



# Parish of St Catherine of Siena

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**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 – First Sunday of Advent.**

## **Masses/Service 2<sup>nd</sup> December – 9<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>:** 7.00pm Vigil, 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am Masses.

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 8.00 – 9.00am **Holy Hour**, 12noon Requiem Mass for Joaquim de Freitas RIP.

**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>:** 8.00-9.00am **Holy Hour**, 9.15am Masses.

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> & Sat 8<sup>th</sup>:** 8.00-9.00am **Holy Hour**, 12noon Masses.

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 7.00pm Vigil, 8.00am, 9.30am, & 11.00am Masses.

**Confessions:** **Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 11.30 -11.55am, 6.15 - 6.45pm and any time when I'm available on request.

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## **Masses/Prayer intentions received by 25/11/18**

**Lately Dead:** Jim Henry, Maureen Johnson, Francis McHale, Gerry Kelly, George Taker x2, Finton Coffey.

**Anniversaries:** Frank Hitchen, Jim Brennan, Eddie, Kathleen & Family, William, Bridie & Family, David Hine, Joan Bloor, Annie Freeman, Frances Smith.

**Birthday Remembrance:** Cathy Conchie, Margaret Mary Thesdorides.

**Sick:** John, Brendan, Rosalie, Mary Kelly.

The Bell Family. Special intention for the Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition. Special intention.

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**Barlow Full Governing Body Meeting:** Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at 5.30pm.

**Advent Scripture Reflection:** - looking at the readings of the previous Sunday. Begins Monday 3/12, 7.00pm in the presbytery.

**Pathways to God Resource:** The Jesuits & Westminster Marriage Family Life Team have joined forces to produce a series of imaginative contemplations to help families journey alongside the Holy Family in prayer this Advent. See website – Pathways to God.

**Vacancies:** Cathedral Director of Music/Diocesan Music Advisor – 2 part time or 1 full time role – details on Diocese of Salford website.

**Christmas Carol Service:** There is a Family Christmas Carol Service taking place on Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Dec at 4.00pm in St Catherine's Church. We would love to have some new readers at the service – we have readings for Year 2/3 children, KS2 children, a teenager and an adult. Please email [amtaylor@uwclub.net](mailto:amtaylor@uwclub.net) if you are interested – or if you could get a small group together (your child & a couple of friends?) who would share a reading.

We also need volunteers to man the mince pies & mulled wine after the service. This would have to be sourced & served but you will be reimbursed., Full instructions can be provided.

**CAFOD Tree:** There is a tree & cards in church during Advent for you to write a seasonal message to your friends in the Parish. Please leave your message on the tree & make a donation in the box for CAFOD.

**Advent Training Programme:** Our Lady of Lourdes, Farnworth 01204 522380 for details.

**Alternative Advent Calendar:** Go online with St Mary Star of the Sea, Edinburgh each morning for scripture verse & prayer/reflection.

**Christmas Fair at The Little Sisters:** Raised £3,500. They are most thankful for the support.

**Bishop's Visit:** Not many names on the list of those who help in the Parish – Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4.00pm Please sign up & come – Fr John. **Note:** Refugee community support group will meet the Bishop first at 2.30pm.

**Retired Clergy Fund:** the total you gave was £371.42. I've informed the Diocese and so it will be debited from our account. Thank you for your generosity.

**Roadworks:** Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Kingsfield Drive to Parris Wood Road will be closed & Sat & Sun 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Parris Wood Road to Kingsway will be closed.

**Ladies Group:** 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Social.

## **Saints' Days/ Special Days of Prayer**

02/12 1<sup>st</sup> Sun of Advent – Day of Special Prayer

Migrants & Refugees.

03/12 – St Francis

Xavier, Priest.

06/12 – St Nicholas, Bishop.

08/12 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Solemnity.

## **27<sup>th</sup> Nov Collection**

Collection Total

£1,227.47

Piety Stall £50.90

Candles £76.61

Poor £7

Baptism £60

Priest Fund £20

CAFOD £7

Masses £85

## **MANY THANKS**

**Standing Orders for September £1423.00**

## **Readers**

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018

7.00pm E Stewart

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018

8.00am F Braganza

9.30am Renehan Family

11.00am B Keaveney

## **Counting team**

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018

M Schilling & D Redford

## **Parish Centre Bookings**

0161 480 0741

## **Hospital Chaplaincies**

**MRI/Christies**

0161 276 4247

**Wythenshawe**

0161 291 2297

## **Schools**

**St Cath's** 0161445 6359

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