



WELCOME to our children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion this summer. Thank you to the staff and catechists who have prepared them for the ministries they will undertake at Mass today.

THANK YOU The Feste family wish to thank everyone for their prayers for their son's operation last week.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REP Please could anyone volunteer for this important parish role? Please see Caroline for details, or email parbold@hotmail.com or ☎ 463248.

ADVENT TALK BY FR DALEY Fr Daley will give a presentation on The Virgin Annunciate, a painting by the Italian Renaissance artist Antonello da Messina, at **7:30pm, this Tuesday 5th December** in the school hall; tea and coffee will be served. Please add your name to the list at the back of church to ascertain numbers.

ADVENT CALENDARS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS These are on sale at the back of Church - chocolate/non-chocolate available, along with Christmas cards, small gifts and candles. There is a box for cash payments, as well as a contactless card machine at the back of church.

ADVENT EVENING OF RECOLLECTION FOR MEN This event, organised by Wigan and District Catholic Men's Society, will take place at **7:00pm, Wednesday 6th December** at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Wigan, WN1 3RZ. The itinerary includes a talk by the Society's chaplain, Fr O'Shea, Adoration, Night Prayer and Benediction, followed by refreshments.

NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION The Immaculate Conception is our belief that the Virgin Mary was free from original sin, by virtue of the merits of her son Jesus. Mary's sinless conception is the reason why Catholics refer to Mary as "full of grace". Since the Immaculate Conception is an important feast, it is custom in the Catholic Church to prepare for it nine days ahead of time. A Novena will be said from Wednesday 29th November after each Mass, until the Feast Day on 8th December. There are prayer sheets at the back of Church.

SYNOD 2020 Last Saturday, six members of our Deanery Synodal Council formed part of the Archdiocesan Synodal Council to consider recommendations of SYNOD 2020. The findings are being consolidated into six priorities that will be consulted on in each Deanery over the coming months. Creating families of parishes and the care of our priests were high on the agenda.

PACKER WANTED Cenacle are urgently looking for a part-time packer for our successful Catholic Books and Gifts business, to cover Thursday and possibly Friday 10-3.30pm. Join our small, friendly, hard-working team in our comfortable offices in Skelmersdale. Please contact Catherine Ness on 01695 556548/07359 498496 or by email: sales@cenacle.co.uk.

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Rev. LJR Daley, Priest

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3rd December, 2023

Celebration of Holy Mass

3 rd Sunday	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10:30 am Gerald and Cecilia Hitchen
4 th Monday	St John Damascene, Priest & Doctor	7:00 pm Delia Nolan
5 th Tuesday	St Sabbas, Abbot	7:00 pm Egerton Family Intentions
6 th Wednesday	St Nicholas, Bishop	7:00 pm Christopher Eccles & Val Thompson
7 th Thursday	St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor	11:30 am Chistine Collins
8 th Friday	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY	9:30 am Pro populo
10 th Sunday	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10:30 am Anthony, Agnes & Kitty Eccles

CONFESSIONS All welcome to celebrate this important sacrament before Monday and Tuesday Mass.

ROSARY The Rosary will be prayed at 7:30pm after Mass on a Monday, and 6:35pm before Mass on a Tuesday. All welcome.

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

ANNIVERSARIES Tom Eden, Catherine Hastie

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY Loose £215.00, Envs £89.00, SOs £530.00. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES Details are on the website (under Mass Times), including the Carol Service at 4:00pm on Sunday 17th December.