

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

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(St Mary, St John & St Patrick Churches)

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St Edward the Confessor Parish  
(Sacred Heart & St Cuthbert Churches)

Fr Giorgio Miles  
Deacons: Rev Anil Lukose  
& Rev Mick Moffatt

St Jude Parish  
St Aidan Parish  
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## Sunday 8th December 2024 – Second Sunday of Advent (C)

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Parish Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 8 Dec	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> — John & Ann Towey Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Colin Benfold (LD) Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Pax Christi Peace Vigil <b>St John's 6.00pm</b> , followed by mulled wine & mince pies
Mon 9 Dec	<b>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception</b>	Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Gerard Howe Requiem Mass <b>St Patrick's 12 noon</b> for Martin Cafferty Gardening <b>St John's 2.00-4.00pm</b> Holy Rosary in Advent <b>St Patrick's 12.15pm</b> Care for Creation Training (2) <b>St Patrick's Lappin Room 6.30-9.00pm</b>
Tue 10 Dec	<i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>	Gardening <b>St Patrick's 9.30am</b> All welcome! Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Fr Mark Ackers Eucharistic Adoration <b>St Patrick's 6.15-7.15pm</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.30pm</b> —Ann Stridgeon (sick)
Wed 11 Dec	<i>St Damasus I, Pope</i>	Eucharistic Adoration <b>St John's 8.45-9.45am</b> Holy Mass <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Edward Ackers Holy Rosary <b>St Mary's 12.00 noon</b> Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 6.00pm</b> —Kathleen Hopwood (b/day) <b>NB time change</b> Penance Service for our Family of Parishes <b>St Cuthbert's 7.00pm</b>
Thur 12 Dec	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	Holy Mass (Y6 attend) <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Brian Callaghan (LD) Christingle rehearsal <b>St John's 3.30-4.30pm</b> Traditional (Latin) Holy Mass <b>St John's 7.30pm</b> —Jane Ackers
Fri 13 Dec	<i>St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr</i>	Rorate Caeli Mass <b>St Patrick's 7.15am</b> —William Glover Y2 Stay & Pray <b>St Patrick's Junior Hall 9.05am</b> Holy Mass (SMSJ attend) <b>St John's 10.00am</b> —Rita Warrington (A) Christmas Extravaganza <b>The Swinley 7.30pm</b>
Sat 14 Dec	<i>St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor</i>	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> —Nellie Charnock (A) Praying with the 'O Antiphons' <b>St John's 10.00am</b> Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil) <b>St Mary's 5.00pm</b> —Harry Leyland Bing to Bubl� Concert—pick up at <b>St Patrick's 5.45pm</b> and <b>St John's 6.00pm</b>
Sun 15 Dec	<b>Gaudete Sunday</b> 	Holy Mass <b>St Patrick's 9.15am</b> — Martin Cafferty (LD), followed by Coffee Morning Holy Mass <b>St John's 11.00am</b> —Margaret Roberts (LD) Holy Mass <b>St John's 4.30pm</b> —Parishioners Christingle Service <b>St John's 6.00pm</b>

(A) - anniversary  
(LD) - lately dead

**BAPTISMS:** this Sunday are at St John's – please pray for Nancy Enid Cryer & Teddy Joseph Cryer

**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 on Thursday; 2.00-6.00pm on Saturday and until Midday on Sunday. **St Patrick's Porch** is open during the week—8.30am-3.30pm.

**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, Celia Marshall, Paul Fairhurst, Michael Pitcher.

**Please pray for those who have died:** Teresa Gaskell, Arthur Harrison-Scott RIP

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Muriel Percival, Tita Warrington, Nellie Charnock, Marion Clossick, Catherine Gannon, Ann Hilton, David Stephens, Bertha Winstanley, Bob Collier, Pat Booth, Bernadette Downes.

**MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED:** Margaret Price (LD), MT Joseph (A), Terence Chadwick (A), Teresa Gaskell (LD), Thomas & Mary Collier, Gerard Howe, Mary Leonard & Thomas McGann, Martin, Kathleen & Michael Gannon, Brian Scott.

