

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

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

**15 DECEMBER 2024**

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

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**MASSES & SERVICES**

**Saturday 14 December (Vigil Mass of Sunday)**

5.15 pm Confessions

6.00 pm Mass with Blessing of Crib Figures (Patrick Microsingam)

**Sunday 15 December (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent C)**

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass with Blessing of Crib Figures (Parishioners)

11.15 Mass (Eamon Derby)

**Monday 16 December**

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (John Doyle)

**7.30 Advent Penitential Service**

**Tuesday 17 December**

**10.00 School Mass** (Molly Hendrick)

**Wednesday 18 December**

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Private Intention)

**Thursday 19 December**

8.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9.10 Morning Prayer

9.30 Mass (Karen Wharton)

**Friday 20 December**

7.10 pm Rosary

7.30 pm Mass (Intentions of Fr R. Johnson)

**Saturday 21 December**

9.10 Rosary

9.30 Mass (Stephen Wakefield)

5.15 Confessions

6.00 Vigil Mass (Julie Holland)

**Next Sunday 22 December (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent C)**

8.45 Confessions

9.30 Mass (Mark Bell)

11.15 Mass with Blessing of Crib Figures (Fr Anthony Reynolds)

## **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.

**Tuesday 17 December at 10.00 am : SCHOOL ADVENT MASS**

**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**

## **BLESSING OF CRIB FIGURES**

The blessing of Baby Jesus crib figures (and other crib figures) will take place at the end of all three Masses this weekend. This custom, which is now observed widely throughout the Church, was first introduced by Pope St Paul VI at the Vatican in 1969.

## **ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

Our Advent Penitential Service, with time for individual Confessions, takes place this **Monday 16 December at 7.30 pm**. Fr Jonathan Brown, the Chaplain to the local Carmelite convent, will be helping me to hear the Confessions of those who attend. All are welcome and encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

## **1923 LOURDES CURE DECLARED MIRACULOUS**

Mr John ("Jack") Traynor, a Liverpool resident who took part in the archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1923, was cured of epilepsy, paralysis of the right arm and paraplegia while at the shrine. Three years later, a group of doctors concluded that *"the process of this prodigious healing is absolutely outside and above the forces of nature"*. Now, 101 years after this healing took place, it has been officially recognized as miraculous. Here is an extract from Archbishop McMahon's statement on the case, which is dated 8 December 2024 :

*Given the weight of medical evidence, the testimony to the faith of John Traynor and his devotion to Our Blessed Lady, it is with great joy that I declare that the cure of John Traynor, from multiple serious medical conditions, is to be recognized as a miracle wrought by the power of God through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes. I hope that in February 2025, during the Jubilee Year, we will have a fitting celebration at the Metropolitan Cathedral to mark this significant moment in the history of our archdiocese, helping us all to respond to the Jubilee call to be "Pilgrims of Hope".*

## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Donations towards the cost of church flowers for Christmas may be handed in after Mass or at the presbytery, and will be gratefully received.

## **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Our Christmas Masses will be at the same times this year as they were last year :

**First Mass of Christmas : 7.00 pm Christmas Eve**

**Christmas Midnight Mass : 12.00 midnight** (preceded by Carols & Readings at 11.30 pm)

**Christmas Morning Mass : 10.00 am Christmas Day**







