

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9TH DECEMBER 2018

The second Sunday of Advent turns our attention to John the Baptist. John was an interesting individual. We are told he dressed a bit strangely, had an odd diet and spent a lot of time in the desert. Yet it seems he was very popular with the whole of Judaea and 'all the people of Jerusalem' went out to hear him. John must have been a dynamic speaker and one in whom people found hope and inspiration. Who are these attractive messengers for us today? Who brings us good news and hope? Whose message makes sense for us? Who do we flock to hear?

Today we might also reflect on the messengers in our own lives. Who did God send to you while you were in your own wilderness? Perhaps they brought with them a moment of grace, reassuring you that you would not be drifting aimlessly forever. Perhaps the evidence at that moment in your own life stated the contrary, yet these words of encouragement or comfort gave you reason to hope and to hang in there. These 'John the Baptists' are messengers of the light. They are all around us. Sometimes we are the ones called upon to be a messenger of light for someone else. The good news of the gospel today is that even in times of desolation there is a hope, a promise that urges us on. How we prepare for this journey determines our experience. See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you ...

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

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Churches Together in Croft and Culcheth. Any cards not collected after Mass at St Lewis's today can be taken to Newchurch Parish Hall between the 10th and 13th December.

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?

St Lewis Christmas Readers. Please sign up in the church porch as soon as possible if you can read at Midnight Mass or the 10.30 am Mass on Christmas Morning. You need not be a regular Sunday reader.

Christmas Poinsettias Appeal. We would like to decorate the Sanctuaries of both churches with poinsettias this year and are inviting parishioners to donate plants to help with this. It would be a huge help if you could bring your plants to church next weekend, the 15th/16th December, so that we can plan the arrangements.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will take place this coming Tuesday at St Lewis church beginning at 6.30pm and on Thursday in All Saints church from 6.30pm for all our children wishing to make their First Holy Communion in the summer. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

The next ordinary meeting will be in the New Year in church on Tuesday, 8th January at 2.00 pm

Animate Youth Ministries. The December "Life and Soul" celebration will be an Evening of Praise and Worship before the Blessed Sacrament, from 7-8 pm on 11th December at St Joseph & St Laurence, Bewley Drive Kirkby L32 7PZ

On Sunday 16th December there is a Youth Alive Mass at 6.30 pm at St Oswald's, Padgate Lane, Warrington WA1 3LB

Churches Together in Lowton & Golborne. The Epiphany Trust Community Carol Service takes place on Wednesday 12th December at 7 pm at the Independent Methodist Church, Lowton, with the LGN Community Choir, Epiphany Brass and members of the local community.

St Catherine's School will be celebrating their Christmas Service in church on Wednesday 12th December, beginning at 5.30pm. If you are free, please do join them and get in the mood of Christmas joy and cheer!

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

Churches Together in Croft and Culcheth. Carol-singing on Saturday 15th December at 10.30 am out side the CPS building.

Nugent "Light up a Life" Service will take place on Tuesday, 18th December at 12.30 pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral with Bishop Tom Williams. Come and dedicate a light to celebrate the life of a loved one.
For details tel. 0151 261 2000 or see www.wearenugent.org

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

The Sanctuary Lamp at All Saints, 9th-15th December

Father James Ferguson



Services, Mass Times and Intentions

<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 & 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>Monday 10th December</i>			
<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Stephen Boyce (1st Anniversary)</i>
<i>Tuesday 11th December</i>			
<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Funeral Mass for Catherine (Renee) Green</i>	
<i>Wednesday 12th December</i>			
<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Funeral Mass for Monica Bennett</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>Anne Farmer</i>
<i>Thursday 13th December St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i>			
<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Peggy Smith</i>	
<i>Friday 14th December St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor</i>			
<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Patricia Murphy</i>
<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<i>11.00 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Funeral Mass for Michael Jenkinson</i>	
<i>Saturday 15th December</i>			
<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Ehrlich Family</i>
<i>4.15-4.45 pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation.</i>	
<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>			
<i>5.00 pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Olive Farnworth & also Catherine Else and Lawrence Hughes</i>
<i>8.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Reginald Gibbons (Birthday Remembrance)</i>
<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Roy Jackson and also Michael Confrey (23rd Anniversary)</i>

What do penguins eat when they are hungry? Iceberg lettuce!!!!

What do penguins do when they have an important decision to make? They flip a coin!!!