

The Parish of St William *served by* the Churches of St Mary, St John & St Patrick

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Sunday 1st December 2024 – First Sunday of Advent (C)

THE NEW SUNDAY MISSAL: pages 63-66

Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 1 Dec	First Sunday of Advent 	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am — Gerard & Marie Dobson Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Arun & Swany's Intentions, (Children's Liturgy) Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Advent Service St John's 6.00pm , followed by mulled wine and mince pies
Mon 2 Dec	1st of Advent	Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Gerard & Margaret Gleeson (A) Gardening St John's 2.00-4.00pm Holy Rosary in Advent St Patrick's 12.15pm Care for Creation Training St Patrick's Lappin Room 6.30-9.00pm
Tue 3 Dec	St Francis Xavier, Priest	Gardening St Patrick's 9.30am All welcome! Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Stan Smith (A) Sacrament of First Confession (SMSJ) St Mary's 6.00pm Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Pat Pitcher (A) NB No Holy Hour today
Wed 4 Dec	St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor	Eucharistic Adoration St John's 8.45-9.45am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —Agnes Duddy (A) Holy Rosary St Mary's 12.00 noon Holy Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm —Private Intention (JM)
Thur 5 Dec	St John Almond, Priest, Martyr	Holy Mass (Y3 attend) St Patrick's 9.15am —Maurice Leonard & Helen McGann St Patrick's Ladies' Christmas Party, The Brick 1.00pm Christingle rehearsal St John's 3.30-4.30pm Planning Meeting for Fr O'Shea's Farewell Party St Patrick's 6.30pm Traditional (Latin) Holy Mass St John's 7.30pm —Special Intention
Fri 6 Dec	St Nicholas, Bishop	Rorate Caeli Mass St Patrick's 7.15am —Catherine & Julia Moore Y3 Stay & Pray St Patrick's Junior Hall 9.05am Holy Mass St John's 10.00am —John & Lilian Glass Requiem Mass St John's 12 noon for Margaret Mary Roberts First Friday Rosary St Patrick's 12.15pm
Sat 7 Dec	St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am —Thanksgiving to the Infant of Prague First Saturday Rosary St John's 10.00am Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) St Mary's 5.00pm —Ernest Bradbury
Sun 8 Dec	Second Sunday of Advent 	Holy Mass St Patrick's 9.15am — John & Ann Towey Holy Mass St John's 11.00am —Colin Benfold (LD) Holy Mass St John's 4.30pm —Parishioners Pax Christi Peace Vigil St John's 6.00pm , followed by mulled wine & mince pies

(A) - anniversary
(LD) - lately dead

BAPTISM: this Sunday is at St Patrick's – please pray for Cora Rose Baxter

CONFESSION: For 10 mins. after each weekday Mass; St Mary's 4.15-4.45pm on Saturday and St John's 3.45pm-4.15pm on Sunday

PRIVATE PRAYER: St Mary's is open during the day—10.30am -5.30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 10.00am – 4.00pm

Please pray for those who are sick: David Collins, Paul Collins, Beatrice Taylor, Anne Davies, Angela Parkinson, Lisa Burke, Doreen Edwards, Margaret Connelly, Margaret Ashall; Wendy Leggett, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Winifred Langin, Carol Green, Shirley Leggett, Karen Leggett, Dorothy Hutson, Leanna Mason, Anne Lawson, Kathleen Burke, Anthony Rutter, Albert Winstanley, Arthur Harrison-Scott, Celia Marshall, Paul Fairhurst, Michael Pitcher.

Please pray for those who have died: Margaret Robert, Peter Jennings, Krystyna Pilkington, John Gannon, Wilf Martin **RIP**

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank Boardman, Gerard & Margaret Gleeson, Stan Smith, Pat Pitcher, Agnes Duddy. Michael Connell, William Walsh, Sarah Pollard, John McCormick

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Harry Leyland, Colin Benfold (LD), The Carney & Doherty Families, Agnes Duddy (A), Margaret Roberts, Krystyna Pilkington (LD). Dobson & Griffiths families, Krystyna Pilkington, Nellie Charnock, Ann Stridgeon, William Glover, Gerard Howe, Wilf Martin, Peter Moran.

Congratulations, Father Hugh! This Sunday, December 1st, Fr Hugh celebrates the first anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. We all have great memories of that wonderful evening last year. We hope his first year in the Priesthood has been a happy one for him. We have certainly been very happy to have him in our parish. Ad Multos Annos, Fr Hugh!

NEW SUNDAY MISSAL—PEOPLE'S EDITION: These beautiful Missals will be in use from today. When you pick one up please check the inside cover to see whose name is there and remember to pray for them during Mass. Don't forget to return them at the end of Mass—they belong to the parish—not individuals and should not be removed from church! If you would like to include a loved one, there are still Missals intentions available at St Mary's and St John's—St Patrick's are now all full. Thank you.

