



11 December 2022

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) (Year A)

Look, your God is coming_ he is coming to save you. (Isaiah 35:4)

Faith in Focus

Raising expectations

Non-religious people can be forgiven for thinking that Christians are consumed with a religion of fear. In fact, elderly people sometimes remark that their own religious upbringing was characterised by fear of punishment. “Wait till your father gets home” was transferred into threats about what would happen when God came to judge the living and the dead.

If this were true, then Advent would be a miserable season. It would be the time when we all prayed with our lips for the coming of Christ but in our hearts we hoped that it would not be during our lifetime.

Should we be tempted to go along with this in our own practice of faith, then today’s scripture ought to make us think twice. For it forms part of the “Gaudete Sunday” (“Rejoicing”) Advent message: the coming of our God is something to yearn for rather than to dread. We are encouraged to rejoice because our God will come not to condemn us but to set us free. It’s a prize to be grasped, not a plague to be shunned. Advent is not a palliative against the futility of existence; it’s an endorsement of the very meaning of life. It’s a period of great expectations,

for when Christ comes, it is to bring fullness of life.



Isaiah tells us that the coming of our God is like an oasis in the desert, like a cure for those who are crippled and struck down. And John the Baptist reminds us that if we want to know whether God really is close by, then we only need to look around us and see the wonders that can happen when the Good News is proclaimed.

And this coming of our God is not merely some distant thing in the future that can have no effect on our lives today. God comes every day. We meet Christ in those whose lives touch ours, both friend and stranger. He looks out on us through the eyes of our smiling grandchildren as much as the tears of the widow and orphan.

The coming of our God is nothing to fear. It is something to look forward to eagerly, both now and at the end of time.

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Road, L9 6BU

Parish Office at Holy Name: Open Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00 am
to 12.30 pm, and 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm.

Baptisms: By prior arrangement. Baptisms
take place on the 1st Saturday of the month at
11.00 am at St Philomena's, and 3rd Sunday
of the month at 12 noon at Holy Name. Please
see Fr John at a weekend Mass.

Confessions: Holy Name on Saturday from
5.30 pm, Our Lady & St Philomena on
Wednesday from 6.30 pm or by request.

Funerals and Marriages: By arrangement.

Visits to sick and housebound: Please
contact the parish office.

Hospital Visits: If you wish to see a priest
please let the hospital staff know.

Mass Requests: Please complete the pre-
printed envelopes and place in the weekly
collection. Please also specify the reason for
the intention, i.e. lately dead, anniversary etc.
For a particular day, please request early. To
enable more Mass intentions to be said in the
parish and not sent away, the Mass will be
shared unless you request otherwise.

Newsletter Notices: Please e-mail to
holyname@rcaol.org.uk or hand in to the
Parish Office by Thursday morning.

Repository: Open before and after Mass.

Covid19: Face coverings are optional.



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Parish Social Media

Facebook: [HolyNameandStPhilomena](https://www.facebook.com/HolyNameandStPhilomena)

Twitter: [@holyphilomena](https://twitter.com/holyphilomena)

YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26>

QR code



Scan this QR code for access
to the Mass readings. If the QR
code does not work, download
a QR code reader from App Store or
Google Play store.

Readings at Mass

1st reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10

2nd reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Psalm Response: Come, Lord, and save us.

Thank you

Your offerings this week total £762.32
and for the SVP £164.18

Gaudete Sunday

The Third Sunday of Advent is also
referred to as 'Gaudete Sunday' from the
first word of the entrance chant, Rejoice!

Rose coloured vestments are worn, and
we light the rose-coloured candle on our
advent wreath, in joyous anticipation of
the Lord's coming.

Advent exposition

During Advent, there will be a half hour
of quiet time with music. At Holy Name
on a Tuesday after Mass and at St
Philomena on a Friday after Mass.

Christmas Mass intentions

From Christmas Eve until the Epiphany
there will be no individual Mass
intentions. This is to allow everyone the
opportunity to have Mass intentions
offered during the Christmas period.

Please take a special envelope for this
purpose. All intentions will be placed on
the altar and remain there for the duration.

Advent reconciliation service

There are advent reconciliation services at Holy Name on Tuesday 13 December at 6 pm, and at St Philomena on Wednesday 14 December at 6 pm. Children preparing for First Communion will be making their first confessions at these services.

