

**NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin, Croxteth**

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Sunday, 12th December 2021
Third 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

Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially
Marlene Fielding, Ann Grierson, Mary Best, Hannah Davies,
Joanne Darwin

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time
Bernard Hough, Pat Shaw

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, Kenny Morley

MASSES TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	11th Dec	6.00pm	Billy Dale (B'day Rem)
Sunday	12th	11.30am	Parishioners
Monday	13th	9.00am	Pat Shaw (Anniv)
Tuesday	14th	9.00am	Special Intention MN
Wednesday	15th	9.00am	Kenny Morley (sick)
		6.30pm	Carol Service
Thursday	16th	9.00am	Brian Monaghan (1 st Anniv)
		10.30am	Funeral: Marlene Fielding
Friday	17th	No Mass	
Saturday	18th	6.00pm	Bernard Hough (B'day Rem)
Sunday	19th	11.30am	Mary Potter L.D.

“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

Gaudete Sunday

Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent. The Latin Gaudete is translated as Rejoice, the first word of the introit. The reference to joy, hope and optimism are dominant at this point in Advent. The lesson we can take from this is that Christians ought to be the most hopeful and cheerful of people, bringing both joy and peace into their homes and families, workplaces, and social circles. If you can't feel cheerful to order, use the opportunity to work out which parts of your life fill you with the most optimism.



Carol Concert, 6.30pm, Wednesday 15th December in Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Church. All welcome to attend and if you would like to read, please speak to Catherine Housbey at the end of Mass.

Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for December 2021



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."*

Shelter at Christmas 2021

Send your best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with Shelter's online greeting cards. It's easy. Visit the page at www.england.shelter.org.uk/support_us/ecards

De La Salle Christmas Party has been cancelled.

'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.

Mary's Meals - Do you know it costs just £15.90 to feed a child with Mary's Meals for an entire school year? Thanks to Double The Love, donations are being matched by a generous group of supporters. Visit their website

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 are available each weekend during Advent. The first preparation session will be on Saturday 15th January at either 9.30am or 11.00am. All children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

Advent Poem

It was the night when three wise men came from afar.
It was the night they followed a bright new shining star.
It was the night when shepherds lay waiting
and watching their sheep.
It was the night when all of the world was asleep.
It was the night when the heavens did sing.
It was the night when angels did bring news of
the birth of the greatest King.
It was the night when peace on earth came to all men.
It was the night, that night in Bethlehem.
It was the night our Saviour to be was born.
It was the night that saved us all.
It was the night for praising and giving.
It was the night, a reason for living.
It was the night of the greatest event.
It was that night, the night of Advent.

By Freda Renton, Croxteth Park



Christmas Mass Times

24th December: Vigil of the Nativity: **6pm & 12 midnight**

25th December: Nativity of the Lord: **10am**

N.B. The archdiocese has suggested that if people wish to come to Mass on Sunday 26th December at 11.30 am that will count as going to Mass at Christmas.