Parish Liturgy and Activities for the Week

Date / Time	Intention	Parish Events
Saturday 29th Nov Mass 12:00noon First Sunday of Advent FAMILY MASS 5:00pm	The Holy Souls and All Who Mourn & The Faithful Departed The Faithful Departed	11:15am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30am: Confessions 12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room) 2:00pm: Wreath Making (Our Lady's Club) TICKET ONLY!
Sunday 30th Nov FAMILY MASSES 9:30am 11:00am	Joan Omar & The Faithful Departed The Faithful Departed	10:30am: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room) 12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room) 2:00pm: Advent Family Faith & Fun (Our Lady's Club)
Monday 1st Dec		Church open for private prayer 10:00am: Choir Practice (in Church) 12:00noon: Over 55's Bingo (Our Lady's Club) 2:30pm: Legion of Mary (Romero Room)
Tuesday 2nd Dec 12:00noon	Margaret Fearon RIP 1st Anniversary 21st November	4:30pm: SVP Meeting (Romero Room)
Wednesday 3rd Dec 9:30am	Edward Feeney RIP	6:00pm: Family Session (Our Lady's Club)
Thursday 4th Dec 9:30am	Catherine Silker	7:30pm: AA Meeting (Romero Room)
Friday 5th Dec 12:00noon	John Jeffers RIP Anniversary 27th November	2:00pm: Friday Club (Romero Room) 7:00pm: Liverpool Male Voice Choir Christmas Celebration & Concert (Our Lady's Club)
Saturday 6th Dec 12:00noon	Stephen Whitely	11:15am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30am: Confessions
2nd Sunday of Advent 5:00pm	Tony McNeilis RIP 1st Anniversary	
Sunday 7th Dec 9:30am 11:00am	Terry Turner RIP People of the Parish	12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room) 12:30pm: Baptisms: Paisley Mae Coulter & Ashton Joseph Brown 4:30pm: Carol Singing (Black Bull Pub)

We pray for all those enrolled in the Mass Guild: Romain

Monday: Crabtree Close Tuesday: Cranleigh Road Wednesday: Cranwell Road

Thursday: Crispin Road Friday: Damerham Mews Saturday: ACA Active Community Enterprise CIC



Newsletter

1st Sunday of Advent
Sunday 30th November 2025

ADVENT MUSIC

Penitential Rite:

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison Kyrie eleison

As we light the first Advent candle we sing:

Christmas is coming the church is glad to sing and let the Advent candles brightly burn in a ring.

The first is for God's promise to put the wrong things right and bring to earths darkness and the hope of love and light. Christmas is coming the church is glad to sing and let the Advent candles brightly burn in a ring.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Sanctus:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes. Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lamb of God:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Memorial Acclamation:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again, Christ will come again.

NOTICES

Advent: There are so many things happening in the parish in Advent, there is a separate sheet with everything on.

Bethlehem Wood Carvings -Piety Shop:

These olive wood products are part of a job creation project for poor women, men and people with disabilities who have had no work since the 2023 Gaza war began. Money raised will go to support upgrading of these workshops for when pilgrims and tourists can return to the Holy Land. Please support people in the Holy Land.

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Weekday Masses: Tuesday to Friday, these will be in the Romero Room.

New Christmas cards: Now available in the Piety Shop. It is estimated that only 1 in 100 Christmas cards convey the Nativity or other Christian image. One way we can continue to share the Christian message is by sending beautiful cards that depict the reason why we celebrate Christmas. The Piety Shop has attractive cards, please consider buying a pack this Christmas.

Christmas cards to fellow parishioners: World Gifts: Maybe this year you could agree with your friends who you will see in church over Christmas to put the money towards buying a gift for the world's poorest instead of a card. A box will be in the wall at the back of church set aside for this. There are new CAFOD World Gift is available on-line worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/ collections/christmas-collection
They are a great way to change the lives of families and communities.

