



St. Helen's Parish

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20th December 2020

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

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Eucharistic Prayer: II
Preface: Advent II



'Let what you have said be done to me.'

20th December 2020, 4th Sunday Of Advent

Saturday	6:30pm	Deirdre Bates
Sunday	8:30am	People Of The Parish
	10:30am	Jean and John Humphries

24th/25th Dec- The Nativity Of Our Lord Jesus Christ



'Today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.'

Christmas Mass Times

Thursday (24th)	2:00pm	For All Who Cannot Be With Their Families At This Time
	5:00pm	Thanksgiving For Christmas
	8:00pm	People Of The Parish
Friday (25th)	8:30am	All Our Families & Friends
	10:30am	For All Our Children

27th December 2020, Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday	6:30pm	People Of The Parish
Sunday	8:30am	Paul John
	10:30am	Mr & Mrs Regi Philips

Weekday Masses: Mon 21st Dec– Sat 26th Dec 2020

Monday 4th Week Of Advent	9:00am	Steve Rosser
Tuesday 4th Week Of Advent	11:00am 12 Noon 3:00pm	Confessions/Reconciliation Jack Barr Holy Hour (Live Stream)
Wednesday 4th Week Of Advent	9:00am 9:30am 3:00pm	Bonnie Harvey Confessions/Reconciliation Holy Hour (Live Stream)
Thursday 4th Week Of Advent		No Morning Mass
The Nativity Of Our Lord Jesus Christ– Vigil		Please See Christmas Mass Times
Friday The Nativity Of Our Lord Jesus Christ		Please See Christmas Mass Times
Saturday St Stephen, The First Martyr	No Morning Mass	No Confessions/Reconciliation

Mass Steward Volunteers

Sat 6:30pm 19th Dec	Leelamma Reji, Nikki Cole, Anne Reynish & Paul Burke
Sun 8:30am 20th Dec	Pat Wilkins, Obi Ofokansi, Chris Owens & Menna Jones
Sun 10:30am 20th Dec	Rebeca Johnson, Michelle O'Hare, Stephanie Tarling & Eanna Harkins
Sat 6:30pm 26th Dec	Leelamma Reji, Nikki Cole, Kasia Qobadi & Anne Reynish
Sun 8:30am 27th Dec	Pat Wilkins, Obi Ofokansi, Chris Owens & Menna Jones
Sun 10:30am 27th Dec	Sonija Johny, Michelle O'Hare, Eanna Harkins & Stephanie Tarling

Sanctuary Lamp: People Of The Parish

St Helen's Catholic Primary School

Mrs Kathy Giernalczyk (Head Teacher)

01446 700034

St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School

Mr David Blackwell (Head Teacher)

01446 729250

+Christmas Message From Fr Pat

Dear Parishioners & Friends,

What is different about Christmas this year is that the accidentals have changed, the reality remains the same, namely the Word became Flesh, God lives among his people. Love does such things. With God love is steadfast. The circumstances and situation in which that love communicates itself may alter but the reality is constant. There is a saying, 'If God closes one door he opens another door'. If some doors have been closed what door has been opened that can bring a freshness and newness to our celebration of this beautiful and loving feast. Does this year provide us with the opportunity to peel away the lairs of tinsel that have been encroaching upon Christmas in past years and open to us the prospect of entering into the mystery of love unravelling before our eyes.

It is said that absence makes the heart grow fonder. If we are prevented from meeting up with family and friends whom we love perhaps the positive coming from it is we have a moment to reflect upon the depth and beauty of that love. That this Christmas may be different does not mean that it is not as good as any past Christmas. When in the future people reminisce about this year of the pandemic COVID-19, perhaps, they will speak of Christmas as that instant when a '...People that walked in darkness have seen a great light.' Isaiah 9:1. An instant in which we got to know others better, discovered something about ourselves and grew closer to God. For those who have eyes to see the mystery of love is revealing itself.

May your Christmas be blessed, enriched in goodness and rooted in love.

Have a wonderful and awe inspiring time.

Fr. Pat

+Live Stream

All Masses can be viewed via Live Stream by visiting our website: www.sthelensrcchurch.co.uk

+Christmas Crib Offering

The offering at the Crib this year will be given to support the children & families in our diocese who may be experiencing food poverty.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

+St Helen's Christmas Carol Service

Christmas Carol Service with hymns, readings and the dressing of the crib will take place this Sunday 20th December at 3:00pm. Due to Covid-19 restrictions the service will be via live stream only. Booklets to follow the service from home will be published on the website and also available from church this Sunday 20th December before Mass.

+Please Pray

For the repose of the soul of **David Davies & John Humphreys** who died recently. **Funeral Arrangements: David Davies-** Requiem Mass on Wednesday 30th December.

John Humphreys- Details to follow.

+Christmas Mass Bookings

I can confirm that all of our Masses for Christmas Eve & Christmas day are now fully booked. We ask that no further requests for these dates be made as **no changes** from each Mass can now be done.

There is still availability for the Feast Of The Holy Family Saturday 26th December at 6:30pm and Sunday 27th December at 8:30am & 10:30am, to book please contact the parish office.

We are proud of our stewards for the work they have preformed, and continue, to preform. Without them we would not be able to achieve the task of fitting almost 400 People into church over 5 Masses whilst adhering to the social distancing guidelines.

We look forward to seeing all those who have booked at our Christmas Masses and extend our warmest wishes to those who will join us via live stream.

+Apostleship Of The Sea

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For an appeal talk, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday. To donate, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

+Sunday Mass Bookings

If it is your intention to attend Mass, booking is essential. Please book by email: barry@rcadc.org or by telephoning the parish office: **01446 735051** (option 2), please state which Mass you wish to attend and how many people are attending. **The parish office will be open Tuesday to Friday from 9.00am to 2.00pm to receive bookings for Saturday/Sunday Mass, either by email or telephone.**

