



1 December 2024

First Sunday of Advent (Year C)

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
(Luke 21:27)

Faith in Focus

Severe flood warning

It only takes one bout of severe weather, like a few days of torrential rain, to make us realise that despite our air of sophistication we are really still at the mercy of the elements. We amble along quite happily until floods are upon us and then we start talking about the major issues of climate change and lack of investment in flood defences.

Of course, once the wind dies down and the water level recedes, we return to our old ways. We forget the lessons that seemed so obvious when the storms were beating down on us. We put away the buckets that caught the drips and we consign the sandbags to the back of the garden. It's time to relax again.

Advent is our call to stay awake, day in and day out and be ready for the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus tells us that no one knows the day or the hour when the Son of Man will demand a reckoning from us of how we have remained true to our principles. He warns us to be on the watch. Make sure that you don't get so bogged down with the trivia of life, he says, that you neglect the really important things.

It's quite likely that most of us will die before the second coming of the Son of Man. The temptation for us is to live for the day and give no thought to our future judgement. While there appears to be no religious flood warning we carry on

regardless. When things go bad for us, when death takes our loved ones, when illness strikes us or troubles mount on all sides, we turn to God and remember that the Lord has promised to set us free from all that might threaten us. But it usually takes the prospect of disaster or discomfort to focus our minds on what is really important.

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 the Gillon family and the Walsh family.**

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

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

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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: Jeremiah 33:14-16

2nd reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-
4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28,34-36



Psalm response

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Thank you

Your offerings this week total £831.48 and
for Animate Youth £127.91

Baptism

Congratulations to Mabel Doreen Nee,
Eben Eric Nee, Annie Dickson and Bobby
Dickson who receive the sacrament of
baptism at Holy Name on Sunday 1
December.

Welcome

We welcome Isla Jane Gibney to Mass at
Holy Name this weekend as they will
receive the sacrament of baptism on Sunday
8 December.

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.

Welcome

We welcome new Eucharistic Ministers
who were commissioned last weekend at
Our Lady & St Philomena and those who
are commissioned this weekend at Holy
Name. We thank them for giving their time
and service to our parishes.

Thanks to Sr Kathleen for organising the
recent training for new and existing
Eucharistic Ministers.

SVP collection

There will be a retiring collection this
weekend to support the work of the SVP.

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*

SVP meeting

The parish SVP group meet on Tuesday 3 December at 7 pm in the Upper Room at Holy Name. Everyone welcome.

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 4 December at 6 pm** in the Russell Room at Our Lady & St Philomena.

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

Children who attend Holy Name or Our Lady & St Philomena Catholic Primary Schools do not need to attend – preparation takes place in the school.

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.

Could you be a Deacon?

The Archbishop is hosting a Diaconate information evening on Thursday 5 December at Bishop Eton. The evening begins at 7.30 pm, refreshments from 7 pm.

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.

Catholic Post

The December edition of the Catholic Post is available in church.

Numbers galore

Numbers are 1 and 36. Rollover.

Arranging a baptism

Baptism is celebrated on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday of each month at Our Lady & St Philomena at 11 am and at Holy Name at 12.15 pm.

Baptism preparation meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 11 am at Holy Name Church. **The next meeting is Saturday 7 December. There will be no meeting in January.**

Baptism application forms are available after Mass or from the parish office.

Further details are on the parish website.

Synodal council update

Our Archdiocesan Synodal Council met recently to discuss the life of the archdiocese. Each deanery, including our own was represented at the Council and a summary report has been produced. The report is available in church and on the parish website.

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.

You can remember a loved one in our Light up a Life Appeal, suggested donation £5 per dedication, can donate on the day.

Everyone who dedicates a light will receive a star at the service to write a personal message. The star will be placed on the tree in memory of their loved one and their name will be entered into our book of remembrance which will be on display over Christmas and the new year.

**We remember in our prayers
those who have died recently**

Diane Gadsby, Winifred Hill,
Thomas Richard Forshaw, Brian McDonald,
Robert John Evans, Phillip Shaw
May they rest in peace

Day	Time	Church	Intention
First Sunday of Advent			
Saturday 30th	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Ann Doran, 8 th anniversary
Sunday 1st	9.30 am	St Philomena	Marie Wright, birthday Mary Sinnott, anniversary
	9.30 am	Hospital	Margaret Coulter, RIP
	11.00 am	Holy Name	David Rankin, RIP, birthday remembrance Ena and Elaine, ill health
Monday 2nd			No service
Tuesday 3rd	10.00 am	Holy Name	Angela Wainright, lately dead Joy Hertenstien, get well
Wednesday 4th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Cathy Glidea, birthday Larry Carr, lately dead
	6.30 pm	<i>St Philomena</i>	<i>Confessions until 6.50 pm</i>
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Margaret Brabin, 1 st anniversary Elizabeth Lynch, birthday anniversary
Thursday 5th	10.00 am	Holy Name	June Kehoe, lately dead Nancy Walters, lately dead
	10.30 am	St Philomena	Requiem Mass: Winifred Hill, RIP
Friday 6th	10.00 am	St Philomena	Tommy and Lily Reynolds, birthday and anniversary remembrance Michael Gerard, RIP
	2.40 pm	Anfield Crematorium	Crematorium service: Diane Gadsby, RIP
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

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