



Saint Bonaventure's Missionary Area

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Sacred Heart & Saint Peter, Saint Hilda & Saint Aidan
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Sunday 27th November 2022 – 1st Sunday of Advent

<u>Saturday 27th November</u> <u>First Mass of Sunday</u>	5:00pm:- Saint Anthony	For All Souls
	6:00pm:- Saint Hilda	Vic Colleer
<u>Sunday 27th November</u> <u>1st Sunday of Advent</u>	9:30am:- Saint Elizabeth	Ray Fitzpatrick (B'day mem); Eileen Mittelstead (Anv)
	10:00am:- Saint Aidan	People of the Parish
	11:00am:- Saint Anthony	For Parish Priests; For Holy Souls
	11:30am:- Sacred Heart	Mrs Rachael Leo (RIP); Sylvanus Labor
<u>Monday 28th November</u> <u>Ferial</u>	9:00am:- Saint Anthony	Dominic Kelly (LD)
	12:00pm:- Sacred Heart	Terry Murphy (RIP)
<u>Tuesday 29th November</u> <u>Ferial</u>	9.30am:- Sacred Heart	Val Morris (RIP)
<u>Wednesday 30th November</u> <u>Saint Andrew</u>	9:00am:- Saint Anthony	Dominic Kelly
	9:30am:- Sacred Heart	Arthur Mohan (RIP)
	10am – 6pm:- Sacred Heart	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
<u>Thursday 1st December</u> <u>Ferial</u>	9:00am:- Saint Anthony	Private Intention
<u>Friday 2nd December</u> <u>Ferial</u>	9:15am:- Saint Anthony	Ellen Wallace (RIP)
	9:30am:- Sacred Heart	Simone Memheld
<u>Saturday 3rd December</u> <u>Saint Francis Xavier</u>	12:00pm:- Sacred Heart	Mr. Jeremiah Sherlock (RIP)
<u>Saturday 4th December</u> <u>First Mass of Sunday</u>	5:00pm:- Saint Anthony	Peter Wallace (RIP)
	6:00pm:- Saint Hilda	Sheila Galway
<u>Sunday 4th December</u> <u>2nd Sunday of Advent</u>	9:30am:- Saint Elizabeth	Joe Lomas (RIP); Michael Barlow (RIP)
	10:00am:- Saint Aidan	People of the Parish
	11:00am:- Saint Anthony	Mary & Dennis Williams (RIP)
	11:30am:- Sacred Heart	Michael Walsh (RIP)

Father Owen writes,

Advent is always marked as a time of expectant waiting. Sometimes this expectancy is patient and sometimes we have the habit to wish it away and get to move on from all the goings on around us. I have always personally loved Advent since it has always afforded me the chance to ponder on what is about to happen.

Our God, who loves us so much in such an immeasurable way became man to walk among us. He wanted such a relationship with His creation that he became part of it. Just think about that for a moment – He became part of His creation so as to be close to us/ it for His love was so great.

What are we going to do in order to raise ourselves up to meet Him??

READING	EXTRACT	REFERENCE
1st Reading	The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom.	Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm	I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house'.	Ps 121 (122)
2nd Reading	Our salvation is near.	Romans 13:11-14
Gospel	Stay awake so that you may be ready.	Mt 24:37-44

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Saturday at Sacred Heart: 11:00am to 11.45am**

CAROL SERVICE: There will be a gathering of our Catholic schools of Wythenshawe for their annual Carol Service to be held in Saint Anthony's church on Monday 5th December starting at 10:30am. There is a warm welcome to parents and parishioners who would like to attend.

SAINT ELIZABETH'S COMMUNITY: Christmas Coffee Morning at St Elizabeth's after 9.30 Mass on Sunday 4th December with festive refreshments, raffle, gifts for sale etc. Everyone welcome.

SAINT BONAVENTURE'S CHRISTMAS DINNER: The Social committee has organised a 2 course Christmas dinner for parishioners across our three parishes. It will be held in Sacred Heart club on **Tuesday 6th December with arrival at 7pm** and sitting down at 7:30pm. Spaces are limited and on a first come, first served basis. There will be sign-up sheets at the back of each of the churches this weekend with more details. The cost will be £17.50 per person

BAPTISMS: The next meeting will be **Tuesday 6th December 2021** in **Sacred Heart Church at 6:30pm**. If you wish to have a child baptised then we would ask you to come to the next meeting or to contact us only through the new dedicated email address – cathbaptisms@gmail.com

ENROLMENT MASSES: This weekend sees the 1st Sunday of Advent. As such there will be a slight change to the Masses at Sacred Heart on the Sunday morning and at Saint Hilda's on the Saturday evening. Both of these Masses will also be the Enrolment Mass for our children in each respective school. This is the next step to their receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in the Spring/ Summer of 2023.

Please keep all our aspiring First Communicants in your prayers at this time and as they approach receiving the beautiful gift of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for the First time.

