



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 10th December 2023 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Saturday 9th December <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	17:00 Saint Anthony	Two World Wars
	18:00 Saint Hilda	Fr Jim Allen (sick)
Sunday 10th December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	09:30 Saint Elizabeth	Maria Barlow (sick)
	10:00 Saint Aidan	Bridget Fitzgerald (Anv)
	11:00 Saint Anthony	For the soul of Eleanor Batistil
	11:30 Sacred Heart	Silvanus Labor RIP
Monday 11th December <i>2nd week of Advent</i>	09:00 Saint Anthony	All souls in Purgatory
	12:00 Sacred Heart	Fr Joe O'Connor (LD)
	19.30 Sacred Heart	Receiving God's Love
Tuesday 12th December <i>2nd week of Advent</i>	09:30 Sacred Heart	Lisa Crozier (Anv)
	19.30 Sacred Heart	Receiving God's Mercy
Wednesday 13th December <i>St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr</i>	09:00 Saint Anthony	Isabel Fonseca
	09:30 Sacred Heart	Fr Jim Allen (sick)
	10:00 Sacred Heart	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	11:00 Saint Hilda	Requiem for the late Thomas McNeela
	19.30 Sacred Heart	Receiving God's Healing
Thursday 14th December <i>St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor</i>	10:30 Saint Anthony	Requiem for the late Christopher Thorpe
	18:30 Saint Anthony	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 15th December <i>2nd week of Advent</i>	09:15 Saint Anthony	Dominic Kelly RIP
	09:30 Sacred Heart	Agnes Walsh RIP
Saturday 16th December <i>2nd week of Advent</i>	10:00 Saint Anthony	Crolla Family
	12 Noon Sacred Heart	Private Intention
Saturday 16th December <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	17:00 Saint Anthony	Joe Sherratt RIP
	18:00 Saint Hilda	Cormac Loftus (LD)
Sunday 17th December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	09:30 Saint Elizabeth	Theresa Taylor (sick)
	10:00 Saint Aidan	Deceased members of Mr Joseph & Mrs Jose family
	11:00 Saint Anthony	Mary McCarthy RIP
	11:30 Sacred Heart	Hilda Barrington RIP

Father Owen Writes:

My dear friends, in this week's Gospel we are introduced to John the Baptist. We are told of how he was a 'voice in the wilderness' which sought repentance and restitution in relationships with God. He was not accepted by those who felt and believed that they were entitled or had some kind of status or wanted to be seen as the ones in charge. In fact, he was hated by them, and they did everything they could to take him down! They spoke out against him to others. They sowed division whenever they could to murder his good name and so end up regaining their authority – but they could not succeed! The reason they could not succeed was because he was rooted in truth and humility. He was the 'lone voice' that was sent to try and point out what was wrong and giving the people a chance to change and to grow in their relationship with God. Humility is more than just words and actions – it is a state of mind that is rooted in the Gospel and in prayer with God. A prayer that is so deep that it can never be rattled, and it reminds the person praying that they are not 'fit to undo the sandal of He who is to come'. So let us pray that we can start to be more like John and look less at our own desires so that we can come closer to God!

1st Reading	The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all mankind shall see it.	Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
Psalm	Let us see, O Lord your mercy, and give us your saving help.	Psalm 84
2nd Reading	We are waiting for the new heavens and the new earth.	2 Peter 3: 8-14
Gospel	A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord.	Mark 1:1-8

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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

ADVENT MISSION: Please note the start time is **7.30pm**. 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 11th Dec 7.30pm God's Love

Tuesday 12th Dec 7.30pm God's Mercy

Wednesday 13th Dec 7.30pm God's Healing

Everyone welcome, bring your family and friends.

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

Christmas Eve: Sacred Heart 5pm Carols

followed by Mass.

Saint Anthony's 5:30pm Nativity followed by Mass.

Christmas Morning: Sacred Heart 10:30

Saint Anthony's 11:00

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 also allows for our other communities in Wythenshawe to have the opportunity to celebrate their Masses for Christmas as well. If you have any complaints, please speak to Fr 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.

