

**THANK YOU FR DALEY** An enjoyable evening was had by those who attended Fr Daley's presentation last week. I wonder if we could persuade him to do another in Lent?!

**THANK YOU** Thank you to the church mice who have been busy erecting the crib and Christmas tree. I'm sure everyone appreciates how much patient construction is required each year and the time that is so generously given. Of-course the same is required to take them down in January.

**ADVENT CAROL SERVICE** Please join us in church at 4:00pm on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** for carols and readings. Donations will be in aid of the poor.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** Masses will be celebrated at Our Lady and All Saints as follows: Christmas Eve: 10:00pm Carols and Readings, followed by 10:30pm Christmas Mass in the Night and on Christmas Day: 10:30am Day Mass of Christmas. There will also be two Masses celebrated at St John's: Christmas Eve: 6:30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas and on Christmas Day: 9:00am Dawn Mass of Christmas. **Please note** that the usual Sunday Masses will be celebrated at both churches in the morning on Christmas Eve, as well as the Sunday Vigil Mass at St John's, at 6:30pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES** Two readers and two stewards are needed for the Carol Service, and one more of each for Christmas Mass in the Night. Please append your name on the list at the back of church if you can help with these. Many thanks.

**BAMBINELLI SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, GAUDETE SUNDAY** For many years, the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) has been a day when children in Rome bring figurines of Baby Jesus from their family cribs to St. Peter's Square to be blessed by the Pope. The day is affectionately known as "Bambinelli Sunday" and was instituted by St. Pope John Paul II. Children of Our Lady and All Saints (and adults!) are invited to bring their own Baby Jesus figure to Mass next Sunday to have it blessed. A suggestion is to then take it home, wrap and place it under the tree, to be opened as the first gift on Christmas morning. This encourages children to make the connection between the gifts they receive on Christmas Day and the greatest gift that any of us can receive in Jesus.

**OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS SCHOOL MINI VINNIES** is collecting food items to make Christmas hampers for the SVP foodbank at St. Francis of Assisi, Skelmersdale. The children would much appreciate any donations so that they can make Christmas a bit happier and easier for some families locally. The following items are particularly useful: tinned meat or pies, tinned tuna/salmon, tinned hot dogs, baked beans, tinned spaghetti, tinned peas or carrots, powdered mashed potatoes, tinned soup, tinned fruit, custard, rice pudding, biscuits, chocolate, mince pies, tea and coffee. Donations may be left in the box at the back of church, or at Our Lady and All Saints school during school hours. Thank you.

**ICE AND SNOW HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDANCE** Please note that we all must take personal responsibility in such conditions. When the temperature drops below 3° the sacristan or steward, on their arrival at church, will salt the steps of the main porch. However, you are advised to wear suitable footwear and use the handrail when entering and leaving church as a precaution. Due to lack of manpower and the expense of subcontracting it is not possible to grit the paths or carpark, so please take care. It may be less hazardous to park on Lancaster Lane.

*Please take this newsletter home with you*

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

### Celebration of Holy Mass

10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	10:30 am	Anthony, Agnes, Kitty Eccles
11 <sup>th</sup> Monday	St Damasus I, Pope	7:00 pm	Pauline, Frank, Mandy Cunningham
12 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Our Lady of Guadalupe	7:00 pm	Kane and Edwards Families
13 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	7:00 pm	Pro populo
14 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor	11:30 am	Chistine Collins
15 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Feria		<b>No Mass</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	10:30 am	Bill Marston
	Advent Carol Service	4:00 pm	

**CONFESSIONS** Held before Monday and Tuesday Mass.

**ROSARY** Prayed at 7:30pm after Mass on a Monday, and 6:35pm before Mass on a Tuesday.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Sheila Jennings, Sandra Marston, Richard D'Alton, Susan Jones, Steve Kane, Denise Fletcher, Winne Shaw

**ANNIVERSARIES** Margaret Gibson, William McComish

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY** Loose £159.10, Envelopes £124.50, SOs £530.00. Thanks.

**WINNER 200 CLUB** Congratulations to Jimmy Kelly winner of £200 in the December Draw.

**SVP MEETING** Next meeting is at 2:00pm Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December in The Priory.

**CATHOLIC PIC** See anyone you know on page 9?