



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



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**SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY 2024  
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – YEAR B  
Parish Mass Book Page 118 Order of Mass P6,  
The Nicene Creed P11**



To follow the star and become Epiphany people we have to be aware of three important challenges. Epiphany people have first to be people of faith. Imagine setting out on a journey like the wise men and not actually knowing where you are going, following only where a star leads you. Yet this is what faith demands. To be a person of faith means that we trust in God so much that we are prepared to be led, wherever God decides to take us. Faith and trust cannot be prised apart.

A second characteristic is that their faith makes them want to worship. The wise men brought their gifts and worshipped the Lord. Just knowing our God should be reason enough for worship. We bring our gold (***the best we can be***), our frankincense (***our contribution to making the world a more beautiful place***) and our myrrh (***our pains and our tears as well as the comforting presence we extend to others***), and with these gifts of our lives we fall on our knees before the God that our faith journey leads us ever closer to.

And finally Epiphany people are people of change. The wise men didn't simply spend the rest of their lives fawning at the crib. They left enriched by what they had seen and heard and they headed off to tell others what they had experienced. But they heeded the warning of their dream and decided to change their plans and go back home by a different route. Every encounter with our God-made-man challenges us to change. God never wants us to stay where we are; our job is to follow the star. Epiphany reveals Jesus to all nations. His glory is seen by people from all over the known world. And these Epiphany people are people of faith, people of worship and people of change.

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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.

## *Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January*

**For the gift of diversity in the Church:** We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of the different rites within the Catholic church.



Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven.

**Pope Francis**

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

Mary's Meals write to us now and again to ask us to inform parishioners where donations can be made and how your donations are used. This year they are once again running the Double the Love Appeal.

From **22nd November 2023 to 22nd January 2024**, donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1 million. This means any donations made 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 to those who make donations and who help Mary's Meals reach more than 2.4 million children around the world every school day. If you would like more information please visit: [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

## *World Day for Peace*

Next weekend 14th January marks the 57th World Day for Peace. Please keep in your prayers all those living with war, oppression and conflict.

## **This Weeks Joke**

If money doesn't grow on trees....  
***then why do banks have branches?***

## All Saints Food Bank

### *A Pause in your Generosity for a few more weeks!!!!*

We would like to extend a massive **Thank You** to Neil from Elite Window Cleaners, Lowton, who told his customers that any Christmas tips he received would be donated to All Saints Foodbank... and boy did they tip him... he received £664.00 from his customers and on the Friday before Christmas he and his wife braved the supermarket and spent £805.02, the difference was a donation from Elite themselves.



The following donations were also received in the week leading up to Christmas

- ◆ A lady who had asked her office and family and friends to make food donations
- ◆ Taylor Wimpy from the Rothwell Farms
- ◆ St. Lukes Church, Lowton

All these donations have been a great help and should keep us going throughout January. They have also allowed us to extend to you a pause in the generosity that you show week in week out in helping to keep the foodbank open all year round and we'd like to thank you again for all the food and monetary donations you have given to the Foodbank throughout the year, you have helped to make a difference to so many families. *Thank you* so very much to our parishioners from both churches, the general public, local businesses and Wigan council for all your support in 2023.

## *Afternoon Club*

***Just a little reminder*** that the Tuesday afternoon club will start again on **Tuesday 16th January 2024**. We look forward to seeing you there... Everyone is welcome.



The Sanctuary Lamp at **St. Lewis Church** will be lit  
Week Commencing 7th January ***In Thanksgiving.***

*Please remember in your prayers: the sick of our community  
and all those who have died recently especially  
**Hilda Tully, Catherine Murphy, Thomas Cullen**  
and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



## *Services, Mass Times and Intentions*

### **Saturday 6th January 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord**

Sat 4:30pm	All Saints	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
Sat 5:00pm	All Saints	Mass	People of the Parishes

### **Sunday 7th January 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord**

Sun 9:00am	St. Lewis	Mass	In Thanksgiving, Mary O'Kelly
Sun 10:30am	All Saints	Mass	James & Catherine Redmond
Sun 10:30am	All Saints	Baptism	Gracie, Imogen & Denver Drought

### **Tuesday 9th January 2024 Weekday in Ordinary Time**

Tues 10.00am	St. Lewis	Mass	People of the Parishes
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### **Wednesday 10th January 2024 Weekday in Ordinary Time**

Wed 9.30am	All Saints	Mass	LISCF
Wed 10-11am	<b>The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>		
Wed 11:00am	All Saints	<b>Funeral Service for Hilda Tully</b>	

### **Thursday 11th January 2024 Weekday in Ordinary Time**

Thurs 10:00am	St. Lewis	Mass	Wilfred & Sergius Kitch, John Wilson
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### **Friday 12th January 2024 Weekday in Ordinary Time**

Fri 9:30am	All Saints	Mass	Jim Winstanley
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### **Saturday 13th January 2024 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat 4:30pm	All Saints	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
Sat 5:00pm	All Saints	Mass	Philomena Hill, John Unsworth, Catherine Farrell

### **Sunday 14th January 2024 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sun 9:00am	St. Lewis	Mass	Winifred & Esther Seddon, Winifred Burke
Sun 10:30am	All Saints	Mass	Bob Hawkes