SACRED HEART CHURCH CHRISTMAS

DECORATIONS: Once again we are asking if parishioners would like to donate a poinsettia to decorate the Church at Christmas. Any plant should be left at the back of the

Guild Room from December 17th. If you would like a Christmas memory card to accompany your plant, please fill in the form and leave it with your donation. Thank you.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY

COMMUNION: Could current ministers please email the office at

pastoral@wythenshawerc.com so we can

collect a list from all parishes as we are receiving a lot of requests for visits. If anyone else would like to volunteer to train as an extraordinary minister, please email also. Thank you.

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:

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.

JOINT CELTIC PRAYER SERVICE: For Advent to be held at St Luke's Church, Brownley Rd on Sunday 10th December 6.30pm. All Welcome.

CHRISTMAS AGE FRIENDLY WYTHENSHAW:

Wednesday 13th December at the Forum Library 11.30am. Free hot food, drinks, Christmas treats & Christmas carols,

ST ELIZABETH'S MINI VINNIES: Would like to invite you to a festive afternoon filled with carols, mince pies and mulled wine! Please join us on Thursday 14th December, 1:30pm in the Elizabethan room at St Elizabeth's Church. Please call our school office to book a place. 0161 437 3890

PARISH BAZAAR: For all parishes on Friday 15th December 7pm at Sacred Heart Parish Centre. £5 entry on the night and you will receive free raffle tickets for this entry fee. Please see posters for a list of prizes.

ASDA CAROL SINGING: On 16th December at 2 pm should you be doing your shopping in

Asda you will hear some Christmas Carols and Festive Songs sung by St Anthony's choir. Start the Festive season by joining us. Speak to Jo, Sr Noella or Fr Stephen at St Anthony's for more details.

CHRISTMAS DINNER: St 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.

JESUS' MEALS - THANKS 2023 HOPE 2024: Year-end thanksgiving & welcome New Year service St Hilda's Church on Saturday 30 December 2023, 9am-1pm. Healing Mass at 10 am. An opportunity to reflect on our lives in 2023 and prepare for 2024 with confession, thanksgiving, adoration, praying for all, and shared meal at 1pm. The service will be led by Fr Emeka Nwachukwu, Fr Isidore Madueke & Jesus' Meals Team. This service is free for everyone to attend, ALL ARE INVITED.

SAINT BONAVENTURE'S NEW YEAR DINNER: Saturday 10th February 2024. 7.00pm for 7.30pm serving. Three Course Carvery Dinner at St John's Club, Greenwood Rd. Vegetarian option available. 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. Payment can be made to the usual parishioners at the back of the Churches or to Fr Owen with your name on the envelope.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024 FOR CHILDREN WHO DO NOT ATTEND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

We are pleased to announce the dates for the next Sacramental programme for Baptised children aged 7 and above as follows:

13 January 2024

10 February 2024

9 March 2024

13 April 2024

11 May 2024

8 June 2024

All lessons will be Saturday mornings in the Sacred Heart Guild Room between 10 – 12.

Children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 13 April in readiness for receiving the most Holy Eucharist.

Children will receive their First Holy Communion together at Sacred Heart Church at 11:30 Mass Sunday 9th June 2024.

All are welcome regardless of ability.

If you would like to register your child or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on 07731 856978. Mike and Rose Galway.

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

WELCOME TO: **Thomas** 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 **Peter Daw**. 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 **John Raleigh**. 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, Fr Jim Allen, Maria Barlow & Theresa Taylor** 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 **Patrick Nolan, Patrick Clyne, Christopher Thorpe, John Wooding, Thomas McNeela, Eric Alphonse Owen, Joseph Hyland & Agnes Ogden.**



WEEKLY

week's collections are below. Thank you for your ongoing support of our work in Wythenshawe.

COLLECTION: Last

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish	Sacred Heart & Saint Peter's Parish	Saint Hilda & Saint Aidan's Parish
Saint Anthony's £623.11	£239.22	Saint Hilda's £69.00
Saint Elizabeth's £168.59		Saint Aidan's £303.89

Clergy

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

Telephone: 0161 498 0161 (Saint Anthony's Presbytery)
0161 912 1470 (Sacred Heart Presbytery)

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

Telephone: 0161 998 5319

Parish Secretary: Amy Doyle
Finance Secretary: Tony Sloan
Pastoral Assistant: Bernadette Hayward

Email: admin@wythenshawerc.com – Enquiries, Mass intentions, newsletter items.
pastoral@wythenshawerc.com – Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, RCIA Marriage & Funerals.
finance@wythenshawerc.com – Finance.

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:

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