

SACRED HEART & ST PETER AND ST HILDA & ST AIDAN

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF BAGULEY, NEWALL GREEN, NORTHENDEN & NORTHERN MOOR

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Sunday, 30 November 2025: **The First Sunday of Advent.**

The Month of December is dedicated to the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

DATE DAY	CELEBRATION	CHURCH	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS
Nov 29 Sat	Vigil Mass	St Hilda	06:00 pm	Frances Philbin
Nov 30 Sun	The First Sunday of Advent	St Aidan	10:00 am	Martin Keane
The First Week of Advent Represents: Hope		Sacred Heart	11:30 am	Parish Family / Nov. List

Wreath Candle Name: The **Prophecy Candle**, **Candle Colour: Purple** which is the primary colour associated with Advent. Within the Catholic Church it symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice. During the first week of Advent, we remember the **Old Testament prophets** who foretold of Jesus' coming with hope and anticipation. Are you ready to discover the hope Jesus is inviting you to experience this Advent?

Dec 01 Mon	Monday of the 1st week of Advent	Sacred Heart	12 noon	Pat Hawes - RIP
Dec 02 Tue	Tuesday of the 1st week of Advent	Sacred Heart	09:30 am	Maria Doss - RIP
Dec 03 Wed	Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest	Sacred Heart	09:30 am	For Migrants & Refugees
Dec 05 Fri	Friday of the 1st week of Advent	Sacred Heart	09:30 am	Beaman Family
Dec 06 Sat	Day of Advent Reflection and Reconciliation in our Parishes from 10 am to 2 pm			
Dec 06 Sat	Memorial of St. Nicholas	Sacred Heart	12 noon	Sylvanus Labor
Dec 06 Sat	Vigil Mass	St Hilda	06:00 pm	Jack Bowes - 90th B'Day
Dec 07 Sun	The Second Sunday of Advent	St Aidan	10:00 am	Anne Usher
The Second Week of Advent Represents: Peace		Sacred Heart	11:30 am	Mr. & Mrs. Mapa - 20th Wed. Anniv.

Wreath Candle Name: The **Bethlehem Candle**, **Candle Colour: Purple**. During this second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and focus on becoming better-versions-of-ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming. We remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

What has your journey toward Christmas been like so far?

LIVESTREAM: Our Masses from Sacred Heart are available online at <https://www.churchservices.tv/baguley>

WEEKLY SPIRITUAL PROGRAMMES	DAY	TIME	CHURCH
Holy Rosary	Tuesday	10:00 am	Sacred Heart
Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	10:00 am - 12 noon	Sacred Heart
Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament	Saturday	11:00 am - 12 noon	Sacred Heart
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday	01.00 pm - 02:00 pm	Sacred Heart
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday / Sunday	30 Minutes before Mass	St Hilda / St Aidan

A Warm Invitation to Journey Through Advent and Christmas Season Together: Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, It is a true joy to walk with you into this beautiful season of Hope. Advent is a time when the Lord invites us to pause, listen, and prepare our hearts for His coming. To help us enter more deeply into this sacred time, I have prepared a special Advent and Christmas Season Calendar for 2025.

This calendar is more than a schedule — it is a spiritual companion for the weeks ahead. Inside, you will find:

- Advent activities in the parish.
- Christmas Mass times for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
- The celebrations of the Christmas Octave.
- Mass times during the Octave and into the New Year 2026.
- Holy Hour and New Year's Day celebrations.

All key dates and liturgies up to the Baptism of the Lord, which marks the close of the Christmas Season.

I warmly encourage every household to take a few minutes to read through the calendar carefully. It has been thoughtfully prepared to support your prayer, help you plan ahead, and make it easier for all of us to celebrate these holy days as one parish family.

Please keep it somewhere visible at home - on the fridge, by the prayer corner, or wherever you will see it during the season. Let it be a gentle guide as we journey toward the light of Christ, who comes to dwell with us.

I look forward to celebrating this Holy Season with you xx. May God bless! Fr Ramesh.

Sunday Mass Readings - The First Sunday of Advent.

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First reading: Isaiah 2: 1 - 5 The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God.

Response to the Psalm 122(121): **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.**

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14: 'Salvation is nearer to us now.'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! **Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation! Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 24: 37 - 44 Stay awake so that you may be ready.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Ray Caldwell, Susan Marley, Pat Berry, Norah Quigley, Ann Usher, Teresa Doyle, Linda Vann, Grace Jose, George & Kate Sutton, Hugh Cattigan, Brian Noone, Chloe Logan, Margaret Testa, Myrna Blissett, Ellen Nixon, Peggy Logan, Susan Duffy, Kieran Dunn, Mark Dilworth, Hilda Nicholls, Bernard Haughey, Patrick Aherne & Carole Doherty.

THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY: **Jacqueline Reeves & Maureen Aherne.** May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

December 06: Day of Advent Reflection & Reconciliation in our Parishes: Fr Sean Henry, the Dean of our Shrewsbury Cathedral will lead the day along with Dn. Gerard Connett. Please make use of this opportunity to prepare spiritually to welcome Jesus in our Hearts. The day starts at 10 am with Holy Rosary (optional), 10: 30 am - **1st Reflection**, 11 am - Coffee Break, 11:15 am - **2nd Reflection**, 12 noon - **Holy Mass**, 12:30 pm - Lunch Break (Please bring your Packed Lunch), 1 pm - Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and **Confessions**, 2 pm - We end the day with **Benediction**.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW PARISH EMAIL NEWSLETTER – CARING FOR CREATION TOGETHER: As good stewards of God's creation, we are always looking for ways to care for our common home. One simple but meaningful step we can take is to reduce our dependence on paper and move toward more sustainable ways of sharing information. In this way, we print only few copies of the Newsletter to those who really need in paper.

With this in mind, I am pleased to announce that our weekly parish newsletter will soon be available by email.

This digital format allows us to: Reduce paper waste and printing costs, reach parishioners quickly and efficiently, share updates in a more eco-friendly way, Stay connected, even when you are away.

I warmly encourage everyone to sign up and join our growing email list. Your participation not only helps us communicate better as a parish community, but also reflects our shared commitment to caring for God's creation. To join the email list:

Please send your email address to [admin@wythenshawerc.com]. Thank you for embracing this simple but important initiative.

May our efforts - small and large - continue to build a community rooted in faith, care, and responsibility for the world entrusted to us. With prayers and blessings, Fr Ramesh.

HOPE PROJECT FOODBANK - ADVENT APPEAL 2025: The Hope Project Foodbank (<https://hopeprojectfoodbank.org/>) has launched an appeal for Advent 2025. The Foodbank's main aim is to supply three meals a day for three days to those in need. The Foodbank is preparing for an extremely busy Advent period and needs more resources to meet this high demand. Money donations are therefore very welcome at this difficult time to replenish essentials. There is a Crowdfunder Appeal during Advent to raise funds for this purpose (www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/fundraiser-for-foodbank-supplies).

In addition, food donated at any of the Catholic Churches in Wythenshawe will be distributed to the Foodbank hub at St Aidan's. If anyone is aware of any families or individuals struggling with food poverty in the run up to Christmas, please let Gerry Flanagan know as soon as possible (gerry.flanagan@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk).

CITY STREETS HOMELESS CLOTHING APPEAL: City Streets (www.city-streets.org) is a small volunteer group run by St Elizabeth & St Carlo parishioner Mark McLaughlin. The group collects and distributes warm clean clothing, sleeping bags and toiletries to homeless people on the streets of Manchester City Centre. During Advent, City Streets is appealing for clothing donations via the group's Amazon wish list (www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/SQ4RRX07VO2L?ref=wl_share). Men's hoodies and tracksuit bottoms will be particularly welcome, as those items are particularly in demand, but in very short supply. Alternatively, cash donations via the City Streets Crowdfunder (<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/city-streets-appeal-2025>) to raise funds to purchase suitable clothing, sleeping bags, etc. would be very much appreciated.

WEEKLY COLLECTION: Sacred Heart & St Peter's - **£344.57p**

St Aidan's - **£204.23p** / St Hilda's - **£66.35p**

Standing Orders for the month of October: Sacred Heart & St Peter Standing **£815**,

St Hilda & St Aidan - Standing Orders **£636**,

(Card Machine at Sacred Heart) Dona - **£1,130**.

Thank you for your ongoing Support & Generosity to the Parish. May God bless!

Donations can also be made online. Scan the QR code with a mobile phone camera and it will direct you to the relevant site to process a donation online!



OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday 9am – 3pm **0161 503 2843 / EMERGENCY CONTACT: 07784923281**
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SAFEGUARDING: Contact safeguarding@wythenshawerc.com

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY: Contact **0161 291 2297** if you want a visit from a priest whilst in hospital.

CARITAS: Contact **07825219214** for foodbank referral and support. **SVP:** Contact **07543493140** for home visits and support.

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