

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2ND DECEMBER 2018

KEEP AWAKE...

We are surrounded these days by the commercial ‘circus’ of Christmas shopping and ‘getting ready’. It might seem far removed from the story that we are celebrating; the story of a poor refugee family 2,000 years ago who had a very special delivery; the story of God choosing to intervene in human history in such an intimate and shocking way; God choosing to be born into a situation of poverty and danger. It is good to ask ourselves at this time of year, what are we getting ready for? Advent is a wonderful season which invites us to use our waiting to grow spiritually. We are invited to make space for ourselves and for God in the midst of the rushing. Can we stop and be still and ask ourselves: ‘Where do I see God being born around me today?’ In those I meet? In kind words and gestures? In my community? In my own heart?

Have a more ‘aware’ Advent. Be mindful in all you do. Be aware in your rushing, as you stand in that queue, as you eat, be aware of your feelings, of your thoughts. By watching all of this we become more awake, more able to recognise our true selves and more able to see God being born continuously each day within us and around us. Our awe and wonder grows and we can be prepared for the coming of the Gift himself. How we prepare determines what will be.

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Serving the Catholic Community of Golborne, Lowton, Culcheth & Croft.*

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**Safeguarding.** As you are most likely aware from media reports, we are living in a culture where children, young adults and vulnerable adults are abused, used for the transportation of drugs etc., trafficked and used as modern slaves. This is happening in our locality.

Liverpool Archdiocese has recently undertaken an event to increase awareness of these issues. Each of us has a role to play in protecting vulnerable people, both in our parish and in the wider community. Please read the flier which is available in the church porch. Information is given about how to recognise the signs of abuse and who to contact if you suspect this is happening. Contact details are available on posters in the church porch.

Our parish Safeguarding Rep is Linda Morris who can be contacted via the parish office.

**Mass Books.** Today we begin using Mass books for the readings and following the Mass; they are next to the hymn books. I feel it is time we invested in Mass books rather than using leaflets. For one thing it will save us money in the long term, as leaflets are a constant cost compared to buying the books only once, and secondly, just as importantly, the leaflets we use are thrown away once Mass is completed...not very environmentally friendly.

**Christmas Cards to the Holy Land.** This is the final weekend for writing Christmas cards to the West Bank and Gaza Strip parishes to let them know that they are not forgotten. There is a box in each porch to collect cards, into which you can insert a greeting slip in English and Arabic and add your name and parish. The cards will be sent in one parcel.

**We are short of Mass Intentions** for both churches at present; would this perhaps be a lovely season to think of having a Mass offered for loved ones or special intentions?

**Churches Together in Lowton & Golborne.** The Advent Ecumenical Talk is on Wednesday 5th December at the Independent Methodist Church, 7.45 for 8.00 pm. The Speaker is Bill Hampson.

The Hospice Carol Service is on Wednesday 6th December, 7.30 pm at Heath Street Methodist Church, Golborne.

**The Queen Anne Group** will meet for Christmas Lunch at 12.30 pm on Friday 6th December.

**Mercy Associates** meeting is on Friday 6th December at 2.00 pm in the Benedict Room at All Saints Church.

**Churches Together in Croft and Culcheth.** The Christmas card delivery will take place this year only in Culcheth and Glazebury. The minimum donation is 20p per card and all proceeds are going to St Rocco's. Cards will be collected after Mass at St Lewis's on 9th December, but can also be taken to Newchurch Parish Hall between the 10th and 13th December.

**Afternoon Club.** Christmas Lunch for the Afternoon Club is on Wednesday 11th December at "The Queen Anne" in Golborne, meeting at 12 noon to eat at 12.30 pm.

**Dementia Friendly Carol Service with Archbishop Malcolm** at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Friday 14th December at 2.00 pm, featuring Primary Schools from St Benedict, Netherton and Holy Family, Liverpool plus the "Songs We Remember" Choir  
Refreshments served afterwards in the Gibberd Room

**Leaf Sweep at All Saints.** It would be lovely if we could have a fairly large crew of volunteers to clear the graveyard of fallen leaves on Saturday 8th December at 10.00am. Please bring rakes, brushes and any cordless blowers.

**Many thanks** to all who came to help at St Lewis grounds on the last two Saturdays; you did splendid work both with the leaf-sweeping and in planting the 90 hedge saplings!

*Please remember in your prayers  
the sick of our community, those who have died recently,  
including Monica Bennett and Catherine (Renee) Green,  
and all whose anniversaries occur at this time*

**The Sanctuary Lamp at All Saints, 2nd-8th December**  
**Flynn and Farrell Families**



# *Services, Mass Times and Intentions*

<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>			
<i>5.00 pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Annie &amp; Thomas Sims and also Thomas &amp; Mary Hockwart</i>
<i>8.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Geoffrey Chesworth</i>
<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Sr. Killian</i>
<i>11.30 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Baptisms of Isla &amp; Edward Campbell and Ava Isabella Shajai</i>	
<i>Monday 3rd December St Francis Xavier</i>			
<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Jimmy Blake (9th Anniversary)</i>
<i>Tuesday 4th December</i>			
<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Successful Operation and Recovery</i>
<i>10.30 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Advent Mass for All Saints and St Catherine's Schools Tom Cole</i>	
<i>Wednesday 5th December St John Almond, Priest and Martyr</i>			
<i>1.30-2.30 pm</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<i>7.00 pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Prayers to St Rita Answered</i>
<i>Thursday 6th December</i>			
<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Ellen and Jim O'Donnell</i>	
<i>Friday 7th December St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor</i>			
<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Successful Recovery (S)</i>
<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<i>Saturday 8th December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			
<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Fr Ron Johnson</i>
<i>4.15-4.45 pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation.</i>	
<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>			
<i>5.00 pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Dec. members of Tirol Family and David Goodman &amp; also Jane Gibbons</i>
<i>8.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Cyril Ehrlich</i>
<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>James Barry Grehan and also Alan Healey</i>

**I've just joined a gym. Mind, I had to bend over backwards to get in.....**