

# Our Lady

## Help of Christians



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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 16 DECEMBER 2018**

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### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Jack & Theresa Norris
Sunday	9.00am	Mary Christine Holmes
	10.30am	Bill & Marie Blackburn
Monday	11.45am	George Dean
	7.30pm	Private Intention
Tuesday	9.00am	John Kenneth Moran
Wednesday	Noon	Danny & Dorothy Boyle
Thursday	9.00am	William Jones
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls

### MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Michael Dance
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Brian Hurley

Novena	No novena this week
Confessions	Saturday 11.00 to 11.30am & 5.30 to 6.00pm
Meditation	Saturday 10.15am

**Counters team next Sunday - Team A**

**Sue & John Murray Paul Toole Martin Kernick Counters team next Sunday**

### CAROLS

Rev Helen and the parishioners of St Matthew with St James invite us to join them for carols and lessons On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm at St James'.. This will be followed by refreshments including mulled wine. On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> we hope to sing carols in the Grapes at 6.00pm and in the Wellington at 7.30pm. Why not join us and help spread Good News?

### FIRST MASSES OF CHRISTMAS

Forms in porch. Last chance. Please sign up.

### NEWSLETTER

A reminder PLEASE. It helps me greatly if you send notices for the newsletter in Times New Roman font please.

### ALPHA AT OUR LADY'S

We will be running the Alpha Course from 24<sup>th</sup> of January every Thursday until April 11<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with St James' and St Matthew's. This course is an introduction to the Christian faith and life, in a welcoming open environment, where any kind of question is OK. We are building up a team who would be willing to be part of this. In particular we need a few to make up a rota to look after serving out coffees, and perhaps who could bake some cakes and provide some desserts. We will also need some people who are good at listening. For further information, contact Stephen Raftery at [s.raftery@btinternet.com](mailto:s.raftery@btinternet.com) Members of the congregations thinking and praying about whether to attend Alpha themselves to help deepen their faith please think and pray about who they could invite from outside church to give it a go too: people on the fringe/loosely attached, neighbours, young families etc.

### THANK YOU

What a FANTASTIC response to our Christmas Appeals with a total of 85 bags of food and toiletries donated. Thanks to your generosity 60 bags were delivered to The Hope Centre for St. Helens Food bank(see receipt on the notice board), the remainder were divided between "SHARe Knowsley" in Prescot, and "Our Warm Welcome" in St. Helens these charities are a haven for Asylum Seekers and Refugees locally. The charities were very grateful to receive your donations and send you their heartfelt thanks .Also on your behalf we posted 164 Christmas cards to Parishes in the Holy Land . (Thank you Parish J&P Group)

### PLANT SALE

Portico Fundraisers thank all who helped, and the loyal supporters of our recent Christmas plant and wreath sale plus table top and tombola. We will be donating monies made, £716.65, to our 2018 nominated charities.

### PIGGY BANK

A wooden piggy bank has appeared in the hall. It is full of money though there does not appear to be a way of getting the money out. Can anyone shed light on it please.