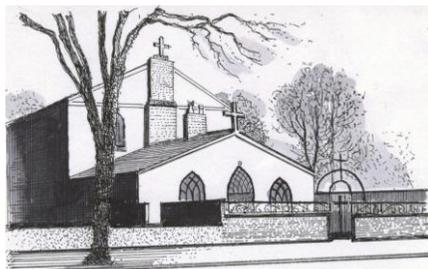


# *Our Lady*

## *Help of Christians*



Parish Priest: Fr David Melly  
Deacons:  
Rev Jim Davies  
Rev Tom Simms

Portico Lane, Prescot, Merseyside L34 2QT  
Tel: 0151 426 6251

Email: [ourladys.portico@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:ourladys.portico@rcaolp.co.uk)

Web: [www.ourladysportico.co.uk](http://www.ourladysportico.co.uk)

Live webcam: [www.mcmedia.tv](http://www.mcmedia.tv)

**3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 17 DECEMBER 2017**  
(Prayer of the Church Week 3 Parish Mass Book Page 90)

### **MASSES THIS WEEK**

Saturday	6.30pm	Thanksgiving (AD)
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Bill & Marie Blackburn
Monday	7.30pm	Mary Christine Holmes
Tuesday	9.00am	Joyce Johnson
Wednesday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Thursday	9.00am	Michael Nolan
Friday	9.00am	Isabel Johnson

### **MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday	6.30pm	People of the Parish
----------	--------	----------------------

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Sunday	10.00 am	Mary Roscoe
Sunday	6.00 pm	Private Intention
	8.00 pm	The Bereaved

Novena	No novena this week	
Confessions	No confessions until further notice	
Meditation	Saturday at 10.15am	

**Counters team next Sunday - Team C**

**Hilary & Stephen Shacklady, Peggy Jordan Marie Wilson**

### **ADVENT RECONCILIATION**

I am happy to announce that I will be celebrating a Mass of Reconciliation at 7.30 pm on Monday evening. I apologise for the late notice. I keep going on about preparing spiritually for Christmas. I think this would be a great way of clearing out the 'stable' before His coming at this special time.

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

I have printed details about our Christmas Masses on a card. Please make sure you take one with you this weekend.

### **CAROL SERVICE**

Our service of reflection, prayer, readings and carols with our brothers and sisters at St. James' with St Matthew's, will take place in St James' Gaudate Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm. If you are willing to be a reader or help with clearing up after the refreshments, please sign the sheet in the entrance by the hymn books. Thank you.

### **CONCERT**

When Enid Dewerson heard about our fire she immediately said that she would donate the proceeds of the next concert to us. The concert was on 30<sup>th</sup> of November and to all accounts it was fabulous. Sadly I was at an education meeting in Birmingham that day and so missed it. £1,060 was raised for which I am most grateful. Please ask God to bless Enid and all who gave generously of their time and talent.

### **AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE HOLY LAND**

The Irenaeus Project are leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land between 11th and 20th June 2018. For the first part, staying in the Old City of Jerusalem and visiting all the Holy places. Then moving to Galilee, and the areas associated with Jesus' ministry. There are a few places left on the Pilgrimage. The cost will be in the region of £1800 with a single room supplement. For further details contact The Irenaeus Project on 0151 949 1199 or email [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) That is the pilgrimage I went on 18 months ago that had such a profound effect on me.

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

Are you or someone you know interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith or maybe becoming a Catholic then read the message below. If you wish to find out more about our next program for adults attracted by Christ and his teaching; please contact Fr. Dave as soon as possible with your name and details and stating your wish to find out more. The next course will be starting in the new year and the parish RCIA team will support participants as they seek to respond more deeply and to enter into the Communion of the Church. The course reaches a wonderful conclusion when people are welcomed through baptism, confirmation and communion at the Easter Vigil. Even if you have received one or more of these sacraments before, and you wish to explore your faith more deeply let Fr. Dave know.

### **PORTICO FUNDRAISERS**

Portico Fundraisers thank everyone who supported our Christmas Plant and Wreath sale last weekend. The trying weather conditions didn't deter you from helping us support Intercare and our 2017 nominated charities. We have been holding table top sales at other local events, so your donations for these will continue to be gratefully accepted. We will announce after Christmas our total donations to the 2017 charities. Our, and the charities' thanks, once again. Virginia, Pat and Gill.