WIGAN FAMILY OF PARISHES DURING ADVENT: A flyer containing all events that are taking place within our Wigan Family is available at the back of our churches. Everyone is warmly invited to all the events, no matter where they are! There is an array of events and it would be great to see our parishioners supporting and participating in other church events. Please pick one up from the back of church.

ADVENT SERVICE: This takes place this weekend. Please come along on Sunday evening at 6.00pm to this beautiful service by candlelight, and enjoy some festive refreshments after.

RORATE MASSES: This Friday, 6th December, and next Friday, 13th December, Fr Hugh will celebrate Rorate Masses on St Patrick's Lady Altar at 7:15am. These are Masses by candlelight, offered in honour of Our Blessed Lady. After Mass, tea and toast will be served in the House. All are welcome.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION: On Tuesday the children in Y4 will make their First Confessions at St Mary's Church at 6.00pm. Please keep them in your prayers as they receive the grace that is God's love and mercy.

'SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR ADULTS ON THE CRIB AND SCRIPTURES': Thursday 5th December at 7.30pm in St Aidan's Church Winstanley. Peter Mather will give some 'Spiritual food for adults on the crib and scriptures' to start our Advent journey. The event will last no more than an hour. All are welcome.

CAFOD CAROL SERVICE: Once again, St Mary and St John's School Choir are singing in this much-loved event at St Teresa's Church, Upholland at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th December. You are most welcome to come along.

CLEANING TEAM: No cleaning at St Mary's this week. We will meet again in January.

A PARISH FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR FR O'SHEA: will take place on Friday 10th January 2025 from 7.00pm. A venue and entertainment has been arranged but if you would like to help organise please come to a meeting at St Patrick's this Thursday 5th December at 6.30pm.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA: tickets for our party on Friday 13th December at The Swinley are now on sale at all Masses. The fun-filled evening will include a short quiz, bingo, raffle, music and dancing. Bring your own food. Festive dress. Tickets are priced £5 per person. All proceeds will go to a local charity.

PATRONAL FEAST OF ST JOHN: Menu choices are needed this weekend—so make sure you don't miss out!

CARE FOR CREATION TRAINING: takes place at St Patrick's over the next two Mondays (2nd and 9th) from 6.30pm to 9.00pm in the Lappin Room at St Patrick's. Everyone is welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST PATRICKS: A box has been installed, at the back of the church, to post Mass Intentions through. Alternatively, please post Intentions through the presbytery letterbox. Thank you

A NECKLACE: Was found after the 9:15am Mass, last Sunday, at St Patrick's. If it's yours, please call in to the Sacristy.

OLD MASS BOOKS: The former Mass books, which we used for the final time last Sunday, remain an excellent form of spiritual reading. If you would like your own set for at home, they are available in sets of 6, to collect for free from the back of church.

ST PATRICK'S SUNDAY MASS ROTA: The rota for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for 2025 can be collected from the Sacristy.

THE BRICK CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Thank you for all your items of warm clothing—The Brick were so pleased to receive them. As we approach the festive season we know it can be a difficult time for many, especially during the cost of living crisis. We are collecting for Christmas items over the next week. If you can, with charity, please donate any of the following over the next week: Christmas pudding/cake, selection boxes/chocolates, ready made (tin or packet) custard, gravy granules, packet stuffing, tinned vegetables, savoury snacks, biscuits, jam/marmalade, tea/coffee/hot chocolate, long life milk, long life juice. **"Help to fill a plate this Christmas"**

<i>Dates for your diary...</i>	
Monday 9th Dec 6.30-9.00pm	Care for Creation Training (Part 2) in the Lappin Room, St Patrick's
Wednesday 11th Dec 6.30pm	Family of Parishes Holy Mass at St Cuthberts followed by Penitential Service
Friday 13th December 7.00pm	Parish Christmas Extravaganza —The Swinley. Quiz, Raffle, DJ, Fun & Games. Save the date
Saturday 14th December 7.30pm	From Bing to Bubl� Christmas Concert—see Ruth for further details
Sunday 15th December 6.00pm	Children's Christingle Service led by Children's Liturgy Group. St John's Church
Monday 16th December 2.00pm	St Mary and St John's School KS2 Advent Service at St John's Church
Monday 16th December 7.00pm	St Patrick's Men's Group Christmas Meal at Basmati —see John Graham
Friday 20th December 12.40pm	St Patrick's Primary School Advent Service in Church (retiring collection for Nugent)
Friday 27th December 11.30am	St John's Feast Day Mass and Lunch at Papa Luigi (1.00pm). Save the date
Tuesday 31st December 11.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Midnight Mass at Sacred Heart Church

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