



St. Mary Immaculate Church

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1st Sunday of Advent

1st December 2024

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Your Prayers are asked for the Sick

Gwen Stanton, Jack Prendegast, James & Louise Clare, Doreen Ropic, Norma Walsh

Lately Dead

Peter Smith, Janet Ellard, David Florida James, John Flood, Martin Owen, Kenneth Naylor, Jeanette Dolan



Anniversaries

Cecilia Devine, Thomas Finney, Des Heneghan, Andrew Monnelly, Fr. Joseph Robinson, Elizabeth Watkins, Brenda Hurst, Carol Smith.

Advent



Advent focuses our attention on the coming of Christ.

We live between two comings of Christ - his first coming in humility and weakness at Bethlehem, and his second coming in Majesty and power at the end of time.

St Paul says that with each passing year

'our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.'

How much do we need the Lord's salvation in our lives and in the world.



The purpose of Advent

It is to help us prepare for Christmas.

Today's first reading points us to the first coming of Christ.

The early Christians believed that the Second coming of Christ was near and would be preceded by cosmic signs.

The disciples are urged to await the Lord's coming with confidence, vigilance and prayer.

How we prepare for the second coming of Christ is also the topic of the Second Reading.



From the 1st Sunday of Advent the new lectionary will be used. The readings remain the same but the translation is changing. - the Missal texts - prayers for the Mass (Eucharistic Prayers etc) will remain the same.

Mass Intentions

Week beginning Sunday 1st December

Sat 6 pm Deceased members - Hulme Family

Sunday 8 am Bibby Doherty

9.30 am Terry Comisky

11 am Parishioners

Monday 9.15 am Patricia Kay

Tuesday 9.15 am Andrew & Patrick Monnelly

Wed 9.15 am Ted & Brenda Hurst

11.45 am Requiem Mass Marie Jones

Thursday 9.15 am Success in Operation

11 am Funeral Service Teresa Hughes.

Friday 9.15 am Martin Owen

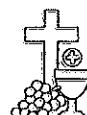
10 am School Mass

Sat 6 pm Carmell Cragg

Sunday 8 am Lydia Jane Painter

9.30 am Parishioners

11 am Bridie & Bob McNamee



During the week

Monday to Friday

Mass at 9.15 am

Saturday at 6 pm

fulfils the Sunday obligation to attend Mass.

Sunday 8 am 9.30 am and 11 am.

The Rosary will be said in Church on Monday
at 7.30 pm.

An extra Mass on Wednesday at 11.45 am
Requiem Mass for

Marie Jones (sister of Margaret Sykes)

Funeral Service Thursday at 11 am for
Teresa Hughes.

Funeral arrangements for the coming weeks

Requiem Mass 11 am 9th December

Imelda McCormack

Funeral Service 12.30 pm 20th December

Pauline Tatlock

May they rest in peace.



The School Mass on Friday at 10 am is for the pupils of St Mary's Primary School and will be attended by the pupils.

APF Mission Today 2025 Calendar

The APF Mission Today 2025 Calendars are available at the back of Church. If anyone needs their Mission Box emptying please contact me John Kelly 0780295234

Feasts during the week

Tuesday 3rd Dec St Francis Xavier, Priest. A Basque Spaniard born in 1506. Joined Ignatius Loyola and with other Jesuits sailed to Goa and here opposed the severe cruelty to slaves. Sent to Japan in 1549 where he made many converts. He died in 1551 en- route to China.

Thursday Memorial Feast of St John Almond, priest and martyr. Born in Allerton, Liverpool he was ordained in 1598 and worked in the English Mission from 1602 until martyred for his priesthood at Tyburn in 1612 on 5th December.

Carols by Candlelight (NSPCC) will return to the Metropolitan Cathedral on Tuesday 3rd December. The event is kindly sponsored by Home Bargains -performed across Merseyside and the Wirral, including the Wirral Schools Concert Band and Merchant Taylor's School Choir.
