



ADVENT CAROL SERVICE Please join us in church at **4:00pm this afternoon**, for carols and readings.

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 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 the Saturday 23rd.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Thank you to all those who have volunteered for the Christmas services.

Just one more steward is needed for 10:00pm Christmas Eve. Please write your name on the list at the back of church if you can help. Thanks.

St. John the Baptist Preaching, Paolo Veronese 1562

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER, GAUDETE SUNDAY Today, the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) the children will bring their own Baby Jesus figure to Mass with them to be 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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Rev. LJR Daley, Priest

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17th December, 2023

Celebration of Holy Mass

17 th Sunday	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10:30 am Bill Marston 4:00pm Advent Carol Service
18 th Monday	Feria	7:00 pm Charnock&Thomas Fams
19 th Tuesday	Feria	7:00 pm Joy Warwick
20 th Wednesday	Feria	7:00 pm Mary Bernadette Anderson
21 st Thursday	Feria	11:30 am Ian Mulqueene
22 nd Friday	Feria	9:30 am Ellen McParlin
24 th Sunday	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Carols and Readings OF THE NATIVITY	10:30 am Carol Moss 10:00 pm 10:30 pm Denis Whittle

CONFESSIONS All welcome to celebrate this important sacrament before Monday and Tuesday evening 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 Thomas Emery, Carol Moss

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY Loose £142.28, Envelopes £93.50, SOs £530.00. Thanks.

THANK YOU PETER LATHOM TRUST Thank you to the Peter Lathom Charity (Dalton and Parbold District) and Trustees, who have generously awarded the sum of £200 to support the parish in these financially difficult times.