

**Saturday/ Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent / The Church's New Year, Cycle A**

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday:

Sat 14th 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Sun 15th 11.00 am Stephen Moore

Mon 16th 9.00 am Pat & Sandy Taylor

**11. 30 am FUNERAL Joan Lynch**

Tue 17th 9.00 am Bridget & John Warrie

Wed 18th **2.30 pm Mass @ Convent**

Thur 19th **7.30 pm Louie & Philip Bennett**

Fri 20th 9.00 am Sonny Hamile

**12 noon FUNERAL Linda Walsh @ St Helen's Crematorium**

Sat 21st **9.30 am Mass @ St Michael & All Angels, Westvale**

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday **4th Sunday of Advent/ Cycle A;**

Sat 21st 6.00 pm **Parishioners**

Sun 22nd 11.00 am Mary Brandwood

**Mass Intentions received: Betty Kirwin, Eileen Rimmer;**

**Anniversary: Louie & Philip Bennett**

**Let us pray for all those who have recently died, especially;**

**Joan Lynch and Sarah Murphy**

**Your prayers are also asked for their family and friends at this time**

- for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time
- 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 lit, prayer before our meal
- the separated and divorced; the unemployed, the hungry & homeless

**Sacrament of Reconciliation and**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar**

**5.15 pm-5.45pm Saturdays and 9.15am- 9.45am Sundays**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**7.30pm Carols followed by 8pm Vigil Mass**

for the Feast of the Nativity (Birthday) of the baby, Jesus

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**10am Morning Mass** for the Feast of the Nativity of Jesus.

Thanks for all those who attended the meetings arranged here, about local Synod 'Listening and Discernment' - the four themes for the Synod have now been developed from all the feedback from parishes across the archdiocese. We have now looked at the first two themes in the two recent parish meetings and more meetings will be arranged in January and February 2020.

Our **Synod** Members, lay people and our priests, after reflecting on the earlier meetings, met the Synod coordinating team and they and others fed back parts of a report and analysis and the four main themes for further discussion. The next stages now will build on that report and the four main themes of Synod 2020.

**Listening:** This is the key word. This next stage of **Synod 2020** is continuing the listening exercises. Listening to as many people as possible - those who are active in the Church, those coming to Mass each weekend and those who are less involved. So, we invite people to come together; to listen to each other about **life** and about **faith** and the Church and share what we hear with those on the Synod team. The Synod team who have developed the themed topics now look to parishioners to develop proposals that will be voted on at our Synod in 2020.

If you would like to find out more about **Synod 2020** there is great information on-line, please visit [www.synod2020.org.uk](http://www.synod2020.org.uk) and follow the links

Parishioners can still return completed slips from the back of Church with their proposals for the Synod and parishioners can alternatively submit proposals on the archdiocesan **Synod 2020** website.

*We pray for our young parishioners who work so hard for their A level, GCSEs and other qualifications this 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, 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 part of the world-wide family of the Church, gathered by God the Father, under His Son, the Word of God and with the Holy Spirit and with the Pope.*

**FINANCES:** CATHOS £282.20 Church Repairs £6.30  
SAB £28.30 Lourdes £7.82

Thank you for your generosity, support & prayers.

**Mass, Wednesday 2.30pm @ Convent**

1st	Tony Bennett	Teresa Taylor
2nd	Anthony Ely	Barbara Lye
Int	Libbie Ely	Olivia Callaghan
HL	Jane Hines	Sr Jessie
CL	Joe Bennett	Annmarie Fleming
CL	Tony Bennett	Ann Murphy
HR	Ray Hines	Margaret Byrne
CR	Lesley Lester	Ellen Richards
CR	Chris Davies	Ann Conning

**Welcome** to all our children and their families at weekend Masses: for those who are prepared/preparing to receive the gifts of Jesus; in both the sacraments of Reconciliation, (Forgiveness, Confession) and the gift of His Body & Blood, Eucharist (Holy Communion); for those already prepared they can now celebrate ANY time they come to Church in future and throughout the REST of the lives. Attendance at **WEEKLY** Saturday/Sunday Mass, is expected. For Year 5 children and above from any school in the parish, **they and their families are invited to come to reconciliation times before Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass here in Church, any weekend**, where the children will sit on a chair near the Tabernacle for confession Adults and prepared children can continue to celebrate Reconciliation and Communion **again** and often, any weekend in the future.

**Families must never worry about their children making noises in Church; it is their way of praying. They will learn over time, from the adults being quieter, to help create together a quieter atmosphere.**

It is that time of year again when we really need you to come and help with our festive singing for the December Services. All **adult** Volunteers are welcome. If you are interested in finding out more, come along after the 11am Mass on Sunday and see the organist, Jim Gaffney. The practices will be in Church on **Mondays**, at 7pm

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**Carol Service at the Daughters of the Heart of Mary**  
**6-8 Cherryfield Drive Kirkby L32 9PA**  
**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 7pm All welcome.**  
**Refreshments available afterwards**

## ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE'S PARISH

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## ADVENT 2019

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 really getting ready for and will we be ready, in truth?

The Advent season does **not** jump to the feast day 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, the first half of the Advent season draws our minds and hearts rather to the coming of the promised Messiah, like the ancient prophets first hoped for, before Jesus was born; John the Baptist prepared His way- Now as Christians we await the promised general resurrection of the dead, with the return of the risen adult Jesus- His second coming.

However busy in the coming weeks, always then try to bring the birth of the baby Jesus to the front of our minds, as the reason for the season- when we find ourselves busy, with the commercial madness of shopping and spending. It is a simple tale and Santa Claus (St Nicholas) whose feast we recently celebrated- a third century bishop in Turkey, who gave three bags of gold to a poor family with three daughters- this is an important part of the approaching Christian feast; when food and drink are shared, love celebrated, the gift of being together and receiving the gifts that God has sent, come a week on Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> December, the year of our Lord, 2019.

**Kirkby Advent Reconciliation Service: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm**  
**@ St Michael and All Angels Church, Westvale.**

**Thank you to everyone for your kind words and prayers and cards for Betty my mum, and family, following her recent, peaceful death. FR SEAN**