

**NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF  
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**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**



**Live Streaming System**

All services are live streamed via Church Services TV. You can view services via the link on our website, Facebook and Twitter sites or at [www.churchservices.tv/croxteth](http://www.churchservices.tv/croxteth)

**Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially**  
Jean Cotton, Ava White

**and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time**

Malcolm Platt (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv), Marie Shutt (90<sup>th</sup> B'day Anniv)

**Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially**

*Janet Clark, Margaret Bradley, Peter Fraser, John Murphy, T. C., David & Julie Pearce, J. G., Joan, Andreas Samaras, Paul & Kate, M.P., Angela Adlen, Angela Gregory, Mick Lawrence, Joan Turner, David Holgate, Margaret Lace, Brian Threlfall, Eileen Guy, Diane Bell, Toni Daly, Billy Fox, Eddie Unsworth, Bernie Boyd, Vassilis Alamaniotis, Josie Dunne, L.G., Margaret & Joseph Maloney*

## MASSES TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Freda Renton 90 <sup>th</sup> B'day
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Ava White RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Bernard & Rose McDonagh
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Marie Shutt (90 <sup>th</sup> B'day Rem)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Jean Cotton RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Billy Dale (B'day Rem)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Parishioners

### **“PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD” During Advent**

Confessing to a priest is a way of putting my life into the hands and hearts of someone else, someone who in that moment acts in the name of Jesus”

*(Pope Francis)*

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
individually in the Community Room

Saturday 5.15pm – 5.45pm

Sunday 10.45am – 11.15am

Wednesday 6.30pm – 6.50pm

**Pastoral Plan Open Meetings.** The Pastoral Plan for the archdiocese was launched by the Archbishop last weekend. You can access the full plan in PDF and audio format on [liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk](http://liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk).

To find out more, you are welcome to any of these open meetings (no booking required):

- Tuesday 7 December 7pm – 8.30pm in Holy Rosary Church, Aintree L10 2LG
- Thursday 9 December 7pm – 8.30pm on Zoom. You can access the zoom meeting via a link on the pastoral plan website: [liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86421512557?pwd=SVd5cFhtQ0dwUFIzOjhLSlQ5VjJJOT09) or directly via <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86421512557?pwd=SVd5cFhtQ0dwUFIzOjhLSlQ5VjJJOT09> . Meeting ID: 864 2151 2557 Passcode: 132667

## Luke, an Advent Gospel - a series of talks

This Advent at the Cathedral, they are hosting a series of talks on the Gospel of Luke.

- Luke, a Gospel of Prayer - 8/12/2021 at 7pm - Canon Anthony O'Brien
- Luke, a Christmas Gospel - 15/12/2021 at 7pm - Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP

For more information, please contact Peter Ross - [p.ross@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:p.ross@rcaolp.co.uk)

**Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio** [www.heavensroadfm.com](http://www.heavensroadfm.com) is an online radio broadcasting features like prayers, interviews and music to appeal to a Catholic audience.

### Advent Monday: 6<sup>th</sup> December: 7pm

The focus of the upcoming session is the 5<sup>th</sup> Development Area of the Pastoral Plan (young people and young adults).

[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Advent-Mondays](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Advent-Mondays).

### Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for December 2021



When we think back to those people who have most influenced us or enabled change in our lives, we might remember that those people influenced us not by what they said but what they did and how they lived their lives. This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis's prayer intention **"for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit, with joy and much peace."**

Digital copy of the latest edition of the Catholic Pic is available to download here: <https://bit.ly/3rjYux5>

**Good News! Girl Guides are recruiting.** They meet in St John Bosco School on Thursdays 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Girls aged ten and over will be made very welcome. Please go along and meet Anne Marie and her team.

**On Thursday we welcomed Archbishop Malcolm** who celebrated Confirmation Services for the parishes in our area. Thank you to all who have prepared the children to receive this sacrament over the last months. And thank you to our stewards who we rely on to keep our church open.

### **The Immaculate Conception of Mary, December 8th**

The feast of the Immaculate Conception is related to the mystery of Jesus. To fulfil her unique role in the mission of Jesus, Mary was conceived free from original sin through the foreseen merits of her Son.

### **'Keeping Christ in Christmas'**

Click here <https://www.ukvocation.org/advent> for the National Vocations Advent calendar. There is a short message behind each window. Well worth a look.

### **First Holy Communion Enrolment**

Enrolment for First Holy Communion is open to all children from the parish in year 4 or above, who have been baptised. Please complete an enrolment form at the back of church. Forms will be available each weekend during Advent. The first preparation session will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January at either 9.30am or 11.00am. Please choose which time you'd like to attend. All children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

### **Tea and coffee after Mass**

On reflection, even though the risk is still present in society, if you wish to make a personal decision to come for tea or coffee after Mass, you are welcome to.



### *Christmas Mass Times*

24<sup>th</sup> December: Vigil of the Nativity: **6pm & 12 midnight**

25<sup>th</sup> December: Nativity of the Lord: **10am**