



## Timetable and Intentions for Sundays and Weekdays Masses



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	INTENTION	CHURCH
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	9 am	First Sun of Advent	Pius List	Holy Family
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	11.15 am	First Sun of Advent	Parishioners Pius List	Our Lady V
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	5 pm	Wedding of Raquel & Pedro Magalhaes		Holy Family
Mon 1st Dec.		Weekday of Advent		The Church is closed
Tue 2nd Dec.	9 am	Weekday of Advent		Our Lady V
Wed 3rd Dec.	9 am	St Francis Xavier		Our Lady V
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9 am	St John Damascene		Our Lady V
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9 am	Weekday of Advent		Our Lady V
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	12 noon	Our Lady on Sat. St Nicholas, Bishop	Alan Campbell (A)	Our Lady V
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	9 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun of Advent	May & Ronnie Morris (A)	Holy Family
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	11.15 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun of Advent	Parishioners	Our Lady V
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9 am	Immaculate Conception		Holy Family
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7 pm	Immaculate Conception		Our Lady V

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions:** Tue 9.30am to 10am; Sat 11am to 12

**Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Devotion:** Tuesdays 9.30 am OLOV.

**Baptisms, Weddings:** by appointments. [Wednesday Club:](#) / [Tuesday Nursery:](#) You are welcome!

**We pray for all who are sick and elderly:**

Marie Tyrer, Ray Sherwood, Betty Maurey, John Evans-Freeke, Henry Henderson, Anne and Mike Quinn, Ronnie Baybut, Geoff Morrissey, Michael Hyland, Paul Blackford, Harry Caine, Sophie Caine, Christine Watts, Deacon John and Ann Crooks, Joan Callaghan, Natalie Kavanagh, Sue Swift, Hannalor Mainey, Betty Costello, Pauline Hayes, Irene Halsall, Mark Fieldsend.

**We pray for those whose Anniversary occurs at this time:** Pat Saunders, Daniel Davies, James Jackman, Alan Campbell, Robert Billington, David Seddon, Edward M. Davis, John Roxburgh.

**The Parishes of Holy Family Ince Blundell**

**Our Lady of Victories, Hightown**

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**OLOV, Hightown:** Sort Code: 40-29-12, Account: 01544993

**Holy Family:** Sort Code: 40-29-12, Account: 71545094



*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025*



**Advent: A time of  
waiting,  
conversion  
and hope.**

**THERE IS SIMPLY NO CHRISTMAS WITHOUT JESUSCHRIST!**

In a few weeks' time we will concentrate all on the joy and hope of the Lord coming to us as a tender child; but today, on the First Sunday of Advent, we are asked to reflect on Judgement Day, the "second coming of Jesus": "This is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light" (Jn 3,19). Jesus warns us to be alert for his return, to be ready, prepared, while not saying to us when that day will be. It is important to get ready here and now and not be caught idly napping in careless disregard for God as were the people in Noah's day who were swept away in the great flood. What they were doing was not wrong in itself but they had not thought of God. The end was sudden and unanticipated and left them unprepared. Things happen when we least expect. **The main point of today's liturgy is to be vigilant, prepared for the Lord's Coming by rectifying our own life.** "PREPARE THE WAY" is hanging above the altar as a reminder.

Busy as we are with our daily activity, we tend to put the thought of our encounter with Jesus at the end of our life at the back of our minds, giving to it no attention instead of using it as a benchmark and a horizon against which to measure our lives. Today's liturgy invites us to allow the hope of Jesus coming to us to shape our present lives. It is an invitation to see our lives as a preparation for the great call home. We need to find the time and space to stop, reflect and recognise the hope we have been given in Jesus. Without repentance, forgiveness and renewal there can be no Christmas Joy. Advent comes to remind us that God is the human heart most deeply desire. Let this Good News touch our lives dramatically to allow us to celebrate this Christmas with profound joy and faith.

**Father Sergio, Parish Priest**

Hope  
is faith holding out  
its hand in the dark.



**The Advent season** is a beautiful reminder to prepare our hearts as we prepare our homes — to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus! This week, we light the first of the four candles in the Advent wreath: the candle of Hope.

**Is your heart filled with hope?** What happens when the road ahead is filled with loss and stress weighs your shoulders down?

When confident expectation for tomorrow dwindles, what can you do? How can you walk in hope when you feel hopeless inside? In one word, the answer to confident expectation is "JESUS" — the Jesus of Christmas. Hope in Jesus comes from more than just a belief that He was once a baby in a manger. This hope in Him has been called "an anchor for the soul." It is something deep within that secures you through the storms of life.

The Sacrament  
of Marriage



"Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh." Genesis 2:24

Celebration  
of the  
Sacrament of Baptism



## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Pedro Magalhaes & Raquel Moreira

Who will celebrate the Sacrament of **Marriage** on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at Holy Family Parish Church, Ince Blundell.

Gustavo Guinea Flores & Maria Villalta de Guinea

Who will celebrate the Sacrament of **Marriage** on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December at Our Lady of Victories Parish Church, Hightown.

Ludovic William Welsby Bagley

Who will celebrate the Sacrament of **Baptism** on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December at Holy Family Parish Church, Ince Blundell.

### Pilot Project for the 3 Sefton Deanery Parishes: the Parish Development Review

After the meeting in early September to discuss **the Parish Development Review** and to prepare for the next stage, we have all submitted our data which has now been processed and collated. The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 3rd December at 7.00pm at St John Stone**. This is the meeting at which we will receive this report and begin the process of consultation with its findings across the deanery. We are asked to attend with our steering committee members who collated the data with us, and any members of our parish who were part of that process. This is an additional invitation to broaden the meeting as we prepare for the consultation.

From our Parishes those taking part will be Fr Sergio; Michael Ashton (President of the Deanery Synodical Council) and Paul Desmet for HFIB; Michael Evans-Freke, Michael Pinnington for OLOV.

### First reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

In those days: The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.  
It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Sion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

*The word of the Lord*

### Second reading: Romans 13:11-14a

Brothers and Sisters: You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

*The word of the Lord*

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Show us, O LORD, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.

### Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 122(121)

**R./ Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.**

I rejoiced when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R./**

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as it is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. There were set the thrones for judgement, the thrones of the house of David. **R./**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray, 'May they prosper, those who love you.' May peace abide in your walls, and security be in your towers. **R./**

For the sake of my family and friends, let me say, 'Peace upon you.' For the sake of the house of the LORD, our God, I will seek good things for you. **R./**

## The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.