HOPE FOODBANK ADVENT APPEAL: The Hope Project operates foodbank hubs in St Aidan's and Sacred Heart. They aim to provide a supply of three meals a day for three days to those in need. The cost of living crisis has meant that more families, elderly people and others on low incomes in particular are faced with a stark choice: eat or heat. The Hope Project Foodbank is preparing for an extremely busy period in the run up to Christmas, and needs more resources to meet the expected high demand. Donations of money and food are needed at this difficult time for many in our area. There is a Crowd funder Appeal during Advent to raise funds to replenish stock. Your donations will be most welcome: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/fundraiser-for-foodbank-supplies>

FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER: Our Goan brothers and sisters will be celebrating this important feast this year again on **Saturday 3rd December**. This means that there will be no Mass or confessions at Saint Anthony's on that morning but there will be an opportunity to attend at Sacred Heart and Saint Peter's Church on Floatshall road.

SAINT ANTHONY'S PARISH CENTRE: The parish centre at Saint Anthony's are holding a Christmas party for our over 60's on Monday 19th December between 1pm and 4pm. There will be live entertainment by Paul Tye with a Hotpot dinner, mince pies and a free entry to the raffle. There is limited space with only 60 spaces available. Contact staff at the centre if you wish to be part of the celebration.

BOILER FUND: We had a packed parish centre on Friday night last for our recent quiz night at St Anthony's and it saw the team from the Sacred Heart win the challenge cup. Many thanks to all who came along and supported it in any way. The evening raised over £600. THE TOTAL FOR THE BOILER FUND NOW STANDS AT £7,120.16. Many thanks to all concerned

CHRIST IN THE CITY: God urges us to bear witness to the Word of God (Acts 18:9-10). You can do your part by joining "Christ in the City" Gospel Witness group, where usually on the **second last Saturday** of the month we go and talk to people at Manchester Piccadilly gardens. We share how much we are all loved by God and how God is continually calling us into an ever deeper relationship with Him. (John 3:16). We witness in pairs. Please pray, discern and get in touch if you wish to be part of this work for God.) Contact Patricia Fehily on 07763688218 or Florence Rodrigues on 07809722542.

RCIA: Continues this Wednesday with a look into who the Holy Spirit is. All are welcome to join us on 'The Journey'. 7pm at Sacred Heart

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: As you know the Christmas offerings collection is usually put into the parish account to help pay for our priests. It is allowed however for the priests to take the amount collected and share between them. This Christmas, the Christmas offerings will be taken by Father Owen and Father Stephen and your generosity will be greatly appreciated as always.

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY: Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) followed by a general Hospitality Meetings will take place on **Sunday 4th December 2022 at 2pm at St Columba's Parish Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1PL**. The EGM is being held to discuss constitutional change (as discussed at the AGM) and any proposals **need to be received by no later than 14 days before the meeting**. Agenda items for the General Hospitality Meeting need to be received **no later than 7 days before the meeting**. Papers to

be sent to the Hospitality Secretary. Please pass on the information to other Hospitality Members. Can you please register your attendance/apologies to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call [07451 249267](tel:07451249267)

Ss HILDA'S & AIDAN'S: The Piety stalls at both churches now have Advent Calendars and Christmas Cards now on sale.

CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE: On December 3rd we will be holding a Christmas experience in Saint Aidan's. All the groups associated with Saint Aidan's will be involved and we will start to put the crib together as well. Speak to Joby regarding it.

SAINT ELIZABETH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: We are inviting Parishioners to join us for a Christmas Party on **Wednesday 7th December at 1:30pm**. During the afternoon our Mini Vinnie's will be serving a roast dinner and our children will entertain you with a festive performance!

Places are limited, please contact the school office on 0161 437 3890 to reserve your place.

SAINT ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: St. Anthony's School **Christmas Fair** will take place on **Sunday 4th December** following the 11am Mass. we will have food and drink, raffles, tombola, various stalls and of course Santa's Grotto.

St. Anthony's school would like to invite parishioners to a **special Christmas party** on **Monday 12th December at 1.30pm**. A Christmas dinner will be served and the choir will provide some festive cheer. Please phone the main school office on 0161 437 3029 to reserve your place.

ST JOSEPH CANDLE: Burns for Moira.

WE WELCOME: Welcome Kit, Ruby Rae, Posey, Eveny, Primrose and Leo to the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism.

WE REMEMBER: We pray for the repose of the souls of, Maureen Smith, Mary Burke, Andrea Howarth, Eva Mary Fryers and Baby Ayla-Grace who have died recently.



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS: Last week's collections (20th November) are below. Thank you for your ongoing support of our work in Wythenshawe.

Our Lady Queen of Peace parish	Sacred Heart & Saint Peter's parish	Saint Hilda & Saint Aidan's parish
Saint Anthony's £ 273.95	£ 348.84	Saint Hilda's £ N/ A
Saint Elizabeth's £ 173.40		Saint Aidan's £ 225.76

LOCAL PASTORAL AREA CONTACTS

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