

Liturgy for the Week

Saturday 22 nd Dec	6.00 pm	Kevin Ready
Sunday 23 rd 4 th Sunday of Advent	11.30 am	Kathleen Arran (B'day Rem) Kate Collins
Monday 24 th Vigil of the Nativity	6.30 pm 12 Midnight	All the Crowe family For all OLQM parishioners
Tuesday 25 th Nativity of the Lord	11.30 am	For all OLQM parishioners
Wednesday 26 th St. Stephen		No Mass or Service
Thursday 27 th St John		No Mass or Service
Friday 28 th † Holy Innocent Martyrs		No Mass or Service
Saturday 29 th	6.00 pm	James Howell Margaret SI
Sunday 30 th Holy Family	11.30 am	John & Georgina Russell (Rem) Marie Donnelly LD
Monday 31 st		No Mass
Tuesday 1 st Mary Mother of God		No Mass
Wednesday 2 nd St Basil & St Gregory		No Mass
Thursday 3 rd Most Holy Name of Jesus	11.00 am	Requiem Mass: Joseph Power
Friday 4 th St Elizabeth Ann Seton		No Mass
Saturday 5 th	6.00 pm	Gleeson Family & Brian Dodd
Sunday 6 th Epiphany of the Lord	11.30 am	Margaret (Peggy) McCrave RIP

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PASTORAL AREA
of
St Raphael and St Paul

Holy Name & Our Lady & St. Philomena 476 0289
Blessed Sacrament 474 2682
St Teresa's 226 1354

PARISH CLERGY
Fr Kenneth Hyde, Rev Malcolm Fletcher & Rev Christopher Housbey

23rd December 2018
4th Sunday of Advent



Christmas Message of The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool.

This Christmas many people are living with uncertainty, yet this is nothing new. For centuries people have lived with worry and insecurity, but for over two thousand years we have lived with the truth which we celebrate each Christmas Day: the truth that God became man for us, for each and every one of us. The Christ child born in Bethlehem is our anchor, and our saviour. His coming brings us confidence so we can face the future with hope.

We celebrate Christmas at the darkest time of the year, the days are short and the nights long, but our celebrations bring light to our darkness and hope to our lives. In these days we see incredible generosity as people reach out to others, especially to those in need. In a time of political instability, financial worries, foodbanks and poverty so many are daily supporting those who most need our help. In recent weeks donations to local foodbanks have increased as people give help to those most in need at this time of year. Those who have plenty supporting those with so little.

Jesus was born in poverty, in a stable, in the dark, open to the cold. His first visitors were not friends and family or people that Mary and Joseph knew, they were strangers - shepherds from the surrounding hillside summoned by angels and wise men from the east who followed a star bringing gifts for the new born king. Stars don't just lead us but remind us of the creative power of God and his presence in our lives. God is with us in the star that shines in our hearts. God became one of us because we matter.

Jesus, the true Light, has come in our lives to give us real hope because each one of us matters, this is not just wishful thinking.

Jesus, the Light of the world shows us the way out of the despair of poverty, and of instability and of the gloom of the seasons to a brighter future ahead. We believe that the child born in Bethlehem will guide us and support us and that makes our festivities worthwhile.

We buy presents for our families and friends; we decorate our homes, offices and churches; and we travel long distances so that we can be with the people whom we love most, reminding us of God's love for us.

Let us then pray for peace in our world and in our lives echoing the song of the angels: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace to people of goodwill.'

The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, December 2018

CHRISTMAS BUFFET and raffle

*We raised £508 towards five of our teenagers going to Lourdes.
Thank you to all who contributed with gifts, food, time and energy.*

CAFOD world gifts. Again this year we will have a collection box and all monies donated will go towards buying some items from the catalogue.

First Holy Communion 2019. Meetings will begin in January 2019 and all details will be published in the newsletter.

ALADDIN Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish centre

27th & 28th December 2018 at 7.00pm

It's our annual pantomime! Ticket available £3.00 adults, children £1.00.

All proceeds to HCPT

Christmas Time

Christmas is a time of wonder, each child should have its share.
Fill their hearts up with kindness, show them that you care.
Fill their stockings up with magic, trim your tree with hearts of joy.
Let Christmas be your present, to every girl and boy.
Place kisses at your doorstep, or hang them up with love.
May happiness surround you, with blessings from above.
Let friendship be your hand shake, may laughter be your song.
May kisses be your wishes, as Christmas comes along.

Freda Renton, Croxteth Park

We pray for all who are sick, especially Ava & Freddie Mitchell, Lily Reynolds, Nora Rimmer, Frank McCarron, Francis Connelly, May Berry, Vicki Murrell, Eddie Shaw, Nora Dunbar, Alice Sweeney, Kim McQueen, Kathleen Jones, Laura G Stone, Janette Campbell, Marjorie Bates-Murphy, Suzanne Davies, Yula Malloy, Bernie Humphreys, Pamela Tambourini, George Jones, Tom Culley, Jan Clarke, Janet Billingsley, Peter Fraser, Mary Mousley, John Murphy, Jimmy McQueen, John Redmond, Kathy Douglas, David Kelly, Emily Purdie, Helen Hurley, Jennifer Wilson, Colette Byrne, Dermot Morgan, Brian Harvey, Sr Kathleen Hamilton, T C, Raymond Doran, Sheila Willcox, Graham Jubb, Lee McDonald, Christopher Brown, Irene Pallin, George McGill, David & Julie Pearce, Margaret Lynes, Laura Danielle Peakman, Frances Hesford, J.G., Jeff Hobbs, John Walker, Tony Saunderson, Lily White, Donna Wishart, Teresa McCarthy