

Bambinelli Sunday

Next Sunday 3rd Sunday of Advent. For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, children (and adults) bring their Baby Jesus figures from their crib at their homes to St Peter's Square where the Pope will bless both the people and the figurines during the Angelus. This year we will celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" at our Masses, on Sunday 15th December. All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figures from their homes to Mass that morning to be blessed. Families can even make their own "Bambinelli" if they want. If you have bring your Bambinelli, we will bless them at the end of Mass. The suggestion is that when you get home, wrap the figure up, place with all your presents and when you open your gifts on Christmas Day the first present you open is Christ.



Archdiocesan Young Adult Group

The next Archdiocesan Young Adult Group meeting at **Pauline Book Centre** (84 Church Street, Liverpool L1 3AY) on **Tuesday 10 December**. We will start at **6.30pm** and refreshment will be provided. Anyone aged 18-35 is welcome to attend. The theme is praying with Our Lady of Loreto. For more information, please contact Moses at: m.mui@rcaol.org.uk.



Music at the Met

During 2024 the Metropolitan Cathedral are celebrating the return of their restored grand organ with a series of concerts and events that will demonstrate the versatility of the instrument.

Bach and Handel, Sunday 8 December, 3.00pm

A Celebration of Christmas, Saturday 14 December, 7.00pm

A Ceremony of Carols, Sunday 15 December, 3.00pm

Festival Carol Service and La Nativite du Seigneur, Sunday 22 December, 5.00pm

For more information, please call 01517087283 or email

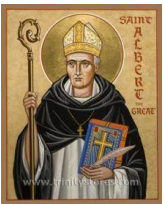
music@metcathedral.org.uk

or download their brochure: <https://liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/LMC-2024-Concert-Brochure-FINAL.pdf>



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2nd Sunday of Advent (C)

8th December 2024

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 8th December (2nd Sunday of Advent (C))
10.00am The Dalton Family & Parishioners

Monday 9th December (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception)
10.00am **No Mass**

Tuesday 10th December
10.00am In thanksgiving

Wednesday 11th December **Mass in St. Brigid's School**
10.00am Fr. Anthony Petty

Thursday 12th December
10.00am Fr. Bernard Jackson

Friday 13th December (St. Lucy)
10.00am James McCabe & Annie Robinson

Saturday 14th December (St. John of the Cross)
10.00am No Mass

Sunday 15th December (3rd Sunday of Advent (C))
10.00am Jessie Nuttall & Parishioners



Please remember in your prayers:

The Sick in our parish:

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, Denise Ball, Br. John Smith MHM, Matt Ingham, Sr. Eva M^cHale, Vera Henry, Fr. Manus Ferry MSC, Mary Abbott, Barry Lee, Joan Moran, Charlie Hall, Jean Taylor, Jesse D'Souza, Helen Benson

Those who have died recently

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

3MS Eaglet Carol Service

On behalf of the Commanding Officer, and the ships company, we would like to invite you to join us at our annual Carol Service, to be held this coming Wednesday at Our Lady and Saint Nicholas, Parish Church (opposite the Pier Head) at 8.00pm. There will be readings and carols and the music will be supplied by the church organ and also the Band of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment. Afterwards if you would like to join us for some refreshments at HMS EAGLET, you are most welcome. If you would like to come back to the unit, can you please let Father David know today, and if you are coming by car, can I please have your registration number or you will not be allowed in. I hope you can join us for our annual celebration of Christmas.



Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets are on sale for the Christmas Raffle. We are now looking for prizes now. If you would like to donate any gifts towards the raffle please bring them to Mass with you over the next week and we will put them in the Christmas raffle. Thanks in anticipation.



Let us pray together that this Jubilee2025 may strengthen our faith, help us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our daily lives, and transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



- Pope Francis

First Holy Communion Badge Competition

The First Holy Communion Badge Competition is back for its second year! Children preparing to make their First Holy Communion next Spring are invited to design a badge to commemorate the special day. The badge will be round and roughly the size of a £2 coin, and participants can only use up to 5 colours, including black and white. To get the template and enter the competition, use the form and template attached to this email and email your entry to badges@rcaol.org.uk. All entries need to be in by 27 January.



Could you be a Deacon?

The Archbishop will be hosting a Diaconate Information Evening, on Thursday 23rd January at St John's in Wigan. The evening will begin at 7.30pm, with refreshments available from 7.00pm and will end by 9.00pm.



The evening is open to anyone who would like to find out more about the diaconate, especially men who are wondering if they may be called to this ministry. Wives and supporting priests and deacons are also very welcome. For more information email Deacon Paul Rooney, p.rooney@rcaol.org.uk, or speak to Deacon Daniel.

Cafod Fun Run

Join us for the 40th anniversary of the Christmas Fun Run in Liverpool! Help us celebrate the past 40 years of festive fun, memories and incredible fundraising by taking part in this joyful run.

Whether you walk, run, jog or wheel, every step makes a difference to support communities around the world as they lift themselves out of poverty. Let's make this milestone year extra special by coming together to make a real difference this Christmas.

