



Holy Apostles and Martyrs Parish

Part of Wallasey Local Missionary Area (LMA 21)

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Christmas Masses - there will be four Masses at Christmas – at 6.00pm and 8.00pm on Christmas Eve and on Christmas morning at 9.30am and 11.00am.

Important please note - as it will be impossible to celebrate our traditional children's Mass Fr Phil is going to record a special children's Mass and you will be able to view this on the parish website <https://holypostlesandmartyrs.org> on Christmas Eve.

As we have to ensure that we do not go over the maximum number permitted at each Mass we have asked people to pre-register with details of the number of people in their household or bubble and which Mass they wish to attend.

Please note that we have reached the maximum number for all the Masses except the 9.30am where there a small number of places still available.

If you would like to book a place please email your request to ham.parishadmn@gmail.com or if you are in church for Mass please give your details to one of the stewards.

Stewards will be on duty at all the Christmas Masses and will show you to the seat/s allocated to you. So we can accommodate everyone it might mean that you will not be able to sit where you normally do in church. As usual face coverings must be worn, social distancing must be maintained at all times and you will be asked to sanitise your hands when entering and leaving. **HANDS – FACE – SPACE**

Please note that there will be NO 6pm Mass on Boxing Day, Mass will be celebrated at 10am on Saturday 26th December.

ADVENT APPEAL for Foodbank - The Foodbank does not need specific Christmas donations but are currently short of the following:- **tinned fish, meat and rice pudding. Tea, coffee, sugar** (small if possible), **juice, toothbrushes & toothpaste.**

Many thanks for your continued support.

Christmas Collections:

We will be taking the traditional **Clergy Offerings** collection at all the Christmas Masses, this goes into the parish bank account to help towards Fr Phil and Sr Jo's monthly allowance, (personal gifts can be given, please place in an envelope addressed to Fr Phil or Sr Jo).

We will also be taking our annual collection for **Caritas** to help those who are most poor and in need, baskets will be available at both entrances/exits of Church over Christmas and Holy Family weekend.

Many thanks for your continued generosity it is gratefully appreciated.

13th December 2020
3rd Sunday of Advent
Year B

Psalter Week II

First Reading

Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11

Response to Psalm

My soul rejoices in my God

Second Reading

1 Th 5: 16-24

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Please pray for the sick, housebound and all those self-isolating in our parish. May the Lord in his love & mercy help them through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers **Albert Maguire, Mary McDonald, Dougie Laverie, Mal Charles** and all those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.



Social Media

Twitter: @HamParish

Facebook Page: Holy
Apostles Catholic Parish

Diocesan Year Books –

available this weekend price £5

The SVP assist anyone who would like a visit at home or who needs practical help. Please contact us, email: svphelp@hamparish.org or ring our confidential phone number 07563966654 and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Online giving to the Parish –

An online donation facility to enable you to give to the Parish has been added to the Parish website. The minimum donation is £5 and you can Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box shown on the screen even if you have previously completed a Gift Aid Declaration form in favour of the Parish.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND CHRISTMAS

APPEAL 2020 Please donate at www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk - as we approach

Christmas and our thoughts turn to Bethlehem, we thank you for your generosity and prayers.

CAFOD Appeal for the

occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) please consider writing to our MP Angela Eagle -

Please use this link for details: [Ask the government to push for human rights, peace and justice for the occupied Palestinian territory | CAFOD \(e-activist.com\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/ask-the-government-to-push-for-human-rights-peace-and-justice-for-the-occupied-palestinian-territory)

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Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	6.00pm	(Jim Rathbone)
Sunday	9.30am	(People of the Parish)
	11.00am	(Tina Robinson)
Monday	9.30am	(Roy Ostle)
Tuesday	*1.00pm	(Requiem – Mary McDonald)
	6.45pm	(Marion McKean)
Wednesday	9.30am	(Mary McDonald)
	*12 Noon	(Requiem – Albert Maguire)
Thursday	9.30am	(Intentions of Pauline Carew)
Friday	9.30am	(Shrewsbury Secular Clergy Fund)
Saturday	6.00pm	(Marion McKean)
Sunday	9.30am	(People of the Parish)
	11.00am	(Anna Torpey)

**Restricted numbers, family & invited guests only*

Fairtrade and Chocolate Gifts – Thank you for all the orders. We still have a few of the small chocolate packs left @ £3.75 each and there are some Christmas cards on sale at the back of church. The normal groceries are in stock: tea, coffee, ginger and chocolate cookies, iced fruit cake. Please call Anne to order 07910 960316.

A Live Simply parish initiative - We need your used postage stamps! Recycle old stamps and support Reaching the Unreached: - <https://www.rtu.org.uk>. Start harvesting stamps from your post, particularly over the Christmas Season. Carefully remove excess paper, leaving approx. 1cm around the stamp. There is a collection box for your stamps at the back of the church. Please place your stamps in the box as you are coming into church if possible. We'll also take any used stamps you have already collected. All stamps will be sent to Reaching the Unreached. Please call or text Claire Hetherington on 07948 727504 if you have any questions. Many Thanks.

CAFOD World Gifts - World Gifts are CAFOD's range of virtual gifts that make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. **Christmas is coming! But how can you find unusual charity presents for your friends and family that make a difference to people living in poverty?** Buying a World Gift is the perfect solution. World Gifts are CAFOD's range of virtual gifts that make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world.

Church Garden - Will meet this week on Monday & Wednesday, weather permitting, and then take a break over Christmas and the New Year, re-starting on 4th January.

Mass cards - are available in church but not on display. Please ask a steward to select a card for you and then place your payment in the box on the wall at the back of church. Cards are £1 or 50p.

Carol Singing – Members of our parish and other Wallasey Village churches will be singing carols outside the Co-op in Wallasey Village on Wednesday 23rd December from 1-2pm.