



# SAINT BONAVENTURE'S MISSIONARY AREA

Serving the Parishes of Our Lady Queen of Peace,  
Sacred Heart & Saint Peter, Saint Hilda & Saint Aidan  
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## Sunday 3rd December 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

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| <b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b><br><i>First Mass of Sunday</i>                               | 17:00 Saint Anthony   | John Brian (Anv)                                     |
|  | 18:00 Saint Hilda     | Jacqueline Fumagau (LD)                              |
| <b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b><br><i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>                      | 09:30 Saint Elizabeth | Clare Poole RIP                                      |
|  | 10:00 Saint Aidan     | Patrick & Noreen O'Neill                             |
|  | 11:00 Saint Anthony   | Winnie Doyle (1 <sup>st</sup> Anv)                   |
|  | 11:30 Sacred Heart    | Sheila Galway (Birthday Ints)                        |
| <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><i>1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent</i>                        | 12:00 Sacred Heart    | KJ Luke – for the departed soul                      |
|  | 13:15 Saint Anthony   | Requiem for the late Patrick Nolan                   |
| <b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><i>1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent</i>                       | 09:30 Sacred Heart    | Mr K.C. Kuriakose RIP                                |
| <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><i>1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent</i>                     | 09:00 Saint Anthony   | Mrs Mary Kuriakose RIP                               |
|  | 09:30 Sacred Heart    | Private Intention                                    |
|  | 10:00 Sacred Heart    | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament                  |
| <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><i>St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor</i>                         | 09:00 Saint Anthony   | Bob Ferridge RIP                                     |
|  | 18:30 Saint Anthony   | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament                  |
| <b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | 09:15 Saint Anthony   | Lucas Becharry, Clency, Jose, Anne, Roger & Raymonde |
|  | 09:30 Sacred Heart    | Kathleen Heslop RIP                                  |
| <b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><i>1<sup>st</sup> week of Advent</i>                      | 10:00 Saint Anthony   | All the babies & families                            |
|  | 12 Noon Sacred Heart  | Isabel Fonseca                                       |
| <b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><i>First Mass of Sunday</i>                               | 17:00 Saint Anthony   | Two World Wars                                       |
|  | 18:00 Saint Hilda     | Fr Jim Allen (sick)                                  |
| <b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b><br><i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>                     | 09:30 Saint Elizabeth | Maria Barlow (sick)                                  |
|  | 10:00 Saint Aidan     | Cormac Loftus (LD)                                   |
|  | 11:00 Saint Anthony   | For the soul of Eleanor Batistil                     |
|  | 11:30 Sacred Heart    | Silvanus Labor RIP                                   |

*Father Owen Writes:*

Welcome to this week's Newsletter.

As we begin our new year in the Church calendar, we are presented with the call to Stay Awake! Sometimes it is far too easy to sleepwalk our way through life and through faith. We can assume that everything is ok and so there is no need to change, to evolve, to prepare or even to notice what is going on around us!

But; the Lord's call is quite emphatic; we must stay awake. We must engage with our faith and the life around us otherwise we are left standing idly by not knowing where to go or what to do. Let us hope and pray that we do not become stale in our lives and our faith. But rather we allow the Holy Spirit, that great instigator of faith to awaken us from our slumber and so take responsibility.

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> | O that you would tear the heavens open and come down.                         | Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8 |
| <b>Psalm</b>                  | God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. | Psalm 22                 |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> | We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.                      | 1 Corinthians 1:3-9      |
| <b>Gospel</b>                 | If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep.                        | Mark 13: 33-37           |

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

**Saturdays at Saint Anthony's 10:30am – 11:15am; Sacred Heart 11.00am – 11.45am**

**CONTACTS:** As we progress in Wythenshawe and to comply with GDPR we have been given new email addresses from the Diocese. [admin@wythenshawerc.com](mailto:admin@wythenshawerc.com) for general enquiries, mass intentions and newsletter items. [pastoral@wythenshawerc.com](mailto:pastoral@wythenshawerc.com) for Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, RCIA and Funerals. [finance@wythenshawerc.com](mailto:finance@wythenshawerc.com) for financial matters.

**ADVENT MISSION:** For all parishes at Sacred Heart on 11,12,13 December. Led by John Pridmore, ex gangster, speaker & author. John has spoken to millions around the world about his past and present life and inspired people through his powerful talks and parish missions.  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm God's Love – the amazing story of John Pridmore.**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm God's Mercy – the chance to meet Jesus personally in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm God's Healing – a healing service.**

Everyone welcome, bring your family and friends.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:** As you know Christmas Day this year will fall on a Monday. With this in mind and trying to protect our Priests, the following will be the times for Masses on Christmas Eve night and Christmas morning;

**Christmas Eve; 5pm at Sacred Heart & 6pm at Saint Anthony's.**

**Christmas Morning; 10:30am at Sacred Heart & 11am at Saint Anthony's.**

we understand that other Churches may feel left out or forgotten, however this is simply not the case. After celebrating the full Sunday

calendar which then moves into a Christmas calendar if we try to offer more than this then we will ultimately exhaust and burn out our Priests. This is something Father Owen needs to keep in mind in order that we have Priests who can keep celebrating here in Wythenshawe. This also allows for our other communities in Wythenshawe to have the opportunity to celebrate their Masses for Christmas aswell. If you have any complaints, please speak to Father Owen.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING:** As you know the Christmas offering usually goes straight into the parish account for expenses of the parish. This year the Christmas offering will be going to our Priests.

**CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING:** Saint Elizabeth's Sunday 3rd December after mass. Everyone welcome.

**JOINT CELTIC PRAYER SERVICE:** For Advent to be held at St Luke's Church, Brownley Rd M22 4PT on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm. All Welcome.

**CHRISTMAS AGE FRIENDLY WYTHENSHAW:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at the Forum Library 11.30am. Free hot food, drinks, Christmas treats & Christmas carols.

**PARISH BAZAAR:** For all parishes on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, at 7pm. The bazaar is at Sacred Heart Parish Centre. We need donations of prizes, large and small, for the tombola /raffle. We also encourage you to

ask your employer or any company you have a contact with for donations. Any Donations can be brought to the parish office, left in any Church or we can arrange pick up. Please email/call the office. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity. It will be £5 entry on the night and you will receive free raffle tickets for this £5 entry, please see posters for a list of prizes.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER:** Saint Anthony's RC Primary would like to welcome all Parishioners and members of the Parish community to the annual Christmas Dinner on Monday 18th December at 1.30pm. A full Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings will be served by our Mini Vinnies and the choir will sing some of their favourite Christmas Carols. To reserve your place, please phone the school office on 0161 437 3029.

#### **HOPE PROJECT FOODBANK-ADVENT APPEAL**

**2023:** There is a Crowdfunder 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>

Food donated at any of the Catholic Churches in Saint Bonaventure's LMA will be distributed to the foodbank hubs in Saint Aidan's and Sacred Heart Churches. Thank you.

**MEDJUGORJE 2024:** Our LMA pilgrimage to Medjugorje for the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Our Lady's apparition will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and will cost £690 sharing £820 single. To register your interest or book contact Pauline 07877318091.

**ADORATION & CHOIR :** At Saint Anthony's Church on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm, the choir will be singing during Adoration as an Advent service. Please do come and join in.

#### **SAINT BONAVENTURE'S NEW YEAR DINNER:**

**Start the new year in style! St Bonaventure's New Year Dinner.** Saturday 10th February 2024. 7-00pm for 7-30pm serving. Three Course Carvery Dinner to be held at St John's Club, Greenwood Rd. Vegetarian option can also be served. After the dinner, we will have a Karaoke session! Adults; £20. Children (12 year); £10. A £5 deposit is required with each booking. See Poster at the back of Church for Menu and full details. Can payment be made to the usual parishioners at the back of the Churches or to Father Owen with your name on the envelope.

**WELCOME TO:** Oscar, Momadou & Chase who has joined the family of God through the blessed sacrament of Baptism. May God bless you now and always.

#### **SAINT JOSEPH'S CANDLE AT SAINT AIDANS:**

Burns this week for **Bernard Murray**. If you wish to have the candle burn for your intention, please approach Joby or Jeanette.

**OUR LADY CANDLE AT SACRED HEART:** Burns this week for **Sheila Galway**. If you wish to have the candle burn for your intention, please contact the office.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** We pray for **Bernard Murray, Terry Daly & Father Jim Allen**. If you wish to add a name to our prayers for the sick, please contact the office.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** We pray for the repose of the soul of **Michael Moan, Douglas Breeze, Patrick Nolan, Patrick Clyne, Christopher Thorpe, John Wooding, Thomas McNeela, Eric Alphonse Owen & Joseph Hyland**.



**WEEKLY COLLECTION:** Last week's collections are below. Thank you for your ongoing support of our work in Wythenshawe.

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| Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish | Sacred Heart & Saint Peter's Parish | Saint Hilda & Saint Aidan's Parish |
| Saint Anthony's £653.16        | £344.60                             | Saint Hilda's: N/A                 |
| Saint Elizabeth's £243.97      |                                     | Saint Aidan's £269.69              |

### **Clergy**

Team Leader: Father Owen Gallagher  
Assistant Priest: Father Stephen Roberts

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### **Our Lady Queen of Peace Saint Hilda and Saint Aidan Sacred Heart and Saint Peters**

**OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Fri 9-3 - Sacred Heart & St Peter's**

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### **Catholic Social Action Wythenshawe**

Telephone: 07907 620 891

### **Wythenshawe Hospital Chaplaincy**

Telephone: **0161 291 2297** Please ring this number if you need a visit from a chaplaincy team member whilst in hospital.

### **Parish Sisters**

Sr Damien – 0161 437 8772  
Sr Maura – 0161 428 7572

### **Our Church locations:**

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| <b>Sacred Heart &amp; Saint Peter's RC Church</b><br>Floatshall Road<br>Baguley,<br>Wythenshawe,<br>Manchester<br>M23 1HP<br><br><b>OFFICE LOCATION</b> | <b>Saint Hilda's RC</b><br>Kenworthy Lane,<br>Northenden,<br>Wythenshawe,<br>Manchester<br>M22 4EF | <b>Saint Aidan's RC</b><br>230 Wythenshawe<br>Road,<br>Wythenshawe,<br>Manchester<br>M23 0PH | <b>Saint Anthony's RC Church (Our Lady Queen of Peace)</b><br>Portway,<br>Woodhouse Park,<br>Wythenshawe,<br>Manchester<br>M22 0WR | <b>Saint Elizabeth's RC Church (Our Lady Queen of Peace)</b><br>Holliney Road Peel<br>Hall, Wythenshawe,<br>Manchester<br>M22 5JD |
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