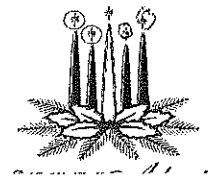




St. Mary Immaculate Church

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4th Sunday of Advent

22nd December 2024

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Your Prayers are asked for the Sick

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

Lately Dead

Anniversaries

Ann Robinson, Alison Verlinden, Mary Davies, Frank Hurst, May Smith, Nancy Clarke,
Samuel & Frances Helsby, John, Annie & Helena Campsey, Henry O'Donnell,
Nora & Eric Ashall, Barry Stead, Marjorie Carney, Cath Scully. Freda Hurd, Denys Lyon,
Sharon Crockett, Paul Somerville, Ronnie Stocks, Sally Jackson. Lilian Lawrenson,
Fr. Michael Monelly.



1st Reading

The promise is given- Bethlehem will be the birthplace of Jesus.

2nd Reading

Jesus dedicates himself to do God's will- a model for us.

Gospel Reading

Blessed is Mary, and blessed is the fruit of her womb.



Advent is drawing to a close, just a couple of days left to prepare
for the birth of Christ.

We are invited to follow Mary's example of concern for others.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Masses are at 6 pm and 9 pm.

Christmas Day Masses are at 8 am and 10.30 am .

Please note there is NO Mass at 9.30 am or 11 am on this day.



Fr. Dooley wishes all Parishioners and friends
'A most joyous and peaceful Christmas.'



Mass Intentions

Week beginning Sunday 22nd. December

Sat 6 pm Lyons Family

Sunday 8 am Henry & Mary O'Donnell

9.30 am Parishioners

11 am Lesley Ann Powell

Monday 9.15 am Private Intention

Tuesday 9.15 am Ann Robinson

Christmas Eve 6 pm Private Intention

9 pm Parishioners

Christmas Day * 8 am Private Intention

*** 10.30 am Parishioners**

Thursday 10 am Wedding Anniversary

Friday 10 am May & Michael Dolan

Sat 6 pm Jimmy Foster

Sunday 8 am Parishioners

9.30 am Frank Hurst

11 am Jack & Vera Dyer



During the week

Monday and Tuesday

Mass at 9.15 am

One last day of preparation for the
Birth of Jesus.

Thursday and Friday Mass at **10 am.**

Please note changes in Mass Times

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

Funeral arrangements for the New Year.

Thursday 2nd January at 11 am Funeral Service for
Edwin Forest

Friday 3rd Requiem Mass for
Norman Clarke



The funeral for **Jack Case** has yet to be arranged.

May they rest in peace.



CAFOD Fun Run Wavertree Sports Park Wellington Rd L15 4LE

Please see Church notice board.

Feasts this week

26th Feast of St Stephen the first martyr to be honoured on this first day of the twelve days of Christmas.

'Let us adore the new born Christ, today he has crowned St Stephen.

Friday 27th Feast of St John Apostle and Evangelist one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. He was the son of Zebedee and Salome, He died about 100 A D

Saturday 28th Feast of the Holy Innocents - Herod ordered the massacre of all boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity - he feared the 'new borne King.

Next Sunday Feast of the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Today marks the Solemn opening of the Jubilee Year - (as of the archbishop's letter some weeks ago)

Masses on 28th and 29th return to their normal times.

Notice from St Augustine of Canterbury.

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Academy are currently consulting on reducing the pupil admission number (PAN) for admissions from September 2026 from 125 to 120 pupils.

Details can be found on both the Archdiocesan website and the school website under admissions.

The consultation closes on 31st January 2025. Website www.staug.org.uk