Christmas Mass times

Following discussions with parishioners and the parish consultative group the Christmas celebration Mass times are:

Christmas Eve (Saturday 24th)

6.00 pm - Our Lady & St Philomena

8.00 pm - Holy Name

Christmas Day (Sunday 25th)

9.30 am - Our Lady & St Philomena

11.00 am - Holy Name

School carol service

Holy Name Catholic primary school are holding a carol service at Holy Name Church at 11 am on Friday 16 December.

School nativity service

Our Lady & St Philomena Catholic primary school are holding a school nativity service at Our Lady & St Philomena Church at 1.30 pm on Friday 16 December.

Advent calendar

This Advent, the Archdiocese is running an online Advent calendar featuring daily videos from people across the Archdiocese. The videos include reflections, an insight of what Advent means to them and their plans for Advent.

The Advent calendar can be seen on the Archdiocese's social media channels:

<https://facebook.com/liverpoolarchdiocese>

<https://instagram.com/liverpoolarchdiocese/>

<https://twitter.com/lpoolcatholic>

Numbers galore

Numbers are 22 and 42. Two winners.

Living Faith

The January to March Living Faith booklets are available in church.

Nugent Shop: Stock appeal

The Nugent Charity Shop is in urgent need of donations of clothing, shoes, accessories, handbags, books, jigsaws and bric-a-brac including CDs, LPs and DVDs. At this time toys, soft toys, furniture, electrical items are not required.

Donations can be made between 9 am and 5 pm at Nugent Charity Shop, 73 Allerton Road, L18 2DA

If you are unable to drop off donations, phone Gill Woodrooffe or Naira Zakarian on 0151 737 2951 to arrange collection.

Warm and cosy

The Archdiocese has created warm cosy spaces across the diocese, with free tea, coffee and biscuits, along with the opportunity to watch TV, read books and meet old and new friends. Our parish clubs are taking part.

- Holy Name - Wednesday from 1 pm to 3.30 pm
- Our Lady of Sorrows - Thursday from 1 pm to 3.30 pm

Warm winter coats

As part of the Archdiocese's warm and cosy initiative, you can pick up complimentary warm winter coats and clothes from the Holy Name parish club on a Wednesday afternoon.

Red Mission Boxes

Thank you for returning the Red Mission Boxes, all the donations have been counted and the empty boxes are available for collection from church.

CAFOD Fun Run

CAFOD Fun Run Tuesday 27 December, see church noticeboard for details.

| Day | Time | Church | Intention |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|---|
| Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) | | | |
| Saturday 10th | 5.30 pm | <i>Holy Name</i> | <i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i> |
| | 6.00 pm | Holy Name | John White Special intention (B.G.) |
| Sunday 11th | 9.30 am | St Philomena | People of our Parishes Tina Savage, RIP |
| | 11.00 am | Holy Name | David Rankin, birthday remembrance, RIP John Ryder, lately dead |
| Monday 12th | | | No service |
| Tuesday 13th | 10.00 am | Holy Name | Paul Cosgrove, 98 th birthday Mary Pugh, lately dead (Followed by Advent exposition) |
| | 1.30 pm | HMP Altcourse | Dolly M ^c Call |
| | 6.00 pm | Holy Name | Advent reconciliation service |
| Wednesday 14th | 10.00 am | Holy Name | Christopher Hannengan, lately dead Róisín Higgins, lately dead |
| | 6.00 pm | St Philomena | Advent reconciliation service |
| | 6.30 pm | <i>St Philomena</i> | <i>Confessions until 6.50 pm</i> |
| | 7.00 pm | St Philomena | Ann and Tommy Kennedy, 65 th wedding anniversary Janet Kneale, lately dead (Followed by Novena) |
| Thursday 15th | 10.00 am | Holy Name | Chrissie Schumacher, birthday remembrance |
| Friday 16th | 10.00 am | St Philomena | Lauri Carroll, birthday anniversary (Followed by Advent exposition) |
| | 11.00 am | Holy Name | School carol service |
| | 1.30 pm | St Philomena | School nativity service |
| Fourth Sunday of Advent | | | |
| Saturday 17th | 5.30 pm | <i>Holy Name</i> | <i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i> |
| | 6.00 pm | Holy Name | People of our Parishes Maria and Raphael Lopez, 22 nd wedding anniversary |
| Sunday 18th | 9.30 am | St Philomena | Tricia Gillbanks, lately dead |
| | 11.00 am | Holy Name | Randall Lockett, 3 rd anniversary, RIP |
| <p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently Marie Hale, Francis Murray. May they rest in peace</p> | | | |

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