

Our Lady

Help of Christians



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 23 DECEMBER 2018

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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Michael Dance
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Brian Hurley
Monday	6.00pm	Private Intention
	7.30pm	The Bereaved
Tuesday	9.00am	Private Intention
	10.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday	Noon	Christmas Mass Bouquet (SL)
Thursday	10.00am	Margaret Henley
Friday	10.00am	Holy Souls

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Ken Vaughan
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Sheila Davies

Novena	No novena this week
Confessions	No Confessions this week
Meditation	No meditation this week

Counters team next Sunday - Team B

Barry & Maureen Chorley Marjorie Fox Bernadette Anderson

FIRST MASSES OF CHRISTMAS

Tickets have been issued for all the seats in the church. Some have not been taken from the porch yet and some may be returned. I have a list of people waiting whom I will contact if tickets become available. Please double check that you are on the list. Meanwhile I have 35 chairs in the little chapel and have a monitor put in which shows the altar close up. If you have tickets for the church but would prefer the little chapel please let me know.

SHARE KNOWSLEY CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

On behalf of SHARE Knowsley, I would just like to thank you for your ongoing support. The donations we have received from yourselves have been amazing - we have been overwhelmed by your kindness. In September we started our English classes which have proved extremely popular - the class is full and the asylum seekers are able to attend because we can pay for transport costs - all down to your generosity. We have had the privilege to share in the good news of some of our clients - two families and two young men received refugee status, three families have been reunited and we have welcomed into our group 7 new babies, the latest being a baby boy born just two weeks ago. It has been so lovely to be part of their happiness and at this time of year we are reminded that Jesus and his family were themselves refugees for a time. Unfortunately we have also been part of their sadness too - with some receiving refusals from the Home Office, some facing the prospect of homelessness, some receiving sad news from home and many just trying to cope with the legacy of the traumas they have been through whilst facing a very uncertain future. We can only walk alongside these people during their time of tribulation, offer our love and pray that they do not lose hope. Please keep them and all the volunteers in your prayers. The volunteers are a fantastic team and it is an honour and privilege to work alongside them. Thank you again for all your support and I would like to wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Christmas. Margaret Roche

SVP COLLECTION

On behalf of the people in dire need, who will benefit from this, thank you very much for your generosity in the collection taken after Masses weekend 15/16 December. Total collected £1,178.14.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Jim, Tom and Dave wish you and yours a very happy Christmas and pray that Santa will be good to you because you have all been very good.