

Christmas Mass Times

So as you know, Mass times for Christmas will be
 Sunday 24th December 7.00pm
 Carols from 6.30pm

Monday 25th December: Midnight
 10.00am

If you can pass the word around please, so people will know the times.



A Message from Deacon Daniel

Dear Friends,

As we approach the joyous celebration of Christmas, I find myself filled with gratitude for each and every one of you in our parish community. This year has been filled with challenges and uncertainties for me and my family, but your unwavering faith has been a source of strength and hope.

Christmas is a time for reflection and reaching out to those around us. Let us remember those who are less fortunate and extend our love and generosity to them. Whether it is through offering a helping hand to a neighbour, or simply sharing a warm smile, each act of kindness can have a profound impact on someone's life.

Amidst the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas. It is a time of celebrating the birth of Jesus, the miracle that changed the course of humanity. It is a time for families to gather together, sharing love, laughter, and cherished memories. It is a time for forgiveness, reconciliation, and embracing the spirit of second chances.

May the light of Christ shine brightly upon you and your loved ones, filling your hearts with peace, joy, and hope. May the blessings of Christmas extend beyond this holy season and remain with you throughout the coming year.

Deacon Daniel



Christmas Flowers

I am very grateful to Jackie and Chris for doing the Christmas flowers for Church. If you would like to make and final contributions to the cost of the flowers, please see Fr. David or Jackie, or leave them in the basket at the back of the Church.



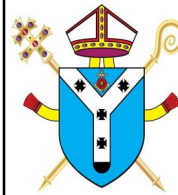
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Today, we light the fourth Advent candle on our wreath. We have already lit candles symbolising hope, peace and joy, today we light up love. And tomorrow we will light up the central white candle which symbolises all of this coming into the world in the form of the Christ Child—Jesus.

As we celebrate the birth of the Saviour and the light coming into our world, may your lives be filled with hope and peace for the future, the love and joy of family and friends this Christmas, as we are illumined and guided by the Christ Child—the light of the world!

A happy and blessed Christmas to you all.

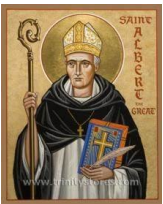
Father David



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4th Sunday of Advent (B)

24th December 2023

Mass Times & Intentions

Sunday 24th December (4th Sunday of Advent)
 10.00am Fr. Gerard Greaves & Parishioners

7.00pm

Masses for Christmas Day
Sick in the Parish

Monday 25th December
Midnight
10.00am

Parishioners
All who have died in 2023

Tuesday 26th December
10.00am

(Saint Stephen—First Martyr)
Peace in our world

Wednesday 27th December
 10.00pm
11.00am

(Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist)
Funeral Service—Myles Fenlon
Mass Archbishop Patrick Kelly

Thursday 28th December
10.00pm

(Feast of the Holy Innocents)
Children killed in Gaza and Israel

Friday 29th December
10.00am

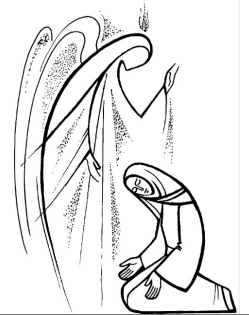
(Saint Thomas of Canterbury)
No Mass

Saturday 30th December
10.00am

No Mass

Sunday 31st December
10.00am

(Feast of the Holy Family)
Parishioners



I am the handmaid
of the Lord



Please note
there will be **NO**
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament
this week.



