

Mass Times, Services and Intentions

Saturday 14th December Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	Joyce Nuttall R.I.P.
Sunday 15th December Third Sunday of Advent			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	Wayne Bowling Get Well
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Thanksgiving Fr Mrs Armed's 35 years teaching
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Baptisms	Hope Louise & Ruben Peter Saunders
Monday 16th December Weekday of Advent			
St Joseph's	11.00pm	Funeral Service	Veronica Fairhurst
Tuesday 17th December Weekday of Advent			
Sacred Heart	12.00pm	Mass	Irena Baczynski
Wednesday 18th December Weekday of Advent			
St Joseph's	12.00pm	Mass	Fred Barnes R.I.P.
Thursday 19th December Weekday of Advent			
Sacred Heart	10.00am	Mass	Jenna Chan R.I.P. Joseph & Patricia McCaul
St Joseph's	1.30pm	Funeral Mass	Louis Wilcock
Friday 20th December Weekday of Advent			
St Joseph's	12.30pm	Funeral Mass	Tony Wingfield
Saturday 21st December Weekday of Advent			
St Joseph's	4.30pm	Mass	David Warbis Anniversary
Sunday 22nd December Fourth Sunday of Advent			
St Joseph's	9.30am	Mass	David Nicholson R.I.P.
Sacred Heart	11.00am	Mass	Gerald Yates

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Third Sunday of Advent
15th December 2024

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Food for thought

Have you ever thought that God might be singing and dancing for you, because of who you are? The Word of God in today's first reading confirms this...He will rejoice over you with gladness...He will quiet you by His love...He will exult over you with singing. When we were baptised, we became sons and daughters of God. Can you imagine God rejoicing over you the day you were baptised! The overwhelming message in today's liturgy is about joy. The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is Latin for "Rejoice" and it's a reminder that as Christians, we are to be joyful people. St Paul tells us in today's second reading to...Rejoice in the Lord always. This may seem a tall order as very few of us could claim to be happy all the time! St Paul was aware of this but was trying to encourage the people to develop a heart that looks for good and rejoices in it! Christian joy remains even in trials because we know that we are never alone. In a world often marked by sorrow, our joy can be a light to those we come into contact with!

May the joy of the Lord be our strength.

Praise Him!!!

Sick and Housebound

We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit and those who care for them:

James Allen
Mary Barnes
Sean Fleming,
Bernice Ganley
Carol Greenhalgh,
Mary Griffin
Craig Hardman,
Baby Harper Harrop
Doreen Hayes,
Marian Hindley
Kitty Jones,
Archbishop Patrick Kelly
Joseph Langin
Iris McKiernan
Ramona Mateui
Eileen Midgley
John Mulligan
Tommy Nuttall
Vera Seventi
Mark Tomlinson
Pauline Woods

May the risen Lord embrace them with healing love.



Walsingham Pilgrimage
1st - 4th April 2025
If you are interested in going to Walsingham next year, please contact **Teresa Thompson: 07780064502**

Recently Deceased

We pray for those whose have died,

Louis Wilcock
Tony Wingfield
Veronica Fairhurst
Kathleen Holland

and those whose anniversary occur at this time, may the peace of our risen Lord Jesus enfold us all.

Pope Francis December Prayer Intention: For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



S.V.P. Second Collection

After last week's second collection, The S.V.P. collection raised £675.63. They would like to thank parishioners for their wonderful generosity and assure them that they will be able to make Christmas and the New Year that little better for those most in most need in Leigh and the surrounding area.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Children's Mass:
6.00pm St Joseph's Church

Christmas Day:

9.30am St Joseph's Church
11.00am Sacred Heart Church

New Lectionaries from Advent 2024

I ask all readers to familiarise themselves with the new versions by collecting a Mass sheet a couple of weeks before you are to read.

Mrs Ahmed — Retirement

At the end of this term, Mrs Ahmed will retire. For the past 27 years she has been at Sacred Heart School, 19 of them as Headteacher. On behalf of all the parishioners at Sacred Heart Church and St Edmund Arrowsmith Parish, I would like to thank her for everything she has done for our school, for all the children and staff. We wish Mrs Ahmed all the very best for the future and that our loving God will continue to bless her and her family.

Jack Traynor

Archbishop of Liverpool,

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP, has officially declared the case of John (Jack) Traynor as a miracle. Jack was a pilgrim on the archdiocese's first official pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1923 and was cured dramatically of epilepsy, paralysis of the right arm and paraplegia during the pilgrimage. Archbishop Malcolm said: "Given the weight of medical evidence, the testimony to the faith of John Traynor and his devotion to Our Blessed Lady, it is with great joy that I declare that the cure of John Traynor, from multiple serious medical conditions, is to be recognised as a miracle wrought by the power of God through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes."

Christmas Flower Memorial

For a donation of £5 you will receive a candle for your loved one (s) which will be placed on the sanctuary and lit at the Christmas Masses. You will be able to take the candle home when the Christmas Season is over, and your loved one's name will be then placed on the Lady Altar during the season of Christmas.

- ◆ Please print the name or names clearly on the piece of paper provided.
- ◆ The name of the church where you want the memorial
- ◆ Place it in an envelope with your donation marked 'Christmas Memorial'. Please note the deadline date:

22nd December.

Mothers' Prayers

The next meeting of Mothers' Prayers will be held at St Joseph's Presbytery on Monday 16th December, 10.30am. All mothers and grand mothers are welcome.

Baptisms

We hold in prayer
Hope Louise
and
Ruben Peter Saunders
and their family
as they receive the Sacrament
of Baptism at St Joseph's
Church this weekend.
May they grow in the love of
the Lord.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week our Sanctuary Lamp will shine at
Sacred Heart Church:
&
St Joseph's Church:
for **Peace**