



## HOLY NAME AND OUR LADY & ST. PHILOMENA PARISHES

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### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Already it is the second Sunday of Advent and our School nativity plays will soon be in full swing. It is always a delight to sit and watch the children perform their unique version of the Christmas story.

One person who is always absent however and who plays a major role in Advent is St. John the Baptist. In today's Gospel we welcome his arrival. John was the last of the Old Testament prophets and his mission was preparing the way for Jesus. He passionately calls the people to wake up to the imminent arrival of Christ the anointed Messiah. John fulfils the promise of God through all the prophets including the great prophet Isaiah;

***'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord.'***

John may not feature in nativity plays but we must not ignore him. Advent invites us to reflect both on the first coming of Jesus and to prepare for his return by assessing our lives and repenting of our sins. John was a voice, crying in the wilderness and although many ignored him, others humbly submitted, and presented themselves for healing and forgiveness. Today, as then, our world is aching for healing and forgiveness but sadly many people remain deaf and ignorant to this call to freedom.

As Catholics we recognise that reconciliation/confession is Christ's gift to the Church for healing and forgiveness. It is a beautiful Sacrament though sadly very often ignored. Perhaps if you have not been for a while now would be a great time to accept Christ's invitation and receive the beauty and peace of his healing grace.

#### ***Advent prayer (Chris Tiegreen; The Wonder of Advent)***

*Lord, may Jesus be more real to me this season than he has ever been.*

*Open my eyes wider than ever to the beauty of his coming.*

*Give me ears to hear the whisper of your voice.*

*May your restoration continue and your Kingdom come in my life, in my family, in my place of work, in my church, in my community, in my world, just as in heaven. May I live with excited anticipation throughout this season and beyond. Grant that I would enter into the story and the blessing of the Christ child more fully each year, Amen.*

***God bless Fr Kevin***

## **If any among you are sick, let them send for the priest...**

The priests in our pastoral area are committed to the care of our sick and dying parishioners and will always respond as best we can to emergencies. The number for finding a local priest in an emergency is 07891 705145 and is given on all our parish answer machines. These days there are fewer of us and we are sometimes away for a variety of reasons, so we encourage you to ask for the Sacrament of the Sick in good time, before being admitted to hospital or when you or your relatives are seriously ill, so that we can arrange a time to visit and offer this sacrament of healing, encouragement and consolation. If you or relatives are admitted to hospital, please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic Chaplaincy team and request a visit. Especially we ask you, whether at home or in hospital, not to wait until your loved one is so close to death that they cannot appreciate the grace they are receiving. People sometimes worry that their loved one will be frightened by this rite but our experience is that the sacrament provides a help and support in times of illness and especially for those approaching death. *Fr Chris Fallon (Area Dean)*

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## **LIGHT UP A LIFE 2018**

Join us for our Light up A Life remembrance service, **Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, Tuesday 18 December 2018 | 12.30pm. Led by Bishop Tom Williams, followed by refreshments.** You can order and pay online <https://www.weare Nugent.org/light-up-a-life-online-order-form/>. For a suggested donation of £5.00 per name, a light can be dedicated on Nugent's Tree of Light in memory of a loved one. Deadline for dedications is Friday 14 December 2018.

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 displayed at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral over Christmas and the New Year.

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## **DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CAROL SERVICE**

Come to the Cathedral on Wednesday 20 December. Following on from last year's successful first ever staging, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP will again lead a Dementia Friendly Christmas Carol Service especially for those living with dementia and all who wish to join them.

The service will take place in Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King on Wednesday 20 December at 2pm. The Archdiocese of Liverpool, having become aware of the needs of people living with dementia through parish visiting, began to run dementia-awareness sessions in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Society in many different parishes and other venues. The Carol Service is open to all, especially those living with dementia, supporting someone living with dementia or anyone of any age who just enjoys singing carols. No tickets are required.

**St Philomena's Numbers Galore - This Weeks' Numbers: 14 & 23 One Winner - £83**

## ST PHILOMENA'S CAROL SERVICE

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm, refreshments to follow. Everyone Welcome!

