

**Saturday/ Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018**  
1st Sunday of Advent/ Start of Church's New Year, Cycle C

**Mass and Service Times**

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday:

Sat 1st 6.00 pm Alex Hart

Sun 2nd 11.00 am **Parishioners**

**St Francis Xavier, 15th Century Jesuit Missionary Priest**

Mon 3rd **9.00 am Eucharistic Service**

Tues 4th 9.00 am Rita Moore

**St John Almond, 16th Century Liverpool Priest, Martyr**

Wed 5th 2.30 pm Holy Hour in the Convent

**St Nicholas, 4th Century Turkish Bishop, SANTA CLAUS**

Thurs 6th **7.30 pm** Mary & Anthony McHale

**St Ambrose, 4th Century Bishop of Milan, Doctor of the Church**

Fri 7th 9.00 am Anne Hollis

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Episcopal Ordination of Archbishop Malcolm McMahon

Sat 8th 10.00 am Mass @ St Michael and All Angel's Church

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday

Sat 8th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Sun 9th 11.00 am Gerard Bailey

**Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession  
& Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar  
Saturdays 5.15-5.45pm & Sundays 10.15-10.45am.**

It is that time of year again when we really need you to come and help with our festive singing, especially for the December services. All **adult** Volunteers are welcome. If you are interested in finding out more, come along after the 11am Mass on Sundays, see Jim Gaffney. The next practice will be this **Tuesday** 4<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm.

**ADVENT 2018**

**1<sup>st</sup> : Saturday/Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> December, 6pm/11am**

Invitation Masses: ALL families of those baptised over last 12 months.

**2<sup>nd</sup> : Saturday/Sunday 8th/9<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm/11am**

Year 4 Families' Special Invitation Masses for the next Sacraments

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm @ Church**

*Life and Soul:* Holy Hour for Young People & older parishioners, organised by *Animate*, Archdiocesan Youth Service

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm @ Church**

Civic Advent Service, for parishioners, with the Mayor and Knowsley Councillors and officers

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm @ Convent**

Carol Service @ the Daughters of the Heart of Mary Convent  
6-8 Cherryfield Drive

All welcome! Light refreshments available afterwards

**3<sup>rd</sup> : Saturday/ Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> /16<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm/11am**

Next Masses of Welcome,

for families who have been invited & recently applied for baptism

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**Anniversary Remembrance intentions requested at this time:**

John Lynch, Maria Williams, Billy Brannan, Anne & Thomas Taylor

**Birthday Remembrance intentions requested at this time:**

**Mass Intentions received this week:** John Lynch, Ann Moore, Joan O'Brien, Brian Baines, James Ehlen, Frank Conlan.

We pray for all those who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Your prayers are also asked for their families and friends at this time and;

- all those who have died recently, their families and friends,
- all those who are sad, the sick, lonely, or depressed.
- all our Special Intentions for family and friends, alive or dead.
- for the empty place at the table; a candle light, prayer before our meals;
- the separated and divorced; the unemployed, the hungry & homeless.

**FREE: 'Walk with me' Advent booklets for adults, take one per household and the 'Alive Publishing' Advent booklets for infant or junior age children and children's Advent Calendars, one of each per child, are now available FREE at the back of**

**FINANCES: CATHOS £333.37 Church repairs £14.27  
SAB £29.68 Lourdes £16.30 National Youth £ 37.10  
Thank you for your generosity, support and prayers.**

**Holy Hour @ 2.30pm @ Convent on Wednesday**

**NEXT Weekend**

**1st Anthony Ely Christine Callaghan**

**2nd Sean O'Connor Kay O'Meara**

**INT Libbie Ely Teresa Taylor**

**HL Jane Hines Sr Jessie**

**CL Joe Bennett Annmarie Fleming**

**CL Gerard Riley Stan Cruces**

**HR Jane Hines Margaret Byrne**

**CR Leslie Lester Ann Conning**

**CR Chris Davies Ellen Richards**

**Thank you to all the children who have been prepared and received the gift of Jesus' Body & Blood/Holy Communion for their FIRST time. It is wonderful now to continue to receive this gift from God every week and every time they attend Mass. Thank you to their Families, Schools and Catechists, for their support.**

**Thanks to** all our young parishioners who continue to work so hard for their A level and GCSE exams in the coming year.

**All Saints Catholic High School** continues to have its best results. The efforts of the staff, pupils and family support is seen in the overall positive environment that has been created there, over recent years. Please continue to support Catholic education, for the benefit of the wider community too. **All Saints Catholic High School, and both St Joseph and St Laurence's Primary Schools** each provide wonderful care to our children, as they study and learn for life.

Together, as Home-Church-Schools, we will look to build upon the support and care we can give to each other and our wider society.

Our **HOME-CHURCH-SCHOOL** links, each support and build up the parish family, as we recognise and celebrate being part of something bigger; the visible Body of Christ; the gathered community; this is what CHURCH is really all about- we are the People of God- mainly lay people, with religious, the deacons, priests, bishops, altogether across our archdiocese of Liverpool- making up

## ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE'S PARISH

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### ADVENT 2018

A new week, a new season; the Church's year begins again with Advent- a time of preparation- waiting for the second coming of the Lord and the approaching birthday of the baby Jesus, the Saviour of the World.

There is so much to do, and we can busy ourselves with many things; but what are we getting ready for and will we be ready?

The Advent season does **not** jump to the feasts of the birthday of the baby. Whilst shops and adverts, festive decorations and festive recorded music will fill up our daily and weekly lives if we let it, always then try to bring the birth of the baby Jesus to the front of your mind, as the reason for the season, when you find yourself busy with the commercial madness of shopping and spending. It is a simple tale and Santa Claus (St Nicholas) whose feast we celebrate this week, is an important part of the story of the approaching Christian feast. Can we make the four weeks a simpler time, so that we are truly ready for the feasts; when food and drink are shared, love celebrated, the gift of being together and receiving the gifts that God has sent, come Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December, year of our Lord, 2018?

**FR SEAN**

**The Youth Groups that travel by Coach to Lourdes each year assist with those adults needing assistance and the sick pilgrims, enjoy their company, gain new friends and deepen their faith, in a communal experience of service to each other. There is a Knowsley Youth Coach that leaves from Kirkby each year. The Youth pilgrims travel Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July and return the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019.**

Application forms are STILL downloadable from the youth service website:

**[animateyouth.org](http://animateyouth.org)**

This is for young parishioners 15years old (or in year 10) – 22 years of age. The price is £530 per person, but the parish with part-fund at least £300 per young person from our parish and there will also be fundraising activities arranged with and for the young people, to meet the rest of the cost - so effectively for FREE.