



4 December 2022

Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

The wolf lives with the lamb; the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. (Isaiah 11:6)

Faith in Focus

Does it bite?

A pet-shop owner was explaining recently that small children have no fear whatsoever of snakes, lizards or any other reptiles. Fear is something they learn from adults. Parents are regularly heard, he said, telling their small children to come away from “that horrible thing” and look at the puppies instead.

Advent is a time when we learn the lesson of the pet-shop. We are given a vision of what God intended the world to be and we are reminded that it is up to us to co-operate with God’s grace to share in his work of building up once more a kingdom in which lions and calves, wolves and lambs have no fear of each other.

When the bible comes to explain this phenomenon it points to the early days when the created world was at harmony, to the days of paradise when men and women enjoyed fully the life that God had created them for. It was our own greed and disobedience of God that caused us to become creators, but creators of sin, conflict, division and misery. We were born into such a world, but we have all co-operated in keeping it far from perfect by the way we behave.

So Advent invites us to act and to change things. John the Baptist plunged into the Jordan those who wanted to change themselves and to transform the world. He preached a baptism for those who were ready to repent, to smooth out the rocky paths of their lives and prepare for the coming of the promised Messiah, Jesus the Christ.



That’s why Advent is about waiting for the coming of our redeemer, but not about waiting idly as if for a bus to come. It’s a time when at our liturgy we celebrate the mystery of God’s coming among us to show us how to live and be fulfilled, how to create a world where fear and hatred, sin and division have no permanent hold.

When we gather together to hear God’s word and to share the food of life at the table of the Lord, we ask that the Holy Spirit may embolden us to take practical steps towards repentance and reconciliation.

Advent not only teaches us that life can be better; it gives us the means to make it so.

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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



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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 11:1-10

2nd reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Psalm Response: In his days justice shall
flourish, and peace till the moon fails.

Thank you

Your offerings this week total £870.47

SVP collection

There will be a retiring collection this
weekend to support the work of the SVP.
Envelopes are available.

Holy Communion

Parishioners have again reported a
number of incidents regarding the
reception of Holy Communion. Moving
forward, please ensure that you place the
sacred host into your mouth before
moving away from the minister. If you
don't do this, please do not be offended or
surprised if the minister ensures that Holy
Communion has been received and
consumed properly. Holy Communion
must not be shared with anyone else, or
the host broken and shared with another
person. Thank you for your co-operation

School Mass

On Wednesday 7 December we welcome
year 5 children from Holy Name Catholic
primary school to Mass.

Baptism

Congratulations to Olivia Cissy Gillbanks, Dean Junior Howard Burns, Lula-Ann Burns, Ying Ying Zhen and Kayla Ying Zi Zhen who receive the sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady & St Philomena on Saturday 3 December.

Winning raffle tickets

£291 was raised from the Holy Name Christmas raffle, winning tickets are:

1st prize: Green 571 - 575

2nd prize: Pink 361 - 365

3rd prize: Green 1 - 5

4th prize: Pink 411 - 415

Pope's prayer intentions

The Pope's prayer intention for December.

For volunteer not-for-profit organisations

We pray for volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development; may they find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

LGBTQ+ Mass

The next Mass and gathering is Sunday 11 December at All Saints Anfield, L4 2QG. Mass at 2 pm, followed by a social gathering.

For more information, contact Canon Stephen Maloney frsmaloney@aol.co.uk

Numbers galore

Numbers are 5 and 39. Five-week rollover.

Archdiocesan recruitment

The Archdiocese is recruiting for a Chaplaincy Administrator and Chaplaincy Assistant. Both roles based at Philip Neri House, Catharine Street, L8 7NL.

For further details and to apply <https://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers>

Catholic Pic

The latest edition of the Catholic Pic is available in church.

Catholic Post - Free

The free December edition of the Catholic Post is available in church.

Thank you

A message from Rana, from the Good Shepherd Company, Nottingham.

Allow me to thank you very much for allowing us to visit your Parish to sell the olive wood carvings from the Holyland, and for the lovely hospitality.

Just to let you know that we managed to raise £1,000 from the olive wood sale. It was successful and a great help.

Thank you again for all your kind help and for all the parishioners who supported us as well. Keep us in your prayers please.

Nativity concert

St Julie's High School and SFX College are performing an original Nativity Concert at Hope Chapel, Hope University, L16 8ND on Tuesday 13 December at 6.30 pm. Car parking is available for free on site (subject to availability).

Tickets to be booked in advance for numbers, no fee, donation on the night to support Micah Foodbank. Tickets from <https://forms.office.com/r/JKZyfJASrh>

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>

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Second Sunday of Advent			
Saturday 3rd	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Joe Walton, lately dead Tina Roberts
Sunday 4th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Susan Smith, lately dead George Dobbins, speedy recovery
	11.00 am	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Doreen Draper
Monday 5th			No service
Tuesday 6th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Peter Barnicle, anniversary remembrance LISCF
	1.30 pm	HMP Altcourse	Holiness and satisfaction of all priests all over the world Tony Dagnall, lately dead
Wednesday 7th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Michael & Christopher Foley, birthday remembrances
	6.30 pm	St Philomena	Confessions until 6.50 pm
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Claire Smith Benson, 50 th birthday remembrance Frank Flexen, lately dead (Followed by Novena)
Thursday 8th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Requiem Mass: Marie Hale, RIP
Friday 9th	12 noon	Holy Name	Requiem Mass: Francis Murray, RIP
Third Sunday of Advent			
Saturday 10th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	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
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently Marie Hale, Francis Murray, Teresa Peters, Bridget Halse May they rest in peace</p>			
Mass is uploaded daily to https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26			

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