

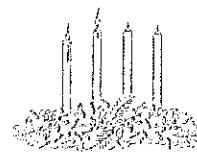


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2nd Week of
Advent

2nd Sunday of Advent

8th 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.

1st Reading

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

2nd 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 9th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This feast is transferred from 8th. 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 8th 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

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

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.



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 Monday at 11.00 am

Requiem Mass for
Imelda McCormack
May she rest in peace



Funeral arrangements for the coming weeks :-

Thursday 19th Dec Funeral Service at 11.30 am for
William Ross (aged 84)

Friday 20th Dec Funeral Service at 12.30 pm for
Pauline Tatlock.

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.

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.

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