Liverpool South Deanery Mass: Friday 5th December 7pm at St Charles, L17 9PG. Deanery's patron St John Almond Mass will be celebrated on his feast day. There are refreshments to follow.

Advent Family I Faith I Fun Afternoon:

Sunday 30th November 2pm to 3.30pm Our Lady's Club. The Advent afternoon will involve children and adults being creative, making lots of things in readiness for the nativity and discovering more about some of the people who were part of the first Christmas. **Mass Books:** Many thanks for a donation of £140 for the Missals from a parishioner.

Missals/Mass Books: There was a change in what type of book we will use. Having the Missals will mean.

Environmentally friendly: No more throw away sheets.

Cheaper: No more donations will be asked for. **Storage:** we will not have to store 200 books for two years.

If the print size is problematic for anyone just let the Parish Office know.

Daughters of St Paul: Thank you to the sisters for their support in obtaining the Missals. Perhaps go in Advent to St Paul's Book Shop on Church St or shop in-line stpauls.org.uk

Christmas Mass Intentions: The intentions for the Christmas Eve/Morning Masses will be combined. Envelopes for intentions are now available in the entrance and in the Piety Shop.

Ministers: Can all welcomers, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, servers etc sign up for serve at the Nativity Masses. The list on the sacristy corridor

Anniversary: Fr Stephen will celebrate his 30th anniversary of ordination on Tue 2nd Dec at 12noon Mass. Any parishioners are welcome to the Mass.

How to give support to God's Mission through the Parish

On-Line: Scan the QR

Text:

Text OLA to 70450 to donate £3. Text OLA to 70460 to donate £5. Text OLA to 70470 to donate £10.

Standing Order:

Forms at the back of church and on website.



Weekly Collections 23rd November 2025

Envelopes & Cash: £492.96 S/O online: £910.00 TOTAL: £1402.96 THANK YOU!

Animate Youth: £225.01 7th Dec: Christmas Flowers/ Candles

Liverpool Male Voice Choir: 7pm Friday 5th December Our Lady's Club. Tickets £5.

After the success of their last concert there will be a Christmas Celebration with songs, carols for everyone to enjoy. This is a fundraising event to raise money for young people to go to Lourdes.

Scan this QR code for tickets or buy in the Piety Shop. Or head to our website for a link to get an online ticket.



Christmas Singers: Can you sing on Christmas Eve? Carols at 8.30pm and Mass at 9pm. We have had lots of enquiries, thank you! Rehearsals continue Monday 1st December 10am-11am and each Monday following. You are welcome to come and prepare for making the Nativity celebrations such a wonderful experience.

Local Panto: Dick Twittington: Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th January from £6.00. Join young Dick and his clever cat on a magical journey to seek their fortune in Netherley! www.valleytheatre.co.uk

St Cyril's Christmas Fayre: Sunday 30th November 1pm to 3pm in the main hall. Lots of stalls local crafters. All welcome! Southbrook Road, L27 1YW

Free Christmas Meal for Pensioners:

Gateacre School are offering a free Christmas Meal for up to 63 pensioners. The meal is 4:30pm to 6:30pm on Wednesday 17th December at Gateacre School, on Hedgefield Road. It is first come first served. If you are interested in going, give Sharon Williams a call on 07821 251 881.

Christ The King Crib & Heritage

Exhibition: Come and celebrate Christ The King's centenary with a beautiful display of cribs, and an exhibition looking back over 100 years of Christ the King. Free entry, Children's activities, refreshments, cribs for sale. Thursday 4th Dec 2pm to 7pm, Friday 5th Dec 10am to 7pm and Saturday 6th Dec 10am to 3pm.

Irenaeus Christmas Events: 9th

December, 6.30pm there is a Carol Service and 10th December at 2pm 'Frank Sinatra' afternoon which is Dementia friendly. For any more information, contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or phone 0151 949 1199. Irenaeus Centre, St Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD