



THE PARISH & CHURCH of ST MARY

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 & private prayer during the day.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C 5th December 2021

'What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad'.

Saturday: Vigil Mass	4.12	5.00pm: Joseph Albert Sharkey	ROSA MYSTICA HOUR OF GRACE Mass, Exposition & Devotions to The Blessed Virgin. ... The Feast of the Immaculate Conception 12.00pm Wednesday 8 th December.
Sunday	5.12	9.00am: Parishioners	
Monday	6.12	12.00am: Agnes Duddy 6.00pm: Secular Franciscan Mass of Profession	
Tuesday	7.12	8.30am: David Silcock	
Wednesday	8.12	12.00pm: Cathy Smith (<i>Hour of Grace</i>)	
Thursday	9.12	12.00pm: Abraham & Annamma	
Friday	10.12	12.00pm: Graham Alstead	
Saturday	11.12	10.00am: Vera Shannon & Joan Kennedy <i>Exposition after Mass</i> <i>Confessions: 11.00-11.45am and 4.30-4.45pm</i>	
Saturday Vigil Mass	11.12	5.00pm: Parishioners	
Sunday	12.12	9.00am: Eileen Littlehales	

Feasts & Memorials this week

Monday: St Nicolas; Tuesday: St Ambrose

Wednesday: **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Thursday: St Juan Diego Cuahtlatotzin; Friday: Our Lady of Loreto; Saturday: St Damasus.

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Sick: Maureen O' Bern, John Tierney, Margaret Gallagher, Celia Marshall, Joseph Tickle, Teresa Foster, Martin Kavanagh, Mary Catherine Western.

All the sick, especially those close to us; for the medical and caring professions; for the anxious and lonely; for the government ministers and those who make decisions; for our health and for peace.

Lately Dead: Eva Fedigan, Eileen Kelly, Gerard Frazer, Joseph Albert Sharkey, Cathy Smith.

Anniversaries: Agnes Dudley, David Silcock, Ron Tickle,

Mass Intentions: Ben Southern, Agnes Duddy, David Silcock, Arun & Swamy, Cathy Smith, Abraham & Annamma.

HOLY HOUR with Anointing of the Sick: The Elderly and Housebound Group of Sacred Heart Parish invite you to join them for an hour of Eucharistic Devotion at **2.00pm on Monday 6th December in Sacred Heart Church Springfield**. Refreshments after the service.

Monday 6th December: The Secular Franciscan Order celebrates the profession of Pauline & Tony in St Mary's Church, Standishgate.
 All are welcome to the Mass at 6.00pm.

THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

PATRIS CORDE - with a Father's Heart: the year of St Joseph, which ends on 8th December, has been a time "to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal," *Patris corde* highlights "the creative courage" of St. Joseph, which "emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties." "The carpenter of Nazareth," explains the Pope, was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence." He had to deal with "the concrete problems" his Family faced; problems faced by all families in the world.



The Archdiocese has issued COVID GUIDELINES FOR CHRISTMAS 2021

We are still living with the Pandemic – despite the actions of many it has not gone away (and may even get worse.) We, therefore, need to be both cautious and welcoming in our guidelines for Christmas 2021.

We want people (and especially families) to feel welcome to celebrate Christmas in church.

- **Face coverings** are still expected to be used in church – this may be difficult to enforce but given the vulnerability of some who will come to church we need to do our best to keep them safe.
- **Hand sanitising** will remain necessary as people arrive. A steward will be available to remind people.
- **Try to keep** the building well ventilated.
- **Ensure** that people are not inside the church for too long.
- **Attending Mass on Sunday 26th December** could be encouraged rather than Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Thank you, as always, for your cooperation and patience'. Fr. Johnson

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SILVER CHOIR with AGE UK: CHRISTMAS CAROLS at St John's Church.

All welcome on **Wednesday 8th December 1.00pm**. Free admission. Cups of tea and mince pies.

ST MARY'S REPOSITORY: Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Cribbs and more, now on sale.

CONGRATULATIONS to the priests and parishioners of St Aidan's Church, celebrating its Golden Anniversary this Sunday 5th December.

RIGHT TO LIFE: December Prayers for each Sunday. #1: - "We pray for an end to abortion. We pray especially that the Government would see the harm caused by the temporary 'DIY' abortion scheme, and that efforts to end this practice would be successful. Lord hear us".

Right to Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website which makes it easy for you to send an email to your MP asking them to write to Sajid Javid to help stop DIY abortion. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

THE PASTORAL PLAN:

Change of name for the Liverpool Archdiocesan Office

From December, the Liverpool Archdiocesan Office (formally known as LACE) will be renamed **St Margaret Clitherow Centre**, in line with the launch of the pastoral plan as we focus on the six areas of development to strive towards "becoming the Church God is calling us to be."

We chose the name St Margaret Clitherow Centre as it links to the history of our building. Before becoming our offices in 2001, the building was St Margaret Clitherow High School. We are proud to rename our building after a northern saint.

If you are sending anything to our offices, please address the correspondence to:

St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Liverpool Archdiocesan Office, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA.

All other contact details will remain the same.

WYA Catechists. Early next year, a series of conversations with the *With You Always* Catechists is planned to discuss the way forward in the light of the forthcoming Pastoral Plan.

If you are one of the catechists and would be interested, please email us (pd@rcaol.org.uk) with your *name, deanery, parish,* and *email* address so we can make sure any further information reaches you directly and on time. Thank you.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY: St Mary & St John Primary School has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. The eligibility and specific aspects of the role are detailed within the application form. Please apply directly to the Archdiocese by completing the application form, copies of which are available at the back of church.

ALL MASS INTENTIONS AND NEWSLETTER REQUESTS can be left at the presbytery in a marked envelope or sent to the parish office at the email address: ssmary.john@rcaolp.co.uk

More news and information can be found on St William's Parish website: www.stwilliamparishwigan.org

Facebook Pages: '*St John's RC Church, Standishgate, Wigan*' & '*St Patrick's Catholic Church Wigan*

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