



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



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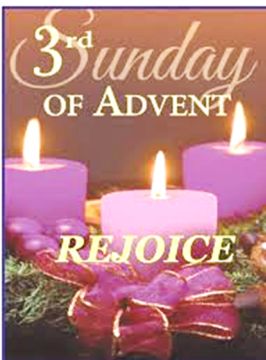
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**SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025  
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A**

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*Gaudate Sunday*...takes its name from the first word of the Mass of the day, which means "Rejoice". Rose-coloured vestments are worn for Mass and the pink candle is lit on the Advent Wreath. Today's Gospel presents John as the witness sent from God to bear testimony to the One who is both among us and also is coming. The whole purpose of his life was to play second fiddle to his cousin, Jesus. His preaching and his ministry pointed to someone whose shoes he wasn't even worthy to undo. He was a witness to someone greater than himself, yet his own work prepared the way for the Lamb of God. John the Baptist knew who he wasn't; he made it

clear that he was not the Messiah. He also knew who he was. When they asked him who he was he could have built himself up: a great prophet, a wonder-preacher etc... but he simply said that he was a voice. Jesus is described as the "Word", the "message" of God that has existed from all eternity, the fullness of God's plan for humanity. But John says he is simply a passing voice that points to the "Word". In the run-up to Christmas we are challenged as Christians and our challenge is to be the voice of our time that points to something and someone that the world might not see. We are called to be witnesses to Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

In particular we are called to bear witness to the fact that behind all the shallow glossiness of the season and the one-dimensional celebration of indulgence there lies a reality that shocks some and thrills others: our God has taken flesh and become one of us so that he might teach us how to be like him. This is what we prepare for during Advent and celebrate at Christmas. While we do so, we point beyond the obvious to someone and something that only faith can see.

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## *Christmas Fair*

The total for the Christmas Fair is a magnificent £2,861.02 of which £443.00 will be donated to St. Lewis SVP courtesy of the Chocolate stall, the remainder £2,390.02 will be donated to the Foodbank. Thank you to all who came and bought and donated. And a big thank you to all who helped organise and make the day go so well.



## *All Saints Foodbank*

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 the following Tinned Products: **Beans, Rice Pudding, Fruit and Soup. Long Life Milk.**

**Donations:** If you make a monetary donation to the Foodbank using the envelopes provided, could you please put your envelope in with the offertory collection.

## *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 only bring them to church from 15th -22nd December. **Thank You.**

## *All Saints Christmas Flowers*

If you would like to volunteer to help make the Christmas Flower arrangements for All Saints Church you will be more than welcome.

We will be making the arrangements in the Francis Room from 10am on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd December. Tuesday's start time to be decided on Monday. Please bring secateurs if you can, and any donations of foliage would be welcome... in return you can have a cuppa and a mince pie!!!



## *Christmas Mass Times*

### **Christmas Eve**

**All Saints - Mass 6.30pm**

**St. Lewis - Mass 8.30pm**

### **Christmas Day**

**St. Lewis - 9:00am**

**All Saints - 10:30am**



**The Tuesday afternoon club** Christmas dinner is this Tuesday at the Travellers Rest. Consequently, there is no meeting this Tuesday. The next meeting will be on 13th January 2026.

### **This week's joke:**

Why did Fr. Christmas get a parking ticket?  
**He left his sleigh in a snow-parking zone!!!!**

## Epiphany Trust Carol Service

This year's Epiphany Trust Carol Service is **Wednesday 17th December 7pm at Lowton Independent Methodist Church, Lowton**. Carols will be led by Golborne Brass Band and the LGN choir with items from community members and children from Heath Street Church.



## CAFOD Christmas Fun Run – 27 December

Signup is open for CAFOD's annual Fun Run! The run will take place on 27th December at Wavertree Sports Park and is open to all. Run, walk, or wheel with family and friends to share the joy of Christmas and raise money for those in need!

**There is a poster on the notice board. To sign up you can scan the QR code or search CAFOD Fun Run.**

## Card Payments Are Here!!!

We are finding more and more that people would like to pay for Cards, Books, Statues etc... from the Piety stall by card... as you no doubt know cash is used very little these days.

We have therefore purchased two card machines, one for each parish. Last weekend we used the one we had set up for All Saints which worked well. The one for St. Lewis will be set up as soon as possible.

If you don't use standing order or the envelopes for your offering and would like to make a donation to the church, please see the ladies on the piety stall and they will help you.

## Old Spectacles: Update

Over the past few weeks we have had a few extra donation of old glasses which has brought our total to 530. This was a one off project for run by the Care for Creation team which has now finished so we are unable to collect any more glasses. Thank you to all who donated.



*The Sanctuary Lamp at both parishes will be lit  
Week Commencing 14th December for: **All those who are homeless***



*Please remember in your prayers: the sick of our community;  
all those who have died recently especially  
**Patricia Millington, David Roylance, Josephine Brown**  
and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

## *Services, Mass Times and Intentions*

### **Saturday 13th December 2025 Third Sunday of Advent**

<i>Sat 4:30pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
<i>Sat 5:00pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Molly &amp; Peter Lamb</i>

### **Sunday 14th December 2025 Third Sunday of Advent**

<i>Sun 9:00am</i>	<i>St. Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Brenda Seddon, Reg Gibbons, Peter Connolly, Judith Miller</i>
<i>Sun 10:30am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Sheila Wright</i>
<i>Sun 11:30am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Baptism</i>	<i>Logan Churton</i>

### **Tuesday 16th December 2025 Weekday of Advent**

<i>Tues 10:00am</i>	<i>St. Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>John Unsworth, Maurice Touhey</i>
<i>Tues 11:00am</i>	<i>St. Lewis</i>	<b>Funeral Service for Patricia Millington</b>	

### **Wednesday 17th December 2025 Weekday of Advent**

<i>Wed 9:30am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Roy Jackson, Gordon Riley</i>
<i>Wed 10-30am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>	
<i>Wed 10:45</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<b>Funeral Service for David Roylance</b>	

### **Thursday 18th December 2025 Weekday of Advent**

<i>Thurs 10.00am</i>	<i>St. Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Susan Lennon</i>
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### **Friday 19th December 2025 Weekday of Advent**

<i>Fri 9:30am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Harriet Riley &amp; Family</i>
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### **Saturday 20th December 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

<i>Sat 4:30pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
<i>Sat 5:00pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Barry Grehan, Loretta Walker</i>

### **Sunday 21st December 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent**

<i>Sun 9:00am</i>	<i>St. Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Max Darroch, Ian &amp; Unsworth Family, Peter Connolly</i>
<i>Sun 10:30am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Successful Cancer Treatment</i>
<i>Sun 11:30am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Baptism</i>	<i>Evelyn &amp; Thomas Higgins</i>