Please remember in your prayers:

The Sick in our parish:

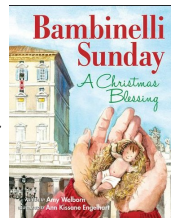
Pat Fleming, Sylvia Fleming, Tobin Lee, Katie Westwell, Rose Mary Marston, Ethel Waite, Betty Carroll, Anne Viz, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Patricia Louise Jones, Mr & Mrs McDonagh, Christopher McRae, Sister Savio, Dee Kelly, Denise Ball, Br. John Smith MHM, Fr. Tony Slingo, Matt Ingham, Sr. Eva M^cHale, Vera Henry

Those who have died recently Miles Fenlon, Fr. Terry Murray OMI, Bernadette Norris

*Eternal Rest, grant unto them O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen*

Bambinelli Blessing

Apologies for not doing this last week, but better late than never. Today we will have the Bambinelli Blessing. The idea is you bring the infant figure from your crib to Mass and I will bless them. When you get home, wrap it up and tomorrow when you open your presents, open the infant parcel first and place him in the crib.



CAFOD Fun Run

CAFOD's Christmas Fun Run is back! Join us for some festive fun on Wednesday 27 December to walk, run, roll or stroll a 3km or 5km route, all raising money for CAFOD's work. Get the family together for the Fun Run with a difference, all whilst burning off that Christmas indulgence! This year, the Christmas Fun Run will be raising funds for mums and babies fleeing conflict around the world. The details for the Liverpool Fun Run are Start date 27 December 2023, beginning at 10:00am, Location: Wavertree Sports Park, Wellington Road, Liverpool, L15 4LE For more details please Email events@cafod.org.uk or phone 07779 804242



Christmas Raffle

The draw was made last Sunday after Mass and many congratulations to those who won. A list is at the back of the Church of all the lucky winners, and many thanks to everyone who bought tickets for the raffle and to Jackie Dalton for organising it and putting the prizes together. All proceeds go to the parish.



Pause for thought

We need to listen to the message of the God who comes to us; we need to discern the signs of his presence and to accept his Word by walking in his footsteps. Listen, discern, journey: these three verbs can describe our faith journey.



- Pope Francis

Christmas Message from the Archbishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we gather once again to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I extend my warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. The festive season is upon us, and though the challenges of our times may persist, the timeless message of Christmas continues to shine brightly, offering us hope, love, and peace.

It is a busy time for everyone, with last-minute preparations, food and gifts on the agenda, and from an archdiocese point of view, there has been plenty to celebrate this year.

In July, we celebrated 100 years since our first pilgrimage to Lourdes. We travelled out there in great numbers, and it was truly an occasion to remember.

With that, we also celebrated 100 years since the miracle of Jack Traynor and remembered his story.

In September, it was a historic moment, not just for the archdiocese, but for the Catholic Church in this country, as St Mary of the Isle in the Isle of Man became our co-cathedral – the first of its kind in the UK.

It was a momentous occasion, with the ceremony being watched not just by those in attendance, but by many more across the world online.

Despite this, I am also aware that it has not been an easy year for everyone. The cloud of the cost-of-living crisis still lingers, and we have seen the devastating impacts of climate change, and conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza.

In a world that often grapples with uncertainty, economic challenges, and social issues, it is easy to lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. Just as Mary and Joseph faced an uncertain journey to Bethlehem, finding themselves in humble surroundings, so too do we encounter the unexpected in our lives. Yet, amidst the difficulties, we find the enduring message of God's love.

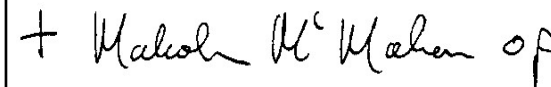
It's a reminder that even though we remember them with much fondness – they also had to go through their tough times. From having to travel a fair distance on a donkey, to there being no room at the Inn. But at the end of it, they got to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

In the midst of the world's darkness, we find hope in the light that the birth of Jesus brings. Like the shepherds on that holy night, let us not be afraid, for the message of Christmas is a message of hope—a hope that transcends time and circumstances.

I pray that this Christmas fills your hearts with the warmth of love, the joy of hope, and the peace that surpasses all understanding. May the light of Christ shine brightly in your lives, bringing comfort and assurance in the days ahead.

Wishing you and your families a blessed and Merry Christmas.

In Christ's love,



Archbishop Malcolm M^cMahan OP
Archbishop of Liverpool