**CAN YOU PLAY THE ORGAN/KEYBOARD?** Mass at St Mary's on Christmas Day will be at 10.00am . At the moment we don't have anyone to accompany the singing of carols that day. The church has both a pipe organ and a keyboard. If you can play either and would be available to play that day, please do speak to one of the priests. Many thanks.

**RORATE MASSES:** next Friday, 13th December, Fr Hugh will celebrate Rorate Caeli Mass on St Patrick's Lady Altar at 7:15am—Mass by candlelight, offered in honour of Our Blessed Lady. After Mass, tea and toast will be served in the House. I'm sure everyone who attended last week would say how beautiful it was! All are welcome.

**ARCHDIOCESAN SYNODAL COUNCIL:** A summary of the Council, held in November is available at the back of Church. Please take one and have a read. More information will follow in the new year.

**WIGAN FAMILY OF PARISHES CHRISTMAS MASSES:** there is a flyer at the back of church listing the Christmas Masses throughout Wigan. Please take one for your reference.

**CAFOD CAROL SERVICE:** St Patrick's School will also be singing with St Mary and St John's School at 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.

**CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA:** tickets for our party, next Friday 13th December, at The Swinley are still 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.

**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.

**FATHER O'SHEA'S FAREWELL CELEBRATION EVENING:** Tickets, priced £10, will be on sale at all Masses next weekend, for Father O'Shea's Farewell Celebration Evening. The Celebrations begin at 7pm on Friday 10th January at Whelley Ex-Servicemen's Club. There will be live music, a DJ, hot food and a raffle; with a few surprises included too! All are welcome to say 'Thank You and Farewell' as Father O'Shea prepares to move on after seven years here in Wigan. Tickets are available from the following people: Lisa Edwards (St Mary's); Chris Higgins (St John's) and Josh Marshall or Katie Price (St Patricks).

**THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S:** There will be no Coffee Morning this Sunday due to all the Christmas Events taking place throughout December. Thank you for all your support this year, it's been very much appreciated!

**M&S CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE TICKETS :** Last chance to get your raffle tickets this weekend for the luxury M&S Christmas Hamper. All proceeds are going to The Brick. The lucky winner will be drawn at the Christingle on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December by one of the children.

**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 .

**THE BRICK CHRISTMAS APPEAL:** Thank you for all your items of warm clothing—The Brick was 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"**

**ADVENT HOLY HOUR:** in Sacred Heart Church. Monday 16th December at 2.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction. Scripture readings and prayers and opportunity for individual Confession during the Holy Hour. Join us for some quiet time to prepare for the great feast of Christmas.

Refreshments after the Service.

**ROOM BLESSINGS:** This week, Father O'Shea blessed two new rooms at St Patrick's Primary School. Photographs are available on the St Patrick's Facebook Page.

**PLEASE HOLD IN PRAYER:** The Year 5 and Year 6 children from St Patrick's Primary School who will be making their Advent Confessions over the next few weeks.

**ST JOHN'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY CHRISTINGLE:** Please come along at support our children at 6.00pm next Sunday, 15th December. It is a beautiful way of further preparing for the feast of Christmas.

**BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI:** On Sunday 22nd December the blessing of the 'Bambinelli', the Baby Jesus which will go in your crib at home over the Christmas season. Please remember to bring your Bambinello with you to church!

*Dates for your diary...*

Monday 16th December 2.00pm	St Mary and St John's School <b>KS2 Advent Service</b> at St John's Church
Monday 16th December 7.00pm	St Patrick's Men's Group <b>Christmas Meal at Basmati</b> —see John Graham
Friday 20th December 12.40pm	St Patrick's Primary School <b>Advent Service</b> in Church (retiring collection for Nugent)
Friday 27th December 11.30am	St John's <b>Feast Day Mass and Lunch</b> 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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