



St. Helen's Parish

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Fourth Sunday Of Advent

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'Blessed is she who believed that the promise made by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

19th December, 4th Sunday Of Advent

Saturday	6:30pm	Sheila Lowney
Sunday	8:30am	Mark Antony Fonte
	10:30am	People Of The Parish & Tanner Family

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



'I bring you news of great joy: Today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.'

Christmas Mass Times

Friday (24th)	5:00pm	Thelma Peters
	9:00pm	People Of The Parish
Saturday (25th)	8:30am	All Our Families & Friends
	10:30am	For All Our Children

+Live Stream

All Masses and Devotions will continue to be live streamed.

To access the Live Stream please visit our website:

www.sthelensrcchurch.co.uk

Weekday Masses: Mon 20th Dec – Sat 25th Dec

Monday 4th Week of Advent	9:00am	Denis William McCarthy
Tuesday 4th Week of Advent	8:15am 8:45am–12Noon 7pm– 8pm	Michael O'Leary Adoration Confessions/Reconciliation
Wednesday 4th Week of Advent	9:00am	Sharon Saju-Thanksgiving
Thursday 4th Week of Advent	9:00am 9:30am-10:30am	Mick Costello Confessions/Reconciliation
Friday 4th Week of Advent Christmas Eve		No Morning Mass See Christmas Mass Times
Saturday The Nativity Of The Lord		See Christmas Mass Times No Confessions/Reconciliations

+Sacrament Of Reconciliation/ Confessions

Please note Tuesday and Thursday's reconciliation/ confessions will be accompanied by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

+Stewards Timetable

The stewards timetable covering this weekend until January will be e-mailed to all stewards and can also be found on the church notice board.

Collections– 12th December 2021

Ordinary £323.60 Gift Aid £266.15

Sanctuary Lamp: People Of Parish

St Helen's Catholic Primary School

Mrs Michelle Clawson (Acting Head Teacher)

01446 700034

St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School

Mr David Blackwell (Head Teacher)

01446 729250

+Christmas Message -Fr. Pat

Whether it be at home with family and friends or in church with the wider community it is wonderful for us to be able to come together to celebrate this beautiful feast of the birth of Christ. As with the birth of a child Christmas brings its own joys. Though people may not have a religious or Christian background the past few years have taught us how important Christmas time has become in the life of the people. Everyone may not celebrate it in the same way nevertheless the birth of Christ can be in the consciousness of the nation. Not a bad thing, since we know God can work in mysterious ways. Christmas is an opportunity for the light of Christ to enter into our world, a moment of grace.

We who believe that the Word became Flesh and lived among us, God became man, can become the instrument of grace in this moment of grace. We are at the forefront. Often it is said the Church is becoming marginalised, here is a time we can be in the open square. When we wish someone a happy Christmas we are not wishing them just a time for good food, good wine, good entertainment. What we are wishing them is the very presence of Life itself in their lives. In that Life we hold before them a peace the world cannot give. We know that Christmas cannot be cancelled. The fringe elements around it may be cancelled, even disappear, the reality of the birth of Christ cannot be taken from us. Since this is so, let it build up in us a confidence that will permit us to put into proper perspective our own lives and the events that are currently unfolding in society. What the Incarnation, the birth of Christ, has done for us is to heal a damaged past that we may live in a restored present looking forward to a future full of promise. Very often in the spiritual life we have to go through darkness into light. There is always light even though for a moment it may be hidden. It is light that gives perspective. It was the light of a star that led the Magi to Christ the light of the world. In the first reading at the Christmas Mass, During the Night, the prophet Isaiah informs us, "The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light, ... in a land of deep shadow a light has shone." May the light of Christ shine in our lives, in the lives of our families and friends so that we may have something positive to offer our world lifting the shadow of pandemic. Have a holy, blessed and wonderful Christmas.

+Christmas Masses Track & Trace

Please could all parishioners attending Christmas Masses take a track and trace slip after Mass this weekend, fill in the details and return it when attending the Christmas Mass. This will help us to sign people in more promptly on the day.

+Christmas Mass Times

Friday 24th December (Christmas Eve):

Vigil Mass—5:00pm

Mass During the Night 9:00pm

(Carols before Mass 8:45pm)

Saturday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Mass at dawn—8:30am

Mass during the day— 10:30am

(No Saturday Evening Mass)

Sunday 26th December (Holy Family Mass)

8:30am & 10:30am

Monday 27th December

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 11:00am

+Reconciliation/Confessions

In preparation for Christmas there will be additional times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sunday 19th December 3:00pm-4:00pm

Tuesday 21st December 7:00pm-8:00pm

Thursday 23rd December 9:30am-10:30am

No Confessions on Saturday 25th December.

+St Helen's Advent & Christmas Carol Service

The Christmas Carol Service will take place on Monday 20th December at 7:00pm.

+Annual Prize Draw

Thank you to everyone who donated a raffle prize and to all those who bought raffle tickets. The prize draw has proved to be a success even in these difficult times, it was wonderful to see so many parishioners and friends join us in the hall for tea/coffee and a mince pie.

+Christmas Flowers

If you wish to contribute to the Christmas Flowers there will be a collection after all Masses this weekend.

+Year Books

The 2022 year book is now available to purchase at the back of Church for £3.50. To Purchase please see one of the stewards who will be happy to help you.

+Sanctuary Lamp Envelopes

The Sanctuary Lamp envelopes will be available again this weekend in the hall after all Masses.

+Covid Restriction Changes

We will again enter and exit the church using the main church door. Covid has not gone away and with the threat of the new variant we are asking you to please remember to sanitise your hands on entering the Church. The need for the wearing of Facemasks is still required. **Reminder:** There will no longer be a one way system in operation inside the building and it is your responsibility to Track & Trace. Please be assured that regular cleaning will continue to be carried out.