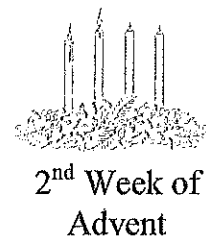




# St. Mary Immaculate Church

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2<sup>nd</sup> Week of  
Advent

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8<sup>th</sup> 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

William Ross, Jimmy Foster

## Anniversaries

Bernard Hillman, Bridie & Bob McNamee, Brenda Cowie, Mollie Rochford, Vera Farrell,  
Mary Delahunty, Gladys Monnelly, Colin Topping, Peter Dooley, Mary Waddilove,  
Beryl Emmett, David Oates, Maureen Baines.



Our time of waiting continues.

We try to prepare a way for the Lord, encountering John the Baptist with his  
message of preparation.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

The prophet Baruch looks to the day when God will come to  
guide all people, bringing them joy.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Paul encourages the people of Philippi to prepare inwardly to  
'the Day of Christ Jesus'



## Gospel Reading

John the Baptist's words and actions remind the people of Isaiah's  
call to repentance.



Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

This feast is transferred from 8<sup>th</sup>. The feast recalls the conception  
of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

We believe she was free from sin from the first moment of her life.

We worship God who delivered all people from the power of sin.

Today is also the Feast of the Parish.

The Advent wreath - two candles burn on the Advent wreath before the  
start of Masses today. Candles and flowers can decorate the shrine  
of our Blessed Lady on her feast day.



**Mass Intentions**  
**Week beginning Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Sat 6 pm Carmell Cragg

Sunday 8 am Lydia Jane Painter  
 9.30 am Parishioners  
 11 am Bridie & Bob McNamee

Monday 9.15 am In Thanksgiving  
**11 am Requiem Mass Imelda McCormack**

Tuesday 9.15 am Bernard Hillman

Wed 9.15 am Marie Collins

Thursday 9.15 am Brenda Cowie

Friday 9.15 am David Florida James

Sat 6 pm Lenden Family

Sunday 8 am Con & Nelly Doherty  
 9.30 am John & Ian Talbot  
 11 am Parishioners

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**The Annual Christmas Reconciliation**  
 Mass - our watching and preparation for the  
 Christmas Feast will be celebrated on  
 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 pm.

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**Feasts during the week**

**Wednesday** - optional memorial of **St Damascus Pope.**

**Thursday** optional memorial of **Our Lady of Guadeloupe.**

**Friday** memorial feast of **St Lucy Virgin and Martyr.**

**Saturday St John of the Cross.** born in Spain 1542 he was made destitute after his father's death, his family wandered homeless in search of work. He joined the Carmelite order and helped St Teresa of Avila to reform the Carmelite movement. Members of his own order kidnapped him and he was beaten by them for weeks. He eventually escaped and devoted the rest of his life to sharing his mystical experiences of God's love.

**Families of Parishes**

You may have heard of Families of Parishes; the Deanery Synodal Council has divided the parishes of St Helens into families. The next step is to hold a launch event in February with all parishes represented.

St Mary's needs people to attend the launch in order to share thoughts and ideas on the way forward.

If you are interested in volunteering please give your name and contact details to Fr. Dooley or to Jimmy McNamee 0174420779. If you need more information please contact Jimmy.

About 10 people are needed.



**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.

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**An extra Mass on Monday at 11.00 am**  
**Requiem Mass for**  
**Imelda McCormack**  
*May she rest in peace*



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Funeral arrangements for the coming weeks :-

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Funeral Service at 11.30 am for  
**William Ross (aged 84)**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec Funeral Service at 12.30 pm for  
**Pauline Tatlock.**

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Anne Foster has informed us by telephone that her  
 husband **Jim Foster** has died after a short illness.

Anne & Jim moved to Scotland some years ago.

His funeral will take place in Scotland.

*May they rest in peace.*

Children who are making their 1<sup>st</sup> **Holy Communion** in 2025 will be invited to the 9.30 am Mass this  
 Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec to be introduced to the congregation as they receive their certificates as they prepare for  
 their **Service of Reconciliation** on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. We pray for them and their families.