. All welcome.

Deanery minutes

The latest approved minutes for the Liverpool North deanery synodal council for 19 September are available in church, on the noticeboard and the parish website.

Numbers galore

Numbers are 26 and 34. Double rollover.

Support at Christmas

Christmas can be a hard time for a whole range of reasons. The mental health charity Mind have put together some resources for supporting people who are struggling at Christmas. The website is

<https://mind.org.uk>

A celebration of Christmas

On Saturday 14 December at 7 pm, the Cathedral are hosting a festive celebration with the Cathedral choir and special guests performing beloved Christmas carols and seasonal favourites. Tickets are £10 each, or £18 for a family, and can be obtained from:

<https://ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral>

Arranging a baptism

Information on arranging a baptism is on the parish website or see Fr Mark at Mass.

Nugent: Light Up A Life

The annual Light up a Life remembrance service is celebrated on Friday 13 December at 12 noon at the Cathedral.

Remember a loved one in Nugent's Light up a Life Appeal, suggested donation £5 per dedication, can donate on the day.

Christian Christmas concert

Liverpool One Odeon is showing a 'A Drummer Boy Christmas Live: The Cinematic Concert Experience' on Thursday 12 December at 7.15 pm.

CAFOD fun run

CAFOD fun run Friday 27 December, see <https://cafod.org.uk/christmasfunrun>

Dementia friendly radio

An independent, online radio station that is run in collaboration with and for the benefit of those who live in the Merseyside area whose lives are affected by dementia.

For more information and to listen go to <https://mdfr.co.uk>

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Second Sunday of Advent			
Saturday 7th	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Terence Doran, lately dead Tommy King, lately dead
Sunday 8th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Marion Brown, RIP Anthony Charles Roberts, RIP
	9.30 am	Hospital	Marie Melia
	11.00 am	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Bert Clough, RIP and Tony Clough, RIP anniversary
Monday 9th			No service
Tuesday 10th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Mrs A Brocken, birthday memorial Paul Gavin, RIP
Wednesday 11th	10.00 am	Holy Name	John Smith, lately dead David Crennell, lately dead
	6.30 pm	<i>St Philomena</i>	<i>Confessions until 6.50 pm</i>
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Frank Lynch, birthday Linda Edwards, get well
Thursday 12th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Maureen Giner, lately dead Olga Cavazos, lately dead
Friday 13th	10.00 am	St Philomena	Eucharistic service
	10.00 am	Holy Name	School carol service
Third Sunday of Advent			
Saturday 14th	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Christina Schumacher, birthday Paul Johnson, sick. Recovery from strokes
Sunday 15th	9.30 am	St Philomena	People of our Parishes Boney Varghese, 2 nd death anniversary
	9.30 am	Hospital	Marie Fazakerley, RIP
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Ferel Medhanie Weldehiwet, anniversary John Riley, lately dead
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently Diane Gadsby, Winifred Hill, Thomas Richard Forshaw, Brian McDonald May they rest in peace</p>			

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