

**ST WILFRID'S, GARSTON / ALLERTON / GRASSEDALE**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT & GAUDETE SUNDAY (YEAR B)**

**17 DECEMBER 2023**

*Parish Priest : Fr David Potter; Deacon : Revd Paul Whitehead*

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**MASSES & SERVICES**

**Saturday 16 December (Vigil Mass of Sunday)**

5.15 pm Confessions

6.00 pm Mass with Blessing of Crib Figures (Parishioners)

**Sunday 17 December (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent B)**

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass with Blessing of Crib Figures (Cyril Preston)

11.15 Mass with Blessing of Crib Figures (Keith Potter)

**Monday 18 December**

**10.00 School Mass** (For One Sick)

**Tuesday 19 December**

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Deceased Members of the Ferguson Family)

**7.30 Advent Penitential Service**

**Wednesday 20 December**

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Margaret & Ted McGuinness)

**3.00 Funeral Service of Claire Kehoe**

**Thursday 21 December**

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Mark Bell)

**Friday 22 December**

**8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**9.10 Morning Prayer**

**9.30 Mass** (Allen Grant)

**Saturday 23 December**

9.10 Rosary

9.30 Mass (Marie Connolly)

5.15 Confessions

6.00 Vigil Mass (Molly Hendrick)

**Next Sunday 24 December (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent B)**

8.45 Confessions    9.30 Mass (Parishioners)    11.15 Mass (Michael Lawrence)

**7.00 First Mass of Christmas** (Vocations to the Priesthood)

**11.30 Carols Before Midnight Mass**

### **SICK LIST**

Sean Armstrong, Joseph Ball, Linda Barry, Mary O'Neill, John Tallon, Nicholas Cavanagh, Eileen Fowler, Chris Doyle, Pat Toner, Keith Garcia, Tracy Hobson, Michael Peter Holmes, Christopher Brown, Philip Hendrick, Dorothy Lynch, Michael Holmes, Susie Bell, Barbara Brooks, Pam Foster, James Dutton, David Brookfield, Shannon McGrath, Fred Keegan, Eithne McCormack, Betty Needham, Kay Smith, Bob Cramsie, Ann & John Davies, Pauline Preston, Pat Threlfall, Stella O'Donnell, Julia Robertson, Pat Craig, Jenny McGann, Mary Davis, Jane Shanley

### **EPISCOPAL VISITATION**

Bishop Tom Williams, who is currently visiting the parishes in the South Liverpool Deanery, will be with us for all three Masses this weekend. As a former curate in the parish, he is assured of a warm welcome.

### **ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

Our Advent Penitential Service, with time for individual Confessions, takes place this **Tuesday 19 December** at **7.30 pm**. Fr Stephen Pritchard from Our Lady of the Assumption, Gateacre will be helping me to hear the Confessions of those who attend. All are welcome and encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

### **CHRISTMAS CRIB**

When we bless our crib at the Christmas Masses this year, we will be doing so on the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first crib blessing. It was St Francis of Assisi, the patron of our church, who made the first Christmas creche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223. However, as early as the fourth century, representations of the nativity of Our Lord were painted as wall decorations, depicting the Gospel accounts of Christ's birth and also the belief that He was born in the midst of animals in a manger.

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Previously, the times of the three Christmas Masses were 12 midnight, 9.30 am and 11.15 am. Two of these times are changing this year, and the new timetable is :

**FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS 7.00 pm Christmas Eve**

**CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS 12.00 midnight (with Carols at 11.30 pm)**

**CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS 10.00 am Christmas Day**

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Donations towards the cost of church flowers for Christmas may be given to Fr david or handed in at the presbytery, and will be gratefully received.

### **SVP CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The parish conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) will be holding a Christmas Party in the Meeting Room on **Thursday 11 January** at **11.00 am**. Contact Steff on **07933734292** if you are interested or need a lift.

### **EMMAUS MASS SHEETS**

With effect from **Saturday 30 / Sunday 31 December**, the Feast of the Holy Family, we will no longer be using the St Paul's Sunday Missals in our church. Instead, Emmaus Mass Sheets will be provided for Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation, and other significant days in the calendar such as Ash Wednesday.





