


<b>THIS WEEKEND</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>		<b>Year C</b>
Sat 8th December	<b>10.00am</b>	St O	<i>Reconciliation Service</i>
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>5.00pm</b>	St O	James + Philomena Mellows
	<b>6.30pm</b>	St T	SVP
Sun 9th December	<b>8:30am</b>	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>
	<b>8:30am</b>	St O	Norah Spencer, Anthony O'Donnell
	<b>9.30am</b>	St T	Deceased members of Jones + Kearney families
	<b>11.00am</b>	St MM	Eileen Leahy
<b>Divine Office Week 2</b>			
Mon 10th December	<b>9.15am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	St T St O St MM St T	Successful Thesis Prep Alice Brenda McGrath Requiem Mass: Margaret Slater <i>Funeral Service: Joan Singleton</i>
Tues 11th December	<b>9.30am</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	St O St T	Martyn + Sarah Rigby Thanksgiving <i>Reconciliation Service</i>
Wed 12th December	<b>9.30am</b>	St T	Private Intention
Thu 13th December St Lucy	<b>9.30am</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	St O St T	Catherine Gahagan Barbara Hankinson
Fri 14th December St John of the Cross	<b>9.15am</b> <b>9.30am</b>	St T St O	Harold Beech Norah Spencer
<b>NEXT WEEKEND</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b>		<b>Year C</b>
Sat 15th December	<b>5.00pm</b>	St O	Parishioners Intentions
	<b>6.30pm</b>	St T	Peter Jones, Thomas Clarkson Jim Breen
Sun 16th December	<b>8:30am</b>	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>
	<b>8:30am</b>	St O	Lancashire Deceased Secular Clergy
	<b>9.30am</b>	St T	Ann Allen
	<b>11.00am</b>	St MM	John McDonagh

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### 9th December 2018

**What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad!**

The beginning of the Church's New Year, the Season of Advent, is a good time to look back as well as forward. We begin our prayer in the present moment with God, but we are not the same people as we were a year ago. Our journey of life with God has changed us, sometimes in surprising ways.

We may be able to sing with the *Psalmist* of the marvels of God, our hearts filled with laughter and gladness. Or it may be that our experience has been one of tears and, like the exiled Israelites, we need the words of encouragement from the *First Reading* to remind us that sorrow can be transformed by God into joy.

St Paul (*Second Reading*) remembers the faithfulness of the Philippians and prays that they may continue to grow in holiness and knowledge of God. We, too, might pray to have their faithfulness and to continue to grow in the love of God during the coming year.

John the Baptist hears the word of God in the wilderness and emerges to proclaim our Lord's coming (*Gospel*). His promises are anchored in a particular moment of history.

Here, in our own time and place, we listen to God's word knowing that we, too, are invited to "Prepare a way for the Lord" in our own lives and in our world.

**The Romero Room this week:**

**Sundays:** At 9.30am Mass: Children's Liturgy. **After Mass** tea and coffee.

**Mondays: Knit a Bit:** 10.00am until 12 noon.

**6.30pm SVP Meeting.** New members welcome.

**Tuesdays: 7.30pm** All Hallows Community Choir

**Fridays: 1.30pm to 3pm** Exercise Class will be led by an expert, Julian Vescovi, followed by tea, biscuits and chat. All ages and abilities most welcome.

**St Teresa + St Mary Magdalen:** There will be an SVP collection this weekend.

**St Mary Magdalen:** St Mary Magdalen Church will be closed from Tuesday 11th December until Friday 14th December due to electrical works, mass will take place at St Teresa 12th December 9.30am

**St Mary Magdalen :** Thank you to all who supported St Mary Magdalen Christmas Coffee Morning 2nd December, it was a great success, a lovely Christmas atmosphere and good fun, and well done to all Christmas Grand draw Prize Winners (x16) , a list is on display in church.

**St Mary Magdalen Church & Hall Christmas Decorations** Following the 16th December Sunday Mass and Coffee Morning, From 12.30 to 14.30pm we will be putting up the Christmas Decorations. If anyone would like to help, please turn up and join in.

**St Teresa:** Service of Reconciliation Tuesday 11th December 7.00pm

**St T + St MM:** Readers rotas are now available for collection from the Sacristy.

**St. Teresa's:** Ladies Association Would all who have booked to go on the Christmas meal on Tuesday 11 Dec please note to meet at San Marco at 12 noon. We are pleased to say that the Christmas Fayre raised the grand total of £1739.50 for St. Teresa's Parish Funds. Thank you for all who contributed.

**Friday Exercise Class** in the Romero room 1.30-2.30pm. No classes on 21st and 28th December, and 4th January. The class will resume on 11th January 2019 in the Romero room, when all are welcome to join us for gentle exercise ( standing or sitting) . Let's not forget the session is also a chance to meet up with a friendly crowd and enjoy tea and biscuits and a chat after the session for £3.

**St. Oswald's Caritas Group:** The retiring collection this week-end will be used to help us in our efforts to provide support and opportunities for people in our Parish communities. We really appreciate your support and your generosity and can assure you that all the money is spent on enabling people of all ages to feel more included. If you are aware of someone we have not yet reached and who may benefit from the support we can offer please let us know.

**St. Oswald's Caritas Group:** the Christmas Lunch is on THURSDAY 20th December (note the change of day). The School Choir will sing Carols and every effort will be made to make this a special occasion. Last year over 40 people attended and we would like to see at least that number again this year with the same happy spirit.

**St Oswald's:** We are hoping to have serve tea and coffee and mince pies after the 8.30 mass on the third Sunday of Advent ( December 16<sup>th</sup>). We are planning a festive theme and if anyone has any ideas to enhance this please contact Helen 07790342187

**St Oswald's:** Bereavement tea and chat on Sunday 9th December 3.00 till 4.00 everyone welcome Many thanks.

**St Oswald's:** Please bring in your Red Boxes to the side chapel for collection during December.

**Food Bank:** Boxes are located at the back of the churches for any items you are able to give. Thank you to all those who have already donated, it has really been needed.

**A BIG THANK YOU** The Knights of Saint Columba would like to thank all those who supported our annual Christmas Bingo. It was a great success and raised £460. We will be able to donate money to St Catherine's Hospice, Derian House Children's Hospice, North West Deaf Children, Scope, Donna's Dream House and Rosemere Centre. I am sure all who receive support from these organisation would also like to thank you. We wish all in our parishes a Holy Christmas. God Bless"

**St. Oswald's Synod2020:** Thank you to all those who put their name down and attended our synod meeting last week. Helen Cross will be our parish member for the Synod but it will be important to support her in her task of taking the views of the parish forward in the months to come. There will be follow up meetings of the parish group to reflect the needs of the parish of St. Oswald's, the Pastoral Area and the Archdiocese.

**Sacramental Programme:** Thank you to all those who helped with the Reconciliation Days held for our three schools, St Mary Magdalen's, St. Teresa's and St Oswald's. Please remember in your prayers our Y4 children and their families as they take their next steps in the programme in the new year leading to their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion in May.

Consultation on School Admission Policies for September 2020, You can visit the Archdiocese website for more information about the proposals.

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/schools/Admissions-Consultations> If you have any comments on the proposals these should be sent to the Chair of Governors, at the school address and to the Archdiocese of Liverpool.