

OUR PARISHES NEWSLETTER

2nd Sunday of Advent 9th December 2018



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading	Baruch 5:1-9
Psalm	125.R.v3
Second Reading	Philippians 1:4-6,8-11
Gospel	Luke 3:1-6

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading
Zephaniah 3:14-18

Psalm
12:2-6.R.v6

Second Reading
Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel
Luke 3:10-18

REFLECTION

Today's gospel speaks of John the Baptist, who was chosen to announce the coming of Jesus- "Prepare a way for the Lord", he calls out, and his words are equally meant for us as for the people he spoke to directly.

We need to reaffirm our commitment to the Christian Community, to the Body of Christ, through which we go to God and through which God comes to us. We need to open ourselves to further conversion, to an ever deeper change of heart, to a deeper understanding by listening to what Jesus is asking of us, and because of our commitment to the Body of Christ, to find total reconciliation with God and with all those people who come into our lives.

Each of us, like John the Baptist has a mission to communicate the Spirit of Christ and his message of hope, love, freedom and peace to others - to help people to fill their valleys and make their rough paths smoother. A word of affirmation and encouragement can work wonders. To have a naturally cheerful disposition can be a real witness of Christian joy.

PSALM

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

ALL PARISHES

CHRISTMAS POSTERS

The Christmas Posters this year are available, for anyone who wishes to take one home, at the back of church as you leave Mass.

HOLY HOUR ADVENT

Each Sunday during Advent at All Saints, Holy Hour from 3.45pm - 4.45pm, please do come along and prepare for Christmas.

FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN

We will soon be having the enrolment Masses in all three parishes, so could we please keep all these children in our prayers and to be sure to have a chat with them when you see them in the church. These children will be wearing a red banded medal.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

There is a brochure available at the back of church as you leave Mass. It has alternative Christmas Presents reflecting a true spirit of Christmas by giving to those in need. Please take one as you leave church.

ROYAL MAIL STAMPS

Can we please remember to ask for religious stamps when we get them at the Post Office. It's important to do our part to support the real Christmas Message.

MONDAY CLUB

A special Talk this week when All Saints Parishioners Mike Thomas and Elaine Giles will tell us about Mike's faith journey to Christianity. The title of their Talk 'From Bagels to Bacon Butties' assures us that it will not only be interesting but also very entertaining. A very enjoyable Monday afternoon is guaranteed from 2.00 pm in the All Saints Parish Centre

ST MARTINS AND ALL SAINTS CHURCHES TOGETHER

In Advent we will be having two services with our neighbours St Martins Church Ashton - on - Mersey.

Tuesday 11th December - St Martins - 7.30pm

CAROL SERVICE

The Catenian Association are holding their Annual Provincial Carol Service this Sunday at All Saints, starting at 2pm.

All are welcome. Followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS 2018

In our parishes, we do hold Personal Data for example from the census recently taken, any rotas we might have, Marriage details, Baptism details, all these details are kept locked in the safe or locked in the office. We also shred documents/forms after use. **If you do not wish for us to have this data please come forward and speak to Fr Ned.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Advent Talks

Tuesday 18th December Our Lady of Lourdes - 8pm

First Holy Communion 2019

All Saints Saturday 27th April 2019

Our Lady of Lourdes Saturday 11th May 2019

St Margaret Ward Saturday 18th May 2019

Dates for First Forgiveness to follow soon

ALL SAINTS

ALL SAINTS BIDDING PRAYERS - DECEMBER 2018

A big thank you to everyone who stopped in the cold last Sunday to sign up to write bidding prayers for the months ahead. Again, we had a great response but there is still the 27th January free. If you haven't signed up already and would like to volunteer for 27th January, speak to Joe Keane today or add your name to the list on the noticeboard at the back of church where you can find the full list up until the end of March. Alternatively, you can check out the Three Parishes website at <http://ourparishes.church/> Here's a reminder to those of you who signed up for December:

16th Keri Hannigan
23rd Carole Partington
25th Katherine Gwyer
30th Mike and Fran Moley

Please submit your contribution by the Friday before the Sunday either directly to the parish office or via email at our3parishes@gmail.com. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be in church on Saturday 22nd December from 9a.m. for around an hour... if you can spare a little time please come along to help us make our church sparkling clean for Christmas.

Thank You

FLOWER ROTA

It is that time of year again when the new flower rota is being organised. We really would appreciate it if anyone could offer to help. The more teams there are the less often you have to attend... If you feel you could help, please leave your name and a contact number or your address in the sacristy. Thank you in hope!

