



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



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**SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2025
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A**

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While Luke focuses on the birth of Jesus from Mary's point of view, Matthew's Gospel tells the story from Joseph's. Joseph must have been extremely confused when he learned of Mary's pregnancy. He plans to quietly 'dismiss' her so as not to put her in danger. Mary's options were bleak without Joseph; her fate is very much in his hands. He is immediately obedient and says 'yes' to his call. Joseph welcomes Mary and gives this child the name he is instructed: Jesus.

We hear very little about Joseph in the Gospels and he is sometimes a forgotten figure in the Jesus story, yet his decision to follow God's call is hugely important as he fulfils his promise to protect Mary from danger. Joseph's 'yes' to God sets him on a dangerous path; he must protect his family and this will mean later leaving their homeland, becoming refugees fleeing the terror of Herod. Each time God speaks to Joseph, it is through his dreams. The Word of God which comes to Joseph gives him a new meaning and a new mission in life. Today, can you reflect on how God speaks to you? In what ways do you hear God's word? And when you hear God's word, what is your response? When you have said 'yes', where has that led you?

Today we can pray for those who are faced with tough decisions and who must choose the more difficult path. It requires strength and bravery.

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*Fr. Gordon, Deacon Derek & Elizabeth
would like to thank you for the many, many cards, gifts
and good wishes we have received for
Christmas and the New Year.*

*Wishing you and all your loved ones
the blessing of the Lord
during this Holy Season.*



*Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the true King of peace.
In You alone is found freedom.
Please free our world from conflict.*

*Bring unity to troubled nations.
Let Your glorious peace
reign in every heart.
Dispel all darkness and evil.*

*Protect the dignity of every human life.
Replace hatred with Your love.
Give wisdom to world leaders.
Free them from selfish ambition.
Eliminate all violence and war. Amen.*

This week's joke:

What's green, prickly and flies through the air?
A holly-copter!

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: **Rice Pudding, Soup, Long Life Milk. Rice.**

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.

The Foodbank will be closed on Boxing day and reopen on 2nd January.



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.

Epiphany Trust Emergency Relief Appeal

Epiphany Trust (ET) is a locally based charity which supports disadvantaged people worldwide. It is the successor to the Lowton Churches Romania Appeal and has been in existence for over 35 years.

You may have heard on the news that cyclones have recently hit the East Indies region including Sri Lanka, where ET supports children and families.

Over 1 million people have been affected, with hundreds dead and hundreds missing. The church school for autistic children, and supported by ET, has been partially demolished by a landslide and requires urgent repair. ET and their Partners, 'Child Action Lanka' are currently providing hot meals and flood relief items throughout the island.

If you would like to support Epiphany Trust in rebuilding their school and providing aid, please contact them on 01925 220999 or see the leaflet on the notice board in the church porch which gives details for donating. Thank you.



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



*The Sanctuary Lamp at both parishes will be lit
Week Commencing 21st December for:
**Frank & Renee Moore, Norah & Henry Costello,
Hatton, Logan & Valcalsteren Families.***

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 20th December 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat 4:30pm	All Saints	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sat 5:00pm	All Saints	Mass	Barry Grehan, Loretta Walker

Sunday 21st December 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Tuesday 23rd December 2025 Weekday of Advent

Tues 10:00am	St. Lewis	Mass	Kevin Ferguson, Maurice Touhey
Tues 11:00am	All Saints	Requiem Mass for Joyce Williams	
Tues 2:00pm	All Saints	Funeral Service for Josephine Brown	

Wednesday 24th December 2025 Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Tues 6:30pm	All Saints	Mass	Jessie & Tony Connor, Roy Jackson Thomas, Ena & David Dalton
Tues 8:30pm	St. Lewis	Mass	Red Evans, Phil McCarthy

Thursday 25th December 2025 Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Sun 9:00am	St. Lewis	Mass	Rosa Da Silva
Sun 10:30am	All Saints	Mass	Renee Moore

Friday 26th December 2025 Feast of St. Stephen

Fri 9:30am	All Saints	Mass	A Cancer Patient
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Saturday 27th December 2025 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sat 4:30pm	All Saints	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sat 5:00pm	All Saints	Mass	Kate Ann Gray

Sunday 28th December 2025 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sun 9:00am	St. Lewis	Mass	Special Intention
Sun 10:30am	All Saints	Mass	Bill Whyte, Eric Peters, Private Intention (C&D)