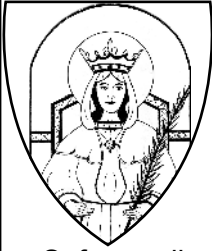


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PASTORAL AREA of St Raphael and St Paul

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Safeguarding Representatives: Catherine Housbey & Malcolm Fletcher.

Advent Week 1

27th November 2022

Reflections of The First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 121; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:27-44

Today we begin the Advent season in which we make our preparations for the Lord's birth into our lives at Christmas. The theme for today is very much of waiting but also of being ready for the moment which will arrive at a time we do not expect. The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah speaks of the mountain of the Temple of the Lord towering above all mountains and that in the Lord's time there will be peace and not war. In the second reading from his letter to the Romans, St Paul exhorts us to wake up and to live honest Christian lives because the Lord's time is at hand – we must show our faith in him by how we live and witness. In the gospel, Jesus is warning us to be prepared and ready because we do not know when the day of the Lord will arrive. It could be today, it could be next year, but, whenever, we must not be found wanting or caught off-guard – we must be alert and ready. We do this by reforming our lives every day and living according to the Gospel precepts and commandments of God.

Saint Francesco Antonio Fasani 27th November

Born in Lucera, Francesco entered the Conventual Franciscans in 1695. After his ordination 10 years later, he taught philosophy to younger friars, served as guardian of his friary, and later became provincial minister. When his term of office ended, Francesco became master of novices and finally pastor in his hometown. In his various ministries, he was loving, devout, and penitential. He was a sought-after confessor and preacher. One witness at the canonical hearings regarding Francesco's holiness testified, "In his preaching he spoke in a familiar way, filled as he was with the love of God and neighbour; fired by the Spirit, he made use of the word and deed of holy Scripture, stirring his listeners and moving them to do penance." Francesco showed himself a loyal friend of the poor, never hesitating to seek from benefactors what was needed. At his death in Lucera, children ran through the streets crying out, "The saint is dead! The saint is dead!" Francesco was canonized in 1986.



At the Foot of the Cross – Podcast (Catholic Bishop's Conference)

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/podcast/vatican-ii-constitutions-episode-7/>

"In preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025 'Pilgrims of Hope' the Catholic Church has two preparatory years. During 2023 we will examine the four constitutions. In this episode of At the Foot of the Cross Rev Canon Christopher Thomas gives a short overview on the four constitutions of the Second Vatican Council. Sacrasanctum Concilium on the Sacred Liturgy, Lumen Gentium on the Church, Dei Verbum on Divine Revelation and Gaudium et Spes on the Church on the Modern World. Patrick O'Dowd, CEO of Caritas in Salford talks about the cost-of-living crises and the impact on people in the northwest and finally Bishop Patrick McKinney our Lead Bishop for interreligious Dialogue gives a reflection on the importance of dialogue with followers of other religions."

Renewing Church and Neighbourhood - the Synodal Way: Podcast

<https://togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/resources/synod-podcast-series>

Synodality means "walking together" and refers to both a new, and ancient, way of being church, based on listening to the Holy Spirit. Together for the Common Good have released a new podcast series, to support and inspire those travelling on the synodal journey. Adopting the 'see-judge-act' framework, the podcast is designed for individual reflection or to be within a parish or prayer group setting to prompt conversation and develop action on a local level.

Witnesses to Hope -

The Prayers and Readings for the Sundays of Advent

Fr John Deehan is offering a series of talks on the Prayers and Readings of Advent via Zoom. The series, hosted by the Agency for Evangelisation, Diocese of Westminster. Please click here to register on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/witness-to-hope-the-prayers-and-readings-for-the-sundays-of-advent-tickets-429217229287>

- 1st December- Unfinished Business: Paul & James: The New Testament Readings for Year A
- 8th December - Waiting in Expectation: The Gospel Readings

CAFOD World Gifts - Give a gift of hope this Christmas.

In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue in church. World Gifts such as "super soup kitchens", "trees for life", or "water for a family" will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges. As we have done in previous years we will leave a collection bucket out during Advent and use the money to buy a gift from the parish.

GENUINE LOVE: "Anyone who lives in love lives in God".

