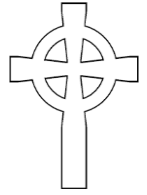


ST MARIE'S & ST PATRICK'S

Good News Letter

Walking in His Light -together

1st Sunday of Advent Year C 1st Dec



FOOD AND DRINK FOR THE JOURNEY

Today we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent – the beginning of a new liturgical year. The challenge of Advent is how do we spend our lives while waiting for Christmas. In today's Gospel Jesus makes his point in straightforward language - "stay awake at all times". As Christians we are the ones left in charge. Our responsibility is to stay awake - even when others seem to be sleeping. This Advent be expectant that the Lord will renew, refresh and invigorate your relationship with Him. Bring your hopes, joys, worries and sadness as you come to the miracle of the Mass - and the light of Christ will help you to stay awake and alert to His presence in our lives. Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention is that we become "Pilgrims of Hope". Hope is the light that shines in the darkness. Hope is the light that guides us forward in moments of difficulties or when the future seems uncertain. Christian hope is a foundation of love, faith and assurance that has a confidence in God's promises. As we walk together during Advent may we find hope, especially in the moments of grace that we find in the little things each day! Praise Him!



Céad Míle Fáilte - 100,000 Welcomes!

LITURGICAL WEEK

Today – First Sunday of Advent

Tuesday – St Francis Xavier

Thursday – St John Almond

Saturday – St Ambrose

Next Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent



We hold in prayer all who are sick in body, mind or spirit also those who have died recently... noon), Fr Joe Robinson... Carmel Cartwright (Requiem St Marie's 4th 12 noon St Marie's)... Catherine Liddell....

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about now.....May those who grieve their passing come to experience the peace of the Risen Christ.

Catholic Chaplaincy Southport Hospital and Queenscourt Hospice

It is advisable for anyone going into hospital as a routine admission, that they request the Sacrament of the Sick from their parish priest, prior to being admitted. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to call the priest on call. Should a priest not be available, at that time, our Lay Chaplain, Maria Parker, will respond. Tel: 07467 374830 (during normal office hours).

POPE FRANCIS' December prayer intention -



For Pilgrims of Hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



Advent wreath and Paschal Candle

This powerful symbol of our Advent journey of growing in the light of Christ is placed by the Paschal Candle as a reminder to us that He came amongst us at Christmas so that He could save us through the Easter Mystery.these 2 central mysteries of His plan to save us are inseparable.and so our faith grows as we ponder His wonderful care for us!

The Books that we use for the Readings at Mass from the Lectern are called the Lectionary and new books with a new translation for these begins this Advent. As a result, the booklets used at St Patrick's are now obsolete and the missalettes used at St Marie's will also be used at St Patrick's

WITH YOU ALWAYS

Our children will celebrate their 1st Reconciliation on Thursday evening in this beautiful Season of Advent.....may it be the 1st of many times they celebrate this Sacrament....please keep them all in prayer, that they may grow in faith, hope and love!

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY

We have started practising for the children's Nativity Play at St Marie's and would love for children who will be in the 10am Mass on Christmas Day to take part. Please let one of the children's Liturgy team know if you want your child to be involved.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SOUTHPORT

Our Tuesday morning prayer meetings in December will take place at Canning Road Chapel, 7.30 a.m. - 8.30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.



CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

The pupils and staff of Christ the King would like to invite parishioners, families and friends to our Carol Service on Monday 16th December at 6.00pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Liverpool Road, Ainsdale, PR8 3BP. There will be refreshments afterwards

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

The children would like to invite you to the Year 3&4 production (The Young Messiah) on Monday 9th December at 2.00pm. in St Patrick's Church. You don't need tickets, just come along, the children and staff will be delighted to see you.

FORGET ME NOT

The Forget Me Not Bereavement Group are holding a coffee afternoon on Thursday 5th December from 2-4pm in St. Patrick's Hall. Light refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

There are copies at the back of Church and on the website on the two recent Families of Parishes meetings. You can visit the website

www.stmariessouthport.org.uk www.stpatrickssouthport.org.uk

SVP COLLECTION - The Retiring Collection for the SVP who help those in need will be next weekend 7/8th December. Thank you for your generosity.



Thanks for all the Mass requests throughout November and those that are starting to come in for Christmas.....however there is a waiting list for Mass intentions in both Churches and so I may not be able to celebrate the Mass for your loved ones when you wish.

I celebrate 7 Mass' each week at St Marie's and 3 Mass' at St Patrick's, so obviously the waiting list at St Patrick's is longer. If you're happy for your intention to be prayed for in the Mass at St Marie's hopefully we can fit you in earlier, so please writ this on the envelope. (I have 18 requests for Mass' at St Pat's on my desk now from 2 people that will take me 6 weeks to celebrate at St Pat's). I will celebrate a Mass intention from St Pat's on my day off each week and each day of my little Christmas break, but even so your patient-understanding will still be required. Thank you and peace be with you!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE REMINDER

Don't miss your chance to win a **£250 cash prize!** Thank you to everyone who has already returned their raffle tickets—you're now in with a chance to win! The **raffle draw takes place on Sunday, 15th December**, so there's still time to participate. You have **two weeks** to return your tickets to the church, and additional tickets are available at the back of the church. We're also seeking donations to complete the remaining prizes. Large collection boxes are located at the back of the church for contributions such as **hamper gifts, bottles of wine, and other items.**

Thank you for your generosity! All funds raised go directly to support our church. If you need assistance, please call Nicky on 07752 220359. Good luck, and God bless!