### THE LUNCHEON CLUB

The Luncheon Club will be held in the Russell Room, St Philomena's on 10<sup>TH</sup> December at 12noon. £1.00 entry which includes a hot lunch.

### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Appealing to your generosity. We would be very grateful for food, toys etc. Life is hard for many families. God loves a cheerful giver. Box in Porch at St Philomena's.

Please and Thank you..... *Sr Kathleen*

### CHURCH CLEANERS

If you have an hour or two to spare and you would like to help our small group of church cleaners, please phone the parish office on 476 0289, they would be very grateful of your help in either of our churches.

### HOLY NAME WINNING RAFFLE TICKETS

1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE – BLUE 70, 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE – GREEN 462, 3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE – BLUE 498

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations and for the purchase of the raffle tickets. A total of **£387** was raised and will be used to help the needy of our parishes.

### ARCHDIOCESE VACANCIES

#### CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY ASSISTANT TO LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

Are you a student or recent graduate interested in spending 4 months working as part of the ecumenical Chaplaincy Team to Liverpool Hope University? Would you enjoy supporting students and staff on their journey of faith, liaising with faith societies and helping to plan retreats and other faith events? If so, this opportunity might be just right for you! Starting mid-January 2019, the Catholic Chaplaincy Assistant would be working 20 hours per week until Sunday 2 June 2019 with a monthly salary provided on basis of £8.75 per hour. Closing Date: Friday 4 January 2019. Interviews to be held Wednesday 23 January 2019 Interested? For an informal chat, contact Fr Stephen Pritchard on 0151 487 9372 or via email to [pitches@hope.ac.uk](mailto:pitches@hope.ac.uk). A job description and application pack is available at: [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs)

***We remember in our prayers those who have died recently: Anthony Thorb-Jornsen, Edward Peacock, Patricia Burkin, Mary Baccino, Terence Roberts, John Crellin, Cecilia Carr, Albert Cox, Teresa Mulrooney, Peter Cork, Joseph Miller, Albert Devney, Frances Maloney, Patrick John King, John Cassin, Fr Kevin Kelly, Mary Riley, Carol O'Brien, Elizabeth Shaw, Samuel Crewe, Francis Cullen, Miss Sophie Sutherland May they rest in peace***

## Mass Times, Services & Intentions

Saturday 8th December – Sunday 16th December

### Holy Name

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>** 10.00am Mass (additional) – John Bradley  
5.30pm - Reconciliation/Confessions  
6.00pm – Mass – Margaret Whelan (29 yrs Anniversary)  
*SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*  
*Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent*

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**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** 11.00am – Mass – Alice Brocken (Birthday Rem)  
*SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

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**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>** 9.00am – Mass – Frank Pugh (RIP)

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**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** **11.00am FUNERAL SERVICE – ELIZABETH SCRIVEN**  
**2.15pm FUNERAL SERVICE – THOMAS FINNEGAN**  
*Optional Memorial St. Damasus I, Pope*

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**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>** 9.00am Mass –Mrs Georgeson  
*Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

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**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>** **No Mass**  
*Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*

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**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>** 9.00am Mass – Carl Burns (RIP)-  
*Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor*

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**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>** 5.30pm - Reconciliation/Confessions  
6.00pm – Mass –Geraldine Jones  
*Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent*

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**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** 11.00am – Mass – Chrissie Schumacher (90<sup>th</sup> Bday)  
*THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

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### Our Lady and St. Philomena

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am - Mass – Gerrie Jones  
3.00pm - Prison Mass  
*SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

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**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>** **No Mass**

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**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** 9.15am – Joan Powell

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**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>** **12.00pm FUNERAL MASS – RICHARD MCGLORY**  
7.00pm - Mass – Jimmy Swift

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**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>** 9.15am Mass – Patricia Margaret Hector

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**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>** **No Mass**

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**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am - Mass – Betty Shaw  
3.00pm - Prison Mass  
*THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT*