



*Newsletter for the Parishes of  
St. Catherine of Siena &  
All Saints and St. Lewis*



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**SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2023  
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Parish Mass Book Page 87 Order of Mass P6,  
The Nicene Creed P11**

**A witness to speak for the light.** There is so much darkness around us: in the troubled parts of the world, in our own families and even in our own hearts. It is easy to become cynical but the Gospel today tells us that John the Baptist was someone who was 'a witness to speak for the light.' He gave hope to people.

Can we think of anyone today who witnesses to the light? Perhaps Malala Yousafzai is one. She was shot by the Taliban on her way to school in Pakistan because she was speaking for the rights of girls to education. *She said: 'We realise the importance of our voices only when we are silenced. I was shot on a Tuesday at lunchtime, one bullet, one gunshot heard around the world.'*

Malala was in her chemistry class when she heard she was to be the youngest ever recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. She celebrated by going on to a physics class. If we look around our families and communities we will see those who try and witness to the light and we have the capacity to do the same; to answer the Gospel challenge and bring hope and good news.

***'They bear witness to the rest of us that somewhere in the dark a light always shines, a light that darkness cannot overpower, and therefore we can all believe again.'***

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Serving the Communities of Golborne, Lowton, Croft, Culcheth, Risley & Glazebury.*

## *Covid Advice*

Face Coverings: are now optional for people who attend a service in church.

Hand Sanitiser: there is the opportunity to sanitise hands, before and after Mass.

## *All Saints Food Bank*

If you are able to make food donations this week, could we please ask you to bear in mind that we are in need of Porridge, Cereal, Sugar, Tinned Tuna, Potatoes, Custard, Rice Pudding and Long Life Milk (*not Soya or Oat etc...*) **Thank You.**



## *Christmas Poinsettia Appeal*



We would like to decorate the Sanctuaries of both churches with poinsettias again this year and are inviting parishioners to donate plants to help... if you are able to do so, would you please bring them to church either when you come for mass or to All Saints between 9am & 2pm Monday to Friday.

## *Mary's Meals: Double the Love*

From 22 November 2023 to 22 January 2024, donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1 million. This means your kindness will go even further at this critical time. In a world devastated by conflict, food insecurity and the cost of living crisis, bringing new hope to desperately hungry children with our life-changing school meals has never been more important. It costs just £19.15 to feed a child with Mary's Meals every day for a school year. And this winter, a donation of £19.15 will feed two children. Thank you for helping us to reach more than 2.4 million children around the world with Mary's Meals every school day.



## *All Saints Christmas Flowers*



We will be making the Christmas Flower arrangements for All Saints Church this coming Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd December in the Francis Room *from* 10am. If you would like to volunteer to help you will be more than welcome, please bring secateurs if you can. A cuppa and a mince pie are still on offer. Also... if anyone has any small leaved foliage that you could donate to help with the arrangements, please contact the parish office. We would need it for the above dates.

## **This Weeks Joke**

What do you call a line of dads waiting to get haircuts?

***The Barberqueue!!!***

## Christmas Mass Times

### Christmas Eve

- \* **All Saints** - Carols & Readings 6:30pm - Mass 7:00pm
- \* **St. Lewis** - Carols & Readings 8:30pm - Mass 9:00pm

### Christmas Day

- \* **St. Lewis** - Mass 9:00am
- \* **All Saints** - Mass 10:30am



## Metropolitan Cathedral Events & Masses: Advent/Christmas Season

### Sunday 17th December

Festival Carol Service: 5.00pm – 6.30pm

### Sunday 24th December

First Vespers of Christmas & Blessing of the Crib: 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Christmas Vigil Mass: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Midnight Mass: 11.30pm – 12.45am

Midnight Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Malcom and will be broadcast live on BBC 4 this year from the Metropolitan Cathedral with the Cathedral Choir. The start time is 11:30pm and the congregation are asked to be in their seats by 11:15pm. **Tickets are not required - For more information about all events please visit: [www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk)**

## CAFOD: Christmas Fun Run

Join CAFOD for some festive fun on **Wednesday 27th December** to walk, wheel, run, roll or stroll a 3km or 5km route, whilst raising money for CAFOD's work. Get the family together for the Fun Run with a difference, all whilst burning off that Christmas indulgence! This year, the Christmas Fun Run will be raising funds for mums and babies fleeing conflict around the world. For where and when, see the poster on the notice board or visit: [cafod.org.uk/christmasfunrun](http://cafod.org.uk/christmasfunrun)

## Care for Creation: Meeting this Sunday

The next Care for Creation meeting will take place this Sunday in the Francis Room after 10:30am Mass. Anyone is welcome to come along.



*Please remember in your prayers: the sick of our community and all those who have died recently especially Mary O'Kelly and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

## *Services, Mass Times and Intentions*

### **Sunday 16th December 2023 Third Sunday of Advent**

Sat 4:30pm	All Saints	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
Sat 5:00pm	All Saints	Mass	Tony Sumner, Jenó Polgar

### **Sunday 17th December 2023 Third Sunday of Advent**

Sun 9:00am	St. Lewis	Mass	Phil McCarthy, Mary Pazera, Reg Gibbons
Sun 10:30am	All Saints	Mass	Roy Jackson, Kathleen Gibson, Colin Jermy, Bob Hawkes

### **Tuesday 19th December 2023 Weekday of Advent**

Tues 10:00am	St. Lewis	Mass	Bill Fairhurst, In Thanksgiving (Jo)
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### **Wednesday 20th December 2023 Weekday of Advent**

Wed 9:30am	All Saints	Mass	Sick Family Members
Wed 10-11am	<b>The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>		

### **Thursday 21st December 2023 Weekday of Advent**

Thurs 10.00am	St. Lewis	Mass	Private Intention, Shelagh Conroy
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### **Friday 22nd December 2023 Weekday of Advent**

Fri 9:30am	All Saints	Mass	People of the Parishes
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### **Saturday 23rd December 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Sat 4:30pm	All Saints	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
Sat 5:00pm	All Saints	Mass	Catherine Barrett

### **Sunday 24th December 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Sun 9:00am	St. Lewis	Mass	Red Evans, Helen
Sun 10:30am	All Saints	Mass	Jack Heyworth & Kathryn Aspey

### **Vigil of the Nativity**

Sun 6:30pm	All Saints	Carols & Readings	
Sun 7:00pm	All Saints	Mass	O'Brien & Tatlock Family, Norman Johnson
Sun 8:30pm	St. Lewis	Carols & Readings	
Sun 9:00pm	St. Lewis	Mass	Josie & Tony Connor, Roy Jackson