

ST WILFRID'S, GARSTON / ALLERTON / GRASSEDALE

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

1 DECEMBER 2024

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

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MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday 30 November (Vigil Mass of Sunday)

5.15 pm Confessions

6.00 pm Mass with Blessing of Advent Wreath (Jane Lindsay McLoughlin)

Sunday 1 December (1st Sunday of Advent C)

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass with Blessing of Advent Wreath (Margaret Keogh)

11.15 Mass with Blessing of Advent Wreath (Parishioners)

Monday 2 December

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Intentions of Maria Drabikova)

Tuesday 3 December (St Francis Xavier, Priest)

10.00 School Mass (Intentions of Maria Drabikova)

Wednesday 4 December

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Alice Kabluczonko)

Thursday 5 December (St John Almond, Priest & Martyr)

7.30 pm Mass (Fr Gerard Dakin)

Friday 6 December

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (John David Green)

12.00 Funeral Service of Sarah Jane Rees

Saturday 7 December (St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

9.10 Rosary

9.30 Mass (Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund)

5.15 Confessions

6.00 Vigil Mass (Parishioners)

Next Sunday 8 December (2nd Sunday of Advent C)

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass (Mary Rice)

11.15 Mass (Birthday Intention TM)

4.00 Advent Rosary & Benediction

SICK LIST

Sean Armstrong, Joseph Ball, Linda Barry, Mary O'Neill, John Tallon, Nicholas Cavanagh, Eileen Fowler, Chris Doyle, Pat Toner, Keith Garcia, Michael Peter Holmes, Philip Hendrick, Dorothy Lynch, David Brookfield, Shannon McGrath, Fred Keegan, Kay Smith, Bob Cramsie, Ann & John Davies, Pauline Preston, Pat Threlfall, Stella O'Donnell, Julia Robertson, Pat Craig, Jane Shanley, Eileen Burrows, Pam Foster

ADVENT SERVICES & DEVOTIONS

The following will take place in the parish during Advent, which begins this weekend.

**Saturday 30 November & Sunday 1 December : FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT WITH
BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATH AT ALL THREE MASSES**

Tuesdays 3/10/17 December at 10.00 am : SCHOOL ADVENT MASSES

Sunday 8 December at 4.00 pm : ADVENT ROSARY & BENEDICTION

Wednesday 11 December at 10.00 am, 2.00 pm & 6.00 pm : FIRST CONFESSIONS

Friday 13 December at 2.00 pm : HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE (in church)

**Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 December : THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT WITH BLESSING OF
CRIB FIGURES AT ALL THREE MASSES**

Monday 16 December at 7.30 pm : ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

ON SALE IN ADVENT

"Walk With Me" booklets for Advent and Christmas are available at the piety stall for **£1** each. Church Art Calendars can also be purchased for **£1** each.

MEANING OF ADVENT

Much like the season of Lent, Advent is thought of as a time of penitence and preparation for the coming of the King. As we ponder and anticipate the festival of Christmas, we can think of this coming in three ways.

- 1. The season of Advent represents the coming of the King as a human child. In the form of a baby, wrapped in cloth and laid in a manger of straw, Jesus came to us. We commemorate this event on Christmas Day.*
- 2. The season of Advent proclaims the coming of the King in Word and Spirit, for which we live and to which we witness the year around.*
- 3. The season of Advent invites us to reflect on the Second Coming of the King, when Christ will return in glory at the end of time as we know it.*

NEW LECTIONARY

A new translation of the readings at Mass comes into use this weekend. It follows the English Standard Version of the Bible rather than the Jerusalem Bible, which was used previously. The weekly Emmaus Mass Sheets, now called the "Catholic Mass Sheet", contain the new translation of each reading.

CONDOLENCES

We offer our condolences to the family of **Sarah Jane Rees**, whose funeral will be celebrated on Friday. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

SVP EVENTS & APPEALS

The SVP Christmas Party will be on **Thursday 12 December at 11.30 am**. All are welcome, and anyone who needs a lift can contact Steff on **07933734292**. The Christmas Hamper and Baby Basics appeals have recommenced. Items may be left in the box / Moses basket in the church porch. Your help and generosity are greatly appreciated.