GOING ON THE ALTAR

Now that we have candles on the advent stand (which will be replaced soon with flowers) it would be greatly appreciated if ministers, servers etc would use the side-steps and handrail to go up and down to/ from the sanctuary. It would be much safer for everyone. Thank you for your co-operation.

SMALL JARS ROOF FUND

Please take a jar and return it when you can (please no copper). We really appreciate your generosity, let's keep supporting this, we still have a long way to go. Thank you.

READERS FOR 5PM MASS

We do need more readers, please sign up for this Ministry, have a word with Fr Ned or one of the Deacons to join the Rota for the Sunday Evening 5.00 pm Mass at All Saints.

CHRISTMAS MINI FAIR

Thank you to all, we raised £1,240, a tremendous amount in an hour and thank you to Rose and her small team who worked so hard.

CHURCH ROOF

We have had several requests to provide the bank account details for our Roof Account the details are as follows;

All Saints Roof - Sort Code 30-15-52 - Account No. 55585068

If you ever wish to give and deposit directly into the account could we please ask that you just let us know so we can ensure that it has been received.

Thank You

The Offertory Collection was £957.90 **Thanks all once again for your giving and generosity.**

ST MARGARET WARD

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you for all the support we received for our Christmas Fair, it is much appreciated by everyone at St Margaret Ward School. We raised £2,289.39 on the day. The winners of the raffle were:

First prize: The Chin family

Second prize: The Riley family

MISSION BOXES:

If you have the red boxes, please could you hand them in to church as soon as you can. Thank you.

The Offertory Collection was £333.58 **Thanks all once again for your giving and generosity.**

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

WINTER FAIR

We will be having a Winter Fair after Mass on the 3rd February. We will need toiletries, chocolates and bottles. So a good time to pass on unwanted Christmas Gifts! The money raised will help us to try and get going a Mums & Toddlers group. So please remember the date Sunday 3rd February after 11am Mass.

READERS

We would like to sign up more volunteers for our readers rota, if you are interested, have a word with Fr Ned or one of the Deacons.

CHURCH CLEANING

In preparation for Christmas we are asking for volunteers to help in cleaning our Church on **Saturday 15th December at 10 am** (for about an hour). More hands will make light work. Just turn up. Tea and biscuits supplied. **All welcome.** Many thanks

50/50 CLUB MAIN DRAW

The 50/50 Club Draw is due to take place on Sunday 23rd December. To enable us to calculate the amount to be distributed in prize money we ask that you make sure you are up to date with your payments. To make it fair for everyone if you have not paid by the 23rd December your number cannot be entered.

It would be great if more parishioners, family and friends could join the next 10 week session. It is only £2 per week with 2 - £10 prizes drawn each week. At the end of this 10 week session a total of £600 can be won. This is a great fundraiser for the parish as half the proceeds go to the parish or a chosen charity and half is paid out in prize money.

If you are interested in joining the 50/50 club please see Margaret Cornwall

The Offertory Collection was £286.05 **Thanks all once again for your giving and generosity.**

OTHER NEWS

COME JOIN US CAROL SINGING

All Ages Wanted

For Carol Singing on the hospital wards

Christmas Eve 6.00pm - 8.00pm

For more information

Please contact

Wythenshawe Hospital Chaplaincy

Further details 0161 297 2297

Chaplain @mft.nhs.uk

SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM

Youth Event With Worship, Prayer, Food, Fellowship and Teaching

Explore Advent

Prepare Him Room

December 10th 2018

St Joseph's Sale

7.00 - 8.30pm

		St. Margaret Ward		All Saints		Our Lady of Lourdes
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2nd Sunday of Advent

Sat 8th	5.30pm	Jean Litherland				
Sun 9th			9.30am	Ray Falsey	11.00am	Maria Gavin
Sun 9th			5.00pm	Martin Higgins		

Mon 10th	9.15am	No Service	9.15am	Eucharistic Service		No Service
Tues 11th		No Service	7.30pm	Churches Together at St Martins Church	7.30pm	Eucharistic Service
Wed 12th	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service	7.30pm	Donna & Joyce Salkeld		No Service
Thurs 13th	7.30pm	Special Intention		No Service		No Service
Frid 14th	9.15am	No Service	9.15am	Eucharistic Service	12.15pm	Monica French

3rd Sunday of Advent

Sat 15th	5.30pm	James Law				
Sun 16th			9.30am	Maureen Roberts	11.00am	Bernadette Knock
Sun 16th			5.00pm	James Walsh		