

Parish Liturgy and Activities for the Week

Date / Time	Intention	Parish Events
Saturday 13th Dec Mass 12:00noon 3rd Sunday of Advent 5:00pm	Leo Corrigan RIP Passing of Rita Huxley	11:15am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30am: Confessions
Sunday 14th Dec 9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Winston	12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room) 12:30pm: Ecumenical Carol Singing at Belle Vale Shopping Centre
Monday 15th Dec		Church open for private prayer 10:00am: Choir Practice (in Church) 12:00noon: Over 55's Bingo (Our Lady's Club)
Tuesday 16th Dec 12:00noon	Margaret Wycherley RIP	
Wednesday 17th Dec 9:30am	Norah Martin RIP	
Thursday 18th Dec 9:30am	Elizabeth Sheppard	7:30pm: AA Meeting (Romero Room)
Friday 19th Dec 12:00noon	Fr Tim Buckley & Redemptorist Community	7:00pm: Advent Holy Hour & Confessions
Saturday 20th Dec 12:00noon 4th Sunday of Advent 5:00pm	Kevin Doyle RIP James Madden RIP	11:15am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30am: Confessions
Sunday 14th Dec 9:30am 11:00am	Tony McNeilis RIP 10yr Anniversary People of the Parish	12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room) 12:00noon: Decorating the Church
<i>We pray for all those enrolled in the Mass Guild: Frances McGrail</i>		
<i>Monday: Durnford Road Tuesday: Eaglehurst Road Wednesday: Eccles Drive Thursday: Egremont Road Friday: Elmsfield Close Saturday: Belle Vale & Naylorsfield Community Association</i>		



Newsletter

3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday 14th December 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 third is for the Baptist, Who cried 'Prepare the way.

Be ready for Jesus,

Both this and every day.'

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

Advent Children's Liturgy of the Word

Dismissal Song.:

Please all join in as the children leave:

**We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God. x2
We are marching, we marching, whoo!
We are marching, in the light of God. x2**

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, hosanna in the highest.**

Memorial Acclamation:

Save us, save us, saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.



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ADVENT

Advent Preaching Series: The Jubilee year of Hope comes to a close at the Epiphany. During Advent I will be preaching a homily series based on hope.

Fr Stephen

Third Sunday of Advent: — God grows hope even in the barren places.

Where we only see dryness and disappointment, God plants joy strong enough to make even wastelands rejoice.

Fourth Sunday of Advent: — We cooperate with hope as Joseph does. *Hope matures in the silence where Joseph listens, trusts, and steps into God's surprising plan.*

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

Liverpool Male Voice Choir: What a great night last week. Wonderful spirit, sense of community, laughter and joy. This raised £976 for young people going to Lourdes.

Black Bull Carolling: Thanks to singers who came to the Black Bull last Sunday. People really enjoyed the carols and we even had requests. Certainly, something to do again next year.

Shopping Centre Carols: This Sunday (14th) 12.30pm at Belle Vale Shopping Centre. Come with fellow Christians to give joy and hope through carolling to people while they shop. Another example of being the church 'inside out.'

Christmas Mass Intentions: This is the final Sunday to gather in Mass Intentions for Christmas. The list of names that we will pray for at the Nativity Masses will be listed in the newsletter next Sunday. Envelopes available at the back of church.

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

Christmas Welcome: Not everyone attends Christmas Masses or Sunday Mass with family or friends – lots of people will be coming on their own. Christmas services are also among the most attended by non-church goers, who may not know anyone else there and may be feeling apprehensive.

Make it easy for people to come alone. You may want to help them find somewhere to sit, especially if they are new. You can tell them what your name is, you can help people with the books for Mass. Not everyone will feel comfortable staying after Mass, so please make a point of at end of Masses speak to "new" people to help people feel seen and "welcomed" as they leave.

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

On-Line: Scan the QR

Text:

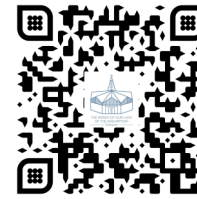
Text OLA to 70450 to donate £3.

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.



"Welcoming" is for the whole church community and not just those who greet people on the way in.

Many single people say that "church family" doesn't feel like it applies to Christmas – and this can feel extremely isolating. So let's not leave welcoming just to the 'welcome team'. Consider how you could encourage the whole church to be outward looking in the lead up to Christmas.

Why go to Confession in Advent?

Advent brings to mind hope, love, joy and peace. But, December is also the darkest month of the year, and not just because of our distance from the sun. In Advent, we also cannot ignore that nagging feeling that all is not perfect in our lives. Bring that 'stump' that Fr Stephen was talking about at Mass last week to confession. Where you see a stump, God sees a start. Advent is a perfect time for reconciliation because of two reasons: One, it allows us to sacramentally acknowledge our own incompleteness.

Secondly, it allows God to touch us and create something new from our sins.

Weekly Collections

7th December 2025

Envelopes & Cash: £682.49

S/O online: £910.00

TOTAL: £1592.49

THANK YOU!

Christmas Flowers/Candles:
£214.07

What advice is there to make a good confession this Advent? Go! Just do it!

Any reason you can think of for not going is just the deceiver working against you. Tell the priest it has been a long time. Tell the priest you don't know the prayers. Tell the priest you are scared or that you can't remember everything you've done. And trust that he has heard lots worse than you will share. You can even Google "making a good confession" if that helps to make the first step about going.

Advent Holy Hour and time for Reconciliation.

Friday 19th December 7pm-8pm

Come and prepare the way of the Lord.

Decorating the Church: On Sunday 21st December after the 11am Mass, will you lend a hand for an hour to decorate the Church for our Christmas Celebrations? It is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit with friends and help make our church look resplendent.

Invitation Cards: This weekend there are some cards to give out for you to deliver to neighbours to invite them to our Nativity celebrations. Thank you!