

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Monday 28 December—THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs
1900 Our Lady and All Saints
Special Intention

Tuesday 29 December—ST THOMAS BECKET,
Bishop and Martyr
1900 Our Lady and All Saints
Margaret Gibson (L)

Wednesday 30 December
1900 Our Lady and All Saints
Brian Norman

Thursday 31 December
1130 Our Lady and All Saints
Margaret Gibson (C)
1900 *Benediction followed by Compline*

Friday 1 January—MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD
0900 *St John the Evangelist*

Sunday 3 January — 2nd Sunday after Christmas
Vigil Saturday

1830 *St John the Evangelist, Burscough*

Sunday
1030 Our Lady and All Saints
Pro populo

Please take this Newsletter home with you
A Parish in the Upholland Pastoral Area of the Archdiocese of Liverpool

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PLEASE CHECK THE COVID 19 SECTION OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS WEBSITE FOR ANY UPDATES TO PRACTISES IN OUR PARISH DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS AND PRAYER RESOURCES



Sunday 27 December 2020
The Holy Family (B)

SUNDAY 1030 Margaret Gibson

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Fr Cassian, Emma Pender
Cynthia Ashley, Paul Hardman;
all those affected by the Corona
Virus pandemic; and

all in our parish who are shielding or
don't yet feel they are able to come
back to Mass.

Those who have died recently:

Carol Moss

*Mrs Moss died peacefully on Christmas
Eve, in Scotland, where she had been
staying with her family since last March.*

**Those whose anniversaries are
this week:** Mary Rowbottom,
Kay Kane, Alban Turner

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose	£115.00
Envelopes	£89.00
Standing orders (est)	£305.00

*(this figure will be adjusted in January
to reflect additional standing orders)*

SVP

Thank you for the recent donations to
SVP, bringing the total to £171.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

If you feel you would prefer to come
to Mass when the Church is quieter,
the whole octave of Christmas is
being used to celebrate Christmas
Masses. There is no obligation to
attend the Vigil Mass or Mass on
Christmas Day.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

No newsletter delivery this weekend.
It will be on the parish website and
Facebook page as usual.

OLAS CHURCH THIS CHRISTMAS

A BIG thank you to the volunteers who
have been working hard to prepare our
Church for Christmas: creating the
beautiful flower arrangements,
erecting the crib and Christmas trees,
arranging the lighting and even
shampooing the carpet.

A special thank you to Mr Carr for
repairing and renovating the crib
figures, some of which were in a very
sorry condition and needed expert
attention.

Thank you also to the altar servers who
between them distributed 500 service
cards to various houses last weekend,
and to the small team who undertook
the Church seating arrangements,
ticket production and ticket allocation.

And finally, thank you to the Stewards
who did a great job making sure
everyone who attended the Christmas
Masses was seated safely.

CAROL SINGING

Thank you to Richard Charnock and
everyone who made the carol service
a great success; musicians and 'roadies',
readers, the young people who light the
candles and to everyone who attended.

If you weren't able to join them, there
are some photos on the parish
Facebook page.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If every individual who visits Church over
Christmas could give £1, this would
cover the cost of flowers!

There are baskets at the back of
Church—we are grateful for your
support!

THANK YOU FROM FR DALEY

Sincere thanks to everyone who has
increased their offertory contribution
or indeed started a new one.

Fr Daley will write individually to you
in the New Year.

We are now well over half way to our
target of £200 per week. If you still
wish to review your contribution, there
are forms at the back of Church or just
contact the office. Thank you.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you, or anyone you know in the area
are suffering hardship as a result of
the Corona virus crisis, or indeed for
any other reason, Our Lady and All
Saints SVP may be able to help.

Please speak to any member of the
SVP or contact the parish office, in
strict confidence of course, on 463248.

DVO CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Gift vouchers will be given to
asylum seekers and refugees this year
as we are unable to distribute gifts
due to Covid 19 restrictions.

If you would like to make a donation
towards this, you can do so through
bank transfer (preferable); Payee:
Douglas Valley Outreach Sort code:
08 92 99; Account no: 65872309; or
Just Giving page at
www.douglasvalleyoutreach.com;
or via the offertory collection in a
marked envelope.

If you pay tax, please gift aid by
emailing your intention to Phil
Roberts and including your name and
address: phil@robertsreal.com

Thank you for your continued support.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

28 December The Holy Innocents

Herod "ordered the massacre of all
the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity
two years old and under" in order to
kill Jesus.

The horror of the massacre and the
devastation of the mothers and
fathers led Matthew to quote
Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in
Ramah...sobbing and loud
lamentation...Rachel weeping for her
children..."

The Holy Innocents are few in
comparison to the genocide and
abortion of our day. But even if
there had been only one, we
recognise the greatest treasure God
put on earth—a human person,
destined for eternity and graced by
Jesus' death and resurrection.

29 December

St Thomas of Canterbury

Later known as Thomas a Becket, he
was born in London in 1118, be-
came a cleric of the Church of
Canterbury and became Chancellor
of the kingdom. Then, in 1162, he
was chosen to be Archbishop.

He strenuously defended the rights
of the Church against King Henry II
and was exiled to France for six yrs.

On his return to England, he again
had to bear many trials and finally,
in 1170, he was murdered by the
King's followers.

He was made a saint in 1173 and
his shrine in Canterbury Cathedral
became an important focus for
pilgrimage.