Liverpool Fun Run
10.00am Friday 27th December
Wavertree Sports Park, Wellington Road
Liverpool L15 4LE

For more details, visit Cafod.org.uk or email events@cafod.org.uk

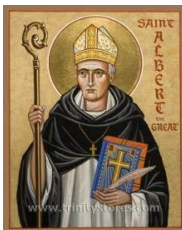


Support at Christmas

Christmas can be a hard time for a whole range of reasons. That's why mental health charity Mind have put together some resources for supporting people who are struggling at Christmas. Please share these resources with your parish: <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/christmas-and-mental-health/why-christmas-is-hard/>

St. Albert's Day 2025— a date for your diary!

After the success of our African Day, many people asked if we can do something similar next year. I wholeheartedly agree. So I want to make St. Albert's Day a day to celebrate the people, and the different cultures that make up our parish. I wrote to the Archbishop telling him of our day and inviting him to join us next year, and he has agreed. So **SATURDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2025**, the Archbishop will be here at 12 noon for Mass. Afterwards I would love it if we could all go into the Hall and experience the food and the cultures we have in our parish. I will be asking people for help in arranging this in the new year.



LGBTQ+ SOCIAL GROUP

The group will meet next Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6.00p.m. in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly room in the church of SS. Agnes and Aidan, Huyton, L36 5SQ The next meeting is on Sunday 15th December



Instagram: St.Agnes_St.Aidan_LGBTQ & on **Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/580539512933145/?ref=share>

Facebook: 'Parishes of Sts Agnes & Aidan's LGBTQ+ Social Group'

A Celebration of Christmas -

Saturday 14 December, 7pm

The Cathedral will be hosting a festive celebration with the Cathedral Choir and special guests performing beloved Christmas carols and seasonal favourites. Tickets are £10 each, or £18 for a family, and can be purchased here:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral>



Jubilee Year 2025

The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope". As part of our communications activity for the Jubilee, we would like to find out people's memories from the last Jubilee back in 2000. We are asking clergy, staff and parishioners to share with us any fond memories they have from the millennium Jubilee – whether it was parish activities you were involved in or a pilgrimage you went on during the special year. Please send any details including any photographs you may have to communications@rcaol.org.uk or call 0151 522 1074. For more information on the Jubilee Year, please go <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025/>



Foodbank

With Christmas drawing nearer, I am sure there will be a greater need for the foodbank in the next few weeks. If you have any donations, you want to make, the box is at the back of the Church.



Christmas Mass Times

In the newsletter for the past couple of weeks, I have asked you to let me know if you wanted a Midnight Mass, for Christmas. Not one person came back to me with an answer. So after seeking some opinions another way, the feeling was against, so this year there will be no Mass at Midnight for Christmas. Our Mass times for Christmas will be;

Christmas Eve 7.00pm

Christmas Day 10.00am



Suyton Family of Parishes

Exploring the Future— on the following pages are a review of what has happened over the past few months and recommendations being made after listening to the parishioners of the Family of Parishes. Please do have a read and in the new year, I will let you know the next steps being taken within the Family of Parishes.



Family of Parishes Update

What has happened so far:



- March 2024 – meeting of Huyton clergy and parish representatives. Formed EFG (Exploring the Future Group)
- April/ May – Parish consultation. Six questionnaires exploring where each parish felt things were currently.
- June - EFG used data collated from all questionnaires and meeting feedback to inform the next stage in the process. (available via <https://huytonfop.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/>)
- July- EFG arrived at 4 Proposals, coming from the Questionnaire data, to be presented to parishioners for further exploration.
- October – Big Family of Parishes meeting held to discuss and give feedback on 4 proposals.

It is important to note that in between times, work has been going on to support all of the above.

Where are we now?

The EFG met recently to reflect on all that you shared in response to the 4 possible ways forward. The opportunities and concerns that you highlighted on 2nd October, and in any other written submissions, can be accessed in a summary report here: <https://huytonfop.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/>

This information has been invaluable in aiding the EFG as they seek to discern the way forward. It is hoped that not too long into the new year enough clarity will have emerged from this work to be able to share a clear way forward. In the meantime, please continue to pray for all of us on this journey, especially those on the EFG, as we together strive to discern the way forward.

From the Priests of the Family of Parishes

As part of this process of developing our family of parishes, the priests of the area recently spent two days to consider how we can work together as priests to support and care for each other, as we look to our future plans for the Family of Parishes. We also met up together to simply share a meal and some social time together.

We really enjoyed our times together and valued the time spent in friendship.

We are planning to meet regularly for times of prayer and reflection, and also gather together for a meal from time to time. We hope that this will strengthen and support us as a team of priests, whatever the plans we adopt as we come together as a Family of Parishes.

The Exploring the Future group is made up of the Priests and Deacons of the parishes plus one parishioner. The representatives for our parish are:

Mrs. Rachael Tyler

Deacon Daniel

Father David

Please keep the Exploring the Future Group in your prayers,.