

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 14th December 2024 Third Sunday of Advent

Sat 4:30pm	All Saints	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sat 5:00pm	All Saints	Mass	Barry Greham, Margrit Gere, Thomas & Annie Simms

Sunday 15th December 2024 Third Sunday of Advent

Sun 9:00am	St. Lewis	Mass	John Unsworth, Tony Dubique
Sun 10:30am	All Saints	Mass	Keith Burns, Roy Jackson, Hilda Tully

Tuesday 17th December 2024 Weekday of Advent

Tues 10:00am	St. Lewis	Mass	People of the Parishes
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Wednesday 18th December 2024 Weekday of Advent

Wed 9:30am	All Saints	Mass	McLeod Family, Jacob Gannon
Wed 10-11am	All Saints	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Wed 1:00pm	All Saints	Funeral Service for Kathleen Johnson	

Thursday 19th December 2024 Weekday of Advent

Thurs 10.00am	St Lewis	Mass	Esther & Wilfred Seddon, Liam & Jane Gibbons
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Friday 20th December 2024 Weekday of Advent

Fri 9:30am	All Saints	Mass	Ron & Rae Price, Jim Winstanley
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Sunday 21st December 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat 4:30pm	All Saints	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sat 5:00pm	All Saints	Mass	Graham Houlton, Kathleen Johnson, Catherine & Michael Barrett

Sunday 22nd December 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sun 9:00am	St. Lewis	Mass	Ellen Flynn, Michael Loughlan
Sun 10:30am	All Saints	Mass	Stephen McNelly, Sheila Evans, Michael & Pat McGoldrick



Please remember in your prayers: the sick of our community;
all those who have died recently especially **Henry Else and Sandra Monaghan**
and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Newsletter for the Parishes of St. Catherine of Siena & All Saints and St. Lewis



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SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2024

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Las Posadas, from the Spanish word meaning 'shelter' or 'lodging', is an Advent tradition in parts of Central America. It starts on December 16, and takes place over nine days until Christmas Eve. During the days, Mary and Joseph's search for a place to stay in Bethlehem is re-enacted. Participants process from house to house, being turned away by 'innkeepers' before finally being welcomed in for a celebration and feast. A special song is sung outside each house, the final verse of which includes the lyrics:

'Enter holy pilgrims... Tonight is for joy, for pleasure and rejoicing, for tonight we will give lodging to the Mother of God the Son.'

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday or 'Rejoice Sunday'. In our churches, the rose coloured candle is lit on the Advent wreath to symbolise joy.

Today's readings bring out this sense of joyful anticipation of the Lord's coming. The people of Jesus' time would have been familiar with Isaiah's talk of 'everlasting joy'. And Jesus tells us: 'Happy is the man who does not lose faith in me'. Let us make this Gaudete Sunday a real celebration of joy and faith.



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Amendment to Christmas Mass Times: Please Read

Please note: There was a mistake in last weeks newsletter and there will be **NO Carols & Readings** before mass this year. Mass times are as follows:

Christmas Eve

All Saints - 6:30pm

St. Lewis - 8:30pm

Christmas Day

St. Lewis - 9:00am

All Saints - 10:30am

Apologies for any confusion caused, if you could please pass on these details to anyone you think will be coming to mass, it would be much appreciated.

All Saints Foodbank

If you are able to make food donations this week, could we please ask you to bear in mind that we are in need of the following Tinned Products:

Potatoes, Tomatoes, Vegetables, Rice Pudding. Long Life Milk



Donations: If you make a monetary donation to the Foodbank using the envelopes provided, could you please put your envelope in with the offertory collection.

Christmas Flower Arrangements: All Saints

We will be making the Christmas flower arrangements this coming **Wednesday 18th at 11am and Thursday 19th at 11am** in the Francis room. All are welcome - no experience necessary. If possible, please bring secateurs, wire cutters and gloves. Donations of foliage would be very welcome.

Asylum Seekers Project

The final batch of goods for this year has gone off to the centre and contained 196 lovely new garments, 45 knitted blankets and lots of Teddy Bears. This brings the total for 2024 to 430 garments and 96 knitted blankets. Well done to all the knitters.

Your grand total since we started in January 2020 is 2,195 garments and 340 blankets; this is astonishing and you are amazing. **Thank You.**



This Week's Joke:

What kind of measurements does Santa use?

Santameters....



A Celebration of Christmas at Metropolitan Cathedral

The Cathedral will be hosting a festive celebration on **Saturday 14th December, 7pm** 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 from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral>

A Ceremony of Carols

The Metropolitan Cathedral will host A Ceremony of Carols on **Sunday 15th December 3:00pm - 4:30pm**. The cathedral choristers will sing Benjamin Britten's famous carol sequence, accompanied by harpist Elizabeth McNulty.

Admission is free with a retiring collection.

CAFOD Fun Run: 27th December at 10:00am

Wavertree Sports Park, Wellington Road, Liverpool L15 4LE

This year is the **40th Anniversary of the Christmas Fun Run in Liverpool**. Whether you walk, run, jog or wheel, every step makes a difference to communities around the world. For more information email: events@cafod.org.uk

The Afternoon Club

The Afternoon club Christmas lunch is on **Tuesday 17th December at 1pm at The Whistling Wren, Sports Village, Leigh**. The next meeting of the Afternoon club will be on the **14th January 2025 at 1.30 to 3.30pm**

Mardi Gras 2025

All Saints and St Lewis will be having a Mardi Gras at All Saints church on Saturday 1st March 2025. Mardi Gras is French for 'Fat Tuesday' and is also known as Shrove Tuesday the practice of which is the last night of consuming rich and fatty foods in preparation for the season of Lent. We will be holding an initial meeting to discuss the details on Tuesday January 7th at 7pm at All Saints. If anyone has any ideas or would like to help out you are more than welcome to attend.



The Sanctuary Lamp at All Saints will be lit
Week Commencing 1st December for: **The Hatton, Logan & Valcalsteren Families**