

CHRISTMAS MASSES AND SERVICES....

SATURDAY 22nd. DECEMBER 5.45 pm Mass (Fourth Sunday of Advent)
SUNDAY 23rd. DECEMBER 10.30 am.(Fourth Sunday of Advent)
MONDAY 24th. DECEMBER 9.10 am. and 8 pm. (First Mass of Christmas)
Blessing of the Crib and MIDNIGHT MASS (after Carols which begin at 11.30 pm
TUESDAY 25th DECEMBER 10.30 am Mass (Christmas Day)

A list of Masses and Services in the Crosby area is available at the back of church.

PRAYERS PLEASE: For the repose of Beatrice Santer, Vincent Doyle, Ronald Gillies (Funeral here on Monday 17th December), Michael Paul Gilmore (Requiem Thursday 20th December here at 11.am. John Cookson (Requiem Mass here on Thursday 27th December at 11.am and Lucy Cuss.(Funeral at St. Helen’s church, Crosby, on 4th January at 11.00am.. May they and all who have died recently rest in peace and may their families be consoled especially at this time of the year.

CAROL CONCERT: The choir and orchestra will lead a Caril Service here on Tuesday 18th. December at 8.00 pm. This annual Concert in aid of different Charities is something not to miss. Please give it your support and enjoy a marvellous occasion. That helps us enter into the spirit of Advent and Christmas.

HOLY HOUR TUESDAY .
Please note that due to the Carol Concert on Tuesday 18th December at 8.00 pm the time of the Holy Hour and Mass will be brought forward. See the list of Mass times in this newsletter and listen out for the announcement in church..

ADVENT MASSES : There be a Mass on Friday 21st December in Great Crosby Catholic Primary School, The Northern Road, starting at 8 am. All are welcome. That is the last day of term. Before we let Carol Services and Christmas festivities take over our attention we should try to keep Advent as a precious time for reflection and prayer.in preparation for the Nativity. Although it can be difficult let us keep the spirit of Advent as long as possible. .

REMINDER! CAFOD SHOP LAST CALL: The shop in St John’s Road, Waterloo, will cease trading from 21st December this year. The shop opened in 1993, since when it has realised a total of around £800,000—an average of over £30,000 each of the 25 years of the shop’s existence. It is a great achievement. Final donations to the Cafod Shop should be made by 30th November. Any offers of help to clear the shop after Christmas will be welcome.
The Annual CAFOD FUN RUN will be held on 27th December at Wavertree Sports Centre . Sponsorship forms for the Run are at the back of church for people to sign. Tel 0151 228 4028 for registration etc..

SYNOD 2020: The time for nominations for Membership of the archdiocesan Synod, which takes place in October 2020, is now closed. 8 names have been forwarded to the organisers from our area and a parish representative from each parish in our Pastoral Area. Has also been nominated. As a parish and Pastoral Area we are invited to consider how we can take a part and begin the preparation now. More details in the New Year.

ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH: On 29th June 2019, Feast of Peter and Paul, we will mark the 125th anniversary of the opening of this church. In the new year I will be looking to form a small group of people who might consider plans to celebrate this landmark occasion. Archbishop Malcolm has happily agreed to attend and celebrate Mass on Sunday 29th June at 10.30 am. If anyone wishes to help in this please let Mgr. John or Fr. Simon know.

ECUMENICAL MORNING PRAYER: The next meeting for prayer with the other churches in our area will be here in our church at 9.45 am. on Thursday 20th. December. Come and join in prayer with fellow-

CHILDREN’S CAROL SERVICE

All the children of our local parishes, especially those preparing fortheir First Holy Communion next year, are invited with their families to come and sing Carols here at SS. Peter and Paul’s Church on Saturday 21st December at 10.30 am.

BETHLEHEM PEACE LIGHT: Once again the Peace light, brought by the Scouts from the place of Our Lord’s birth in Bethlehem to places all around the world as a symbol of peace, will be brought to our church and a Service will be held on Wednesday 19th December at 6.30pm. Uniformed Groups of Scouts, Cubs, Beavers brownies etc. are especially welcome and can bring a lamp to light their own candles to be placed in your homes.

CATHEDRAL CONCERT: A Carol Concert will take place in the Cathedral on 19th December combining choirs and musicians from our local schools. See the flyer available from church. There are many things happening in Advent as ever. Take a moment to look at the church notice board for information about Concerts and Services at this special time. This Cathedral service on 19th will be held to raise funds to help a school colleague from Sacred Heart who is need of medical treatment.

REMINDER:DO NOT MISS the Carol Concert 18th DECEMBER HERE IN CHURCH 8 pm..

GREETING CARD APPEAL: The final opportunity to take part in the annual support for Prisoners of Conscience continues, with envelopes and instructions at the back of church and in the sacristy. Please read the instructions on the paper you take from the box and buy and send the card yourself.

ALTAR SERVERS: There is a notice in the Servers’ sacristy about the annual visit to Southport for the Panto (Jack & The Beanstalk which will be on 19th January, after the evening Mass. and to which Servers and their families are invited.. Please sign up in the Server’s sacristy. Adults are asked for £12 per head to help cover the costs. Servers and other children under 12 go free.

FEAST OF STEPHEN: BOXING DAY: Servers are invited to be present to serve Mass at 12.00 noon on Boxing Day, Feast of St. Stephen who is the patron Saint of Altar Servers. Three new Servers will receive their Medal of membership of the Gulid of St. Stephen. Their families are all welcome, as is everyone! There will also be an opportunity soon for ‘in-service’ taining for servers, which Deacon Tony will arrange.

LITTLE CHURCH : it is important that in the parish we remain aware of legislation regarding Safeguarding and GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) In the case of the Children’s Liturgy at Mass on Sundays parents should be aware that if they accompany the children at the Little Church on a regular basis they must complete DBS checks through the parish. Mgr John will advise where necessary.

PRAYER CIRCLE: The Prayer Circle group in the parish prays each day for your intentions. Please fill in a form and place it in the request box on the left transept of church as you go up towards the Lady Altar. Requests remain on the list for 6 months. For information Tel. Bernie Callaghan on 928 2558.

THE SUNSHINE ROOM : Tea, coffee and biscuits are available in the Sunshine Room after the 10.30 am Mass each Sunday. Come and join with other parishioners for a cuppa. Thank you to the helpers.

THINKING OUTSIDE THE PEW: Discussion and reflection takes place each Monday at 7.30 pm at St. Helen’s parish centre. . Weekly written Reflections are available at the back of church.

FOOD BANK. Please continue to support the Food Bank, especially as Christmas approaches. Money donations may be made through the presbytery marked FOOD BANK. dbringing any non-perishable food items to the collection points in the church and sacristy. Any money should be given in to the presbytery door h.

ECUMENICAL DISCUSSIONS: The next meeting of St. Helen’s Parish Group will be on Thursday 20th December at 9.45 am in our church.