RESOURCES and EVENTS

LGBTQ+ Catholics Archdiocese of Liverpool. The next gathering and Mass will be on Sunday 11th December 2022 here at All Saints Anfield do let me know if you are able to attend. There will be a social gathering after Mass. Mass will begin at 2.00pm. For more information, please contact Canon Stephen Maloney frsmaloney@aol.co.uk

Light up our lives

Christ, come into our world of darkness
Light up our lives with your coming.

Fulfil all our longings
with the joy of your birth
Strengthen our resolve to
work for change in our world
And to share the hope of your birth
that each Advent brings.

Amen.

Sr. Bridgetta Rooney/CAFOD

ONLINE EVENTS

Conversations about The Letter: A Message for Our Earth: cont. 28th November
The newly formed Pastoral Development team is putting on a series of "drop in" events. These are short 15–45-minute opportunities to find out about the work of the team and respond to issues of the day. Times are based around coffee/ lunch break or event home commute. Register
<https://LetterSocialActionLiverpool.eventbrite.com>

Society of St Gregory Wednesday Workshops for Advent

7 December - The Word of God at Christmas – Whose story is it? Monsignor Kevin McGinnell Sessions will take place from 7.30-8.45pm, via Zoom. There is a charge for these workshops of £10 per person, or £25 if you book for all three. More details here <https://www.ssg.org.uk/wednesday-workshops-Autumn-2022/>

First Holy Communion and Reconciliation

Enrolment for First Holy Communion begins this weekend and will continue each weekend during Advent.

Mother of Mercy Tuesdays

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all day on Tuesdays. Come and spend an hour with the Lord.

Become School Governor

If interested, pass your name and contact details into the parish office.

St John Bosco Christmas party

Wednesday 14th December 12noon
Tickets available from the piety stall

Christmas Raffle

We are collecting donations to hold a Christmas raffle, wine, spirits, chocolates, gifts. If you have anything suitable please leave in the Community Room kitchen.

Thank you.

The Piety Stall

Come and see, the beautiful selection of Christmas, cards, nativities and small gifts.

Live Streaming System

All services are live streamed via Church Services TV. You can view Services via the link on our website, Facebook and Twitter sites or at www.churchservices.tv/croxteth

Liturgy for the Week

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin

Saturday	26th	6.00pm	Joe McCormack (5th Anniv)
Sunday	27th	11.30am	Ellen Jennings (B'day)
			Eamonn Anthony Victory (Anniv)
Tuesday	29th	9.00am	Eucharistic Service followed by Adoration
		11.45am	Funeral: Kenneth Newport
Wednesday	30th	7.00pm	Special Intention
Thursday	1st Dec	9.45am	Funeral: Florence Ann Dalton
		1.00pm	Funeral: Gwyneth McCormick
Saturday	03rd	6.00pm	Dave McLoughlin L.D.
Sunday	04th	11.30am	Chrissie McHarron L.D.

Fr Vin McShane has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass each Wednesday 7pm in Advent

Your prayers are asked for those who have

Died recently

Ann Forrest.

Sarah Corson, Kenneth Newport,
Hillary Gordon, Gwyneth McCormick,
Florence Ann Dalton, Vincent Walker,

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Ann Jones (B'day anniv)
Joe McCormack (5th Anniv)
Eamonn Anthony Victory (Anniv)

Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially.

Angela Adlen	<i>Eileen Guy</i>	Paul & Kate	Christine & David
Angela Gregory	<i>Ellen Cooke</i>	Peter Fraser	<u>Fitzsimmons</u>
Baby Bella	<i>Janet Clark</i>	Robbie Ross	Joan,
Bernie Boyde	<i>John Murphy</i>	Toni Dal	Andreas <u>Samaras</u>
Brian Threlfall	<i>Josie Dunne</i>	Joan Turner	Margaret &
David Holgate	<i>Kenny Morley</i>	Canon Brendan Alger	Joseph <u>Maloney</u>
Diane Bell	<i>Margaret Bradley</i>	Julie Pearce	Vassilis
Eddie Unsworth	<i>Margaret Lace</i>	Eleanor Mawdsley	<u>Alamaniotis</u>
G., + MP., + TC.,	<i>Sr Edith Culliton</i>	Peter & Jane Kelly	Ann Shreeve