

FINANCES

Cathos Collection £ 288.06 Church Repairs £ 17.15
SAB £ 35.30 National Youth £ 45.76

There will a Holy Hour **THIS** Wednesday, at 8 Cherryfield Drive, at 2.30pm. All Welcome.

Also

Carol Service 15th December at 6 Cherryfield Drive at 7pm
All welcome. Refreshments provided after the service.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers for next week

1st Joe Bennett Teresa Taylor
2nd Paula Hines Margaret Byrne
Int Sean O'Connor Barbara Lye

HL Gerard Riley Sr Eva
CL A McGuinness Alex Fleming
CL Ray Hines Stan Lye
HR Leslie Lester Ann Murphy
CR Claire Tyrrell Ellen Richards
CR Tony Bennett Stan cruces

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Year 4 children and their families: - Special Invitation

Our parish community will be giving extra support to our Catholic children in Year 4 and their families, so that together we will all deepen our faith and understanding about the Church in the coming months. This will focus on the gift of God's forgiveness in Reconciliation/Confession and on God's gift of Jesus in Holy Communion- His Body & Blood seen at the altar, in the Tabernacle and at Holy Communion time during Mass. As part of family-preparation for receiving these gifts for the first time ALL Year 4 families, living in the parish, are especially invited to attend WEEKLY Saturday night/Sunday Masses from THIS week: the start of Church's new year and the Advent Season; which will prepare us all for the Feast at the end of December.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

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ADVENT is actually meant to be a time of the year to find more stillness and peace, to reflect and pray!! Preparing for the Feast at the end of December can sometimes feel very pressured and demanding of our time, money and patience. During all the shopping and commercial madness, try to hold in mind and thought- 'WE are actually preparing for the birthday of the baby, Jesus'

During the short three weeks and four weekends of this year's Advent season, we are to prepare ourselves, our hearts and our minds, by actually preparing for **THREE** things; firstly at the beginning of Advent- patiently waiting for the coming of the Saviour, hearing the voices of the Prophets and living faith-filled daily lives in the mean-time; then- preparing ourselves for meeting Jesus face-to-face, at the day of Resurrection of all the dead; and only towards the second half of the Advent season, finally- shifting our thoughts to preparing for the Feast of the birthday of the baby, Jesus.

Advent is therefore a special season of two halves; like some other good things we know!

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2nd / 3rd December 2017.

1st Week of Advent /Year B

Mass and Service Times

Sat 2nd 6.00pm Ann & Dixie Baines

Sun 3rd 11.00am Billy Brannan

Mon 4th 9.00am Gina Eastwood (Sick)

Tue 5th 9.00am Kenny Thomas

Wed 6th 2.30pm Holy Hour in the Convent

Thur 7th 9.00am Eucharistic Service

**Fri 8th 9.00am Anita Roberts
10.30am Mary Smith (Funeral)**

Sat. 9th 6.00pm Ann Taylor

Sun 10th 11.00am Tracey Hopley

Anniversary Intentions requested at this time

Birthday Remembrances Intentions requested at this time:

Mass intentions received this week:

**Charlotte Hannigan, Maria Williams, Ann & Hector Jamieson,
Don Holden, Mark Woodrow, Beryl Saunders, Mary Smith,
Gerry Asley, Margaret Beck,**

**Let us pray for all those who have died this week especially
Mary Smith. Your prayers are also asked for her family and
friends at this time and for all those who are sick, or depressed
and all those who have died and the bereaved.**

**Archbishop Malcolm McMahon invites you to a special Carol Service at:
the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.**

Everyone is welcome, especially if you are living with dementia.

Wednesday, 20th December at 2.00pm

Featuring the children from All Saints' Primary School, Bootle;

St Margaret Mary's Junior School, Huyton;

Plus the "Songs We remember" choir

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**When other Mass intentions are received by the Parish, the names will
now be put on the Newsletter the following week so that prayers can
be said by everyone for those people and then Masses will be offered
by a priest in the order that they are handed in & appear in the Mass
book.**

**When people's anniversaries, or birthday remembrances fall in a
given week, their names will also now be listed on the newsletter that
week. At some point in the future, the individual's name will also now
be printed on the newsletter for a particular Mass, to show that the
Priest is fulfilling his obligation to offer in his own prayers that named
person during a particular Mass.**

**We cannot guarantee that any specific Mass intention will be possible
at a particular Mass, on a particular day, but their name will now
appear on the parish newsletter up to three times, at some stage – the
week it was handed in, the week of the actual anniversary/birthday
and the day the Mass intention is being offered by the priest at Mass.
Every Mass is always celebrated for everyone. No-one is forgotten by
God, on any day, whether their name is on the newsletter or not and
each of us may also be praying for someone else at the same Mass we
all attend.**

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St Joseph & St Laurence's Parish Centre

**Tickets for the Boxing Night and New Year's Eve will be on Sale
in the Parish Centre from**

THIS Saturday, 2nd December, at 8.00pm

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**Wednesday 6th December is the feast day of Saint Nicholas- in Latin the name
became shortened from Sancta Nicolaus and became for us to 'Santa Claus'-**