



Holy Apostles and Martyrs Parish

Part of Wallasey Local Missionary Area (LMA 21)

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Christmas Masses - 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://holyapostlesandmartyrs.org> on Christmas Eve pm.

Please note that **we have reached the maximum number for all the Christmas Masses** and as we have to ensure that we do not go over the maximum number permitted at each Mass **only those who have booked and pre-registered will be allowed into Church.**

The rows will be numbered and the stewards 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, sorry. 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.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL for Foodbank - The Foodbank does not need specific Christmas donations but are currently short of the following:- **tinned fish, tinned 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 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.

We will also be taking the traditional **Clergy Offerings** collection at all the Christmas Masses, this goes to help towards Fr Phil and Sr Jo's monthly allowance.

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

'A Lockdown Christmas' – a reflection on the birth of Jesus in these troubled times by students from St Mary's and other HFCMAT schools, please follow the link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEbj9E7-gMk&feature=youtu.be>

Christmas Gifts for the housebound/those on their own – please take a pot of hyacinths from the back of Church with a special letter from the students at St Mary's for anyone you know who is housebound or living on their own this Christmas.

20th December 2020
4th Sunday of Advent
Year B
Psalter Week IV

First Reading
2 Sam:7:1-5, 8-12, 14.16

Response to Psalm
I will sing forever of your love, O Lord

Second Reading
Rom 16: 25-27

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

Gospel
Luke 1: 26-38

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 **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 at back of Church £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	(Marion McKean)
Sunday	9.30am	(People of the Parish)
	11.00am	(Anna Torpey)
Monday	9.30am	(John Mulcahy)
Tuesday	6.45pm	(Intentions of Mary Buckley)
Wednesday	9.30am	(Priest's Private Intention)
Thursday	<u>CHRISTMAS MASSES</u>	
	6.00pm	(James Howell)
	8.00pm	(People of the Parish)
Friday	9.30am	(Mark Harris)
	11.00am	(Marion McKean)
Saturday	*10.00am	(Thomas Moor)
Sunday	9.30am	(People of the Parish)
	11.00am	(Marion McKean)

**Please note the change of Mass times*

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.**

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>. 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. 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 - We will 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.

Readers Rota – a new Rota for January to March 2021 will be issued soon. Please let Claire know your planned absences asap email: clairefrances.hetherington@gmail.com or call/text 07948 727504. Many thanks.