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

The Knights of St Columba are holding their Annual Christmas Prize Bingo on Tuesday 3rd December at Sacred Heart Parish Centre doors open from 6.30pm.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



This beautiful feast of Our Lady is normally celebrated on December 8th but this year that falls on the 2nd Sunday of Advent, so Our Lady's feast is moved to the Monday.....however at St Marie's and St Patrick's we'll celebrate it on Tuesday 10th with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.30a.m. at St Marie's, Reconciliation 11.30a.m., Mass 12 noon and Exposition until 4.15p.m., concluding with Benediction. Join us in this moment of grace and know you and your loved ones are held in prayer as we gaze on THE PRESENCE!

SPONSORED WALK

Tony Hogan will be walking from St Patrick's Church to St Joseph's Freshfield on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. All money raised will go to St Patrick's, Holy Family and Our Lady of Lourdes Schools.

Christmas Mass Times

**CHRISTMAS EVE - 6p.m. St Patrick's,
12 Midnight St Marie's**

**CHRISTMAS DAY - 9.30a.m. St Marie's
11a.m. St Patrick's**

ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday 12th December 7p.m. at St Marie's for both the people of St Marie's, St Patrick's and Holy Family.

Other services in the Deanery

St. John Stone on December 5th at 7pm

Our Lady's, Formby, on December 17th at 7.30pm.

Saturday 7th December: 11 am Penitential Celebration Hightown for Our Lady of Victories and Holy Family Ince Blundell

ST MARIE'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Week commencing 1st December

Sunday	8.30am 10.00am	Pauline Sugden G Linehan
Monday NO PUBLIC MASS		
Tuesday	12 Noon	Joan Wellard
Wednesday	12 Noon Requiem	Carmel Cartright
Thursday	12 Noon Requiem	Mary Houghton
Friday	12 Noon	Rudi
Saturday	12 Noon	Mary Elizabeth Mooney
Sunday	8.30am 10.00am	Daniel & Josephine Byrne The Rees Family

ST PATRICK'S MASS TIMES

Saturday	6pm	Alice Da Silva Aguiar
Sunday	11.30am	Sally & Gordon Parham
Thursday	10am	Mike Bess & Harry
Saturday	6pm	Arthur Renshaw
Sunday	11.30am	Maria Gerard (Special Birthday)

SANCTUARY LAMPS

ST MARIE'S	ST PATRICK'S
<i>Sat Patricia Moss</i>	<i>For all who are Sick</i>
<i>Sun For a blest Advent</i>	<i>For a strengthening of our faith</i>
<i>Mon Sister Pat Maxwell</i>	<i>Sister Pat Maxwell</i>
<i>Tues Rudi & Family</i>	<i>Canon Vin Burrows</i>
<i>Wed Sister Frances Martin</i>	<i>Sister Frances Martin</i>
<i>Thurs 1st Reconciliation Children</i>	<i>Eileen Murphy</i>
<i>Fri Esme Johnson</i>	<i>Bill Orton (Anniversary)</i>
<i>Sat Peter King-Turner</i>	<i>Those in our Hospitals and Hospices</i>
<i>Sun Rita & Family</i>	<i>To follow Mary's Example of faith, hope and trust</i>

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Marie's 11.30am Tuesday -Saturday

St Patrick's 9.30-10am Thursday - Wed & Fri 2pm-3pm

AGAPE MASS IS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
10am at **ST PATRICK'S**

The Deanery of Sefton Coast North
Blessed Carlo Acutis – Pray for us.

FAMILIES OF PARISHES NORTH	PRIESTS	CONTACT
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Holy Family	Canon Kevin McLoughlin	Tel: 532613
St Joseph's Our Lady of Lourdes St Teresa's	Fr Atli Jonsson	Tel: 568313
FAMILIES OF PARISHES SOUTH	PRIESTS	
Sacred Heart & St John Stone	Fr Paul Seddon	Tel: 577722
Our Lady of Compassion Formby	Mgr. John Walsh (Dean)	Tel: 873230
Our Lady of Victories, Hightown & Holy Family, Ince Blundell	Fr Sergio Haro	Tel: 0151 929 2149

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St Patrick's School:	www.stpatrickschurchtown.com
Christ the King School	www.christtheking-school.com
Archdiocesan Website:	www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

RECONCILIATION - Fr John is available before each of the weekday Mass' at St Marie's and before all the Mass' at St Patrick's to celebrate this liberating Sacrament!

BAPTISM - If you would like to arrange a Baptism at St Patrick's or St Marie's, please speak to Fr John Tel 531229

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