

St Helen's Church

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16th/17th December 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

23rd/24th December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

24th/25th December

Christmas

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St Helen's

Sunday 17th

10.00 am Mass for Joe and Mary Kelly (R.I.P.)
 & John Crowley (lately dead)

Monday 18th: 7.00 pm: Holy Hour

Tuesday 19th: 7.30pm: Novena

Wednesday 20th

10.00 am Mass for the intentions of Lee & Loftus families
 Exposition after Mass until 12.00

Saturday 23rd

11.00 am Exposition, (from 11.20 am Confessions)
 12.00 Mass for Dusan Dragicevic (lately dead)

Sunday 24th

10.00 am Mass for Sr Josephine Barron FCS (lately dead)
8.00 pm Christmas Eve
 Mass for Madelaine Connaughton (lately dead)

Monday 25th Christmas Day

10.00 am Mass for Simon O'Neill (anniversary)

Tuesday 26th Boxing Day

12.00 Mass for Margaret Carthy (R.I.P.)

Wednesday 27th

10.00 am Mass for the intentions of Sr Mary Gabriel Barron

Friday 29th

10.00 am Funeral Mass for Paul Lovelady

Saturday 30th

11.00 am Exposition, (Confessions from 11.20 am)
 12.00 Mass for Tony Allen (lately dead)

Sunday 31st

10.00 am Mass for Margaret Bulmer (lately dead)

Please remember in your prayers: Brenda Overend
 Paul Lovelady and Brian Mangan who died recently

St Joseph's

Saturday 16th

5.30 pm Exposition & 6.00 pm Confessions
6.30 pm Mass for James Judge (anniversary)

Sunday 17th

11.15 am Mass for Ben Willoughby (in memory)
 and Ken Williams (anniversary)

Friday 22nd

10.00 am Mass for Stephen Willoughby (lately dead)

Saturday 23rd

5.30 pm Exposition & 6.00 pm Confessions
 6.30 pm Mass for Frank & Dorothy Prichard (in memory)

Sunday 24th

11.15 am Mass for David Flanagan, Emma and Nicola
 (in memory)

10.00 pm Christmas Eve

Mass for the people of the parish

Monday 25th Christmas Day

11.15 am Nicholas Batterton (birthday remembrance)

Friday 29th

10.00 am Mass for Alfred Rimmer (R.I.P.)

Saturday 30th

5.30 pm Exposition & 6.00 pm Confessions
6.30 pm Mass for Charles & Win Kinsey (R.I.P.)

Sunday 31st

11.15 am Mass for Helen Sharrock (lately dead)

Anniversaries: Sandra Rooney, Barbara Roberts,
 Thomas Cheetham, Annie Kearney, John Robinson, Simon
 O'Neill, Michael Hewlett, Joe Ward, Eileen Reynolds,
 Mary Kilbane, Margaret Evans, Martha Price-Moore,
 Sr Agnes Lyons, Marie McGuire, Jeffrey Everott,
 Pat Mulholland, Martin Hurley, Agnes Peters.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES: Stephen Wilson, Christine Moore, John Murphy, Christopher Brown,
 John Regan, Hannah Amelia Regan, Hugh Dillon, Rita Barber, Celia Bradshaw, Joan Bamber, Susan Natsheh, Peter Holmes,
 Joan Doyle, Mary Cookson-Gower, Norah Byford, Ged Manning, Janet Kinsey, Betty Hennessey, Stephen Deary,
 Carol Carroll, Jane Kwok, David, Rachel Haney, Jean Tracy, Hagai Atzmon, Betty Walsh, Anne England, Joan Loveridge,
 Michael Callaghan, Alex Matthews, Hazel Dempster, Kate Daley, Anthony Wright, Joan Bell, Esther Matthews, Betty Laing,
 Maureen Finn, Bridget Kilbane, Fr Strowbridge, Bernadette Hockenull, Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Elsie Lofthouse,
 Rick Johnson, Paul & Bernadette Crossey, John Wills, Chris Watts, **Pat Maher (nee Cummins), John Eccleshall** and 3 others.

Many thanks to everyone who helped and supported our Christmas sale on 2nd December. We raised a total of £1168 for SPUC.

**All welcome to our parish
Carol Concerts**

St Joseph's: Sunday 17th December at 7pm
St Helen's: Wednesday 20th December at 7pm
£5 (pay on the door) includes punch and mince pie.



**WATERLOO FOOD BANK: JOINT UPDATE FROM ST HELEN'S/
ST JOSEPH'S**

Another 47 bags of food/toiletries and £180 in cash were delivered during the last two weeks. With the closure between Christmas and New Year, it is essential that all donations need to be made latest December 20th, either of basic, simple to prepare, non-perishable foodstuffs, in particular, biscuits, tinned potatoes, tinned rice pudding, fruit squash, cereals, as well as toiletries or for their Christmas appeal, items such as nuts, sweets, chocolates/selection packs, stuffing, boxes of biscuits, crisps/Pringles/Mini-Cheddars, gravy, tinned ham/salmon, crackers. Christmas puddings/mince pies must be alcohol free. Value brands are always acceptable. Donations can be left at church or at 39 Ilford Avenue, L23 7YE or 1 Halltine Close, L23 6XX. Cash in envelopes, marked Food Bank, can be posted through either letter box.

SICK LIST :

From time to time it is good to update our Sick List. If you know of any additions or deletions that should be made please contact Anne . Many thanks.

Unused Rosary Beads? In less than 3 years the Catenians have sent around 450,000 rosary beads to various mission territories around the world. They are hoping to reach a target of 500,000!! If you would like to help please send your unused rosary beads to : Mr Michael Blackburn, 164 Green Park Road, Halifax, HX3 OSP. Thank you.

Mike Foy: "On Christmas Eve **Crosby Community Choir** will sing carols before the service at St Helen's church from 7.30pm. Do turn up early and get in the mood. After that the choir takes a break over the Christmas period and resume rehearsals on Wednesday 10th Jan. We will be starting rehearsals on our new music for our Easter events. Do come along and join us; any Wednesday at 7.30 in St Helens parish centre."

Fr Martin writes:

"I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. I hope you can all enjoy some special time with your families and friends over the coming days. Special thanks to all who help in so many ways to keep us running smoothly, and all who help us in reaching out to the wider community with the many charitable projects we are involved in. God Bless."

SVP: Many thanks for the December collection. £282.36 was collected at St Joseph's and £218.44 from St Helen's.

Thursday prayers - Peace in the Holy Land

Please **read** the changing **weekly prayer intentions** on the notice at the **back of church** or visit <https://sabeel.org/category/wave-of-prayers/>

Family of Parishes:

There will be information given out after Masses on 16th /17th December about proposals for developing Families of Parishes in our Deanery, Opportunities for feedback will be outlined and there will be a meeting in the New Year on a date to be confirmed.

CAFOD (St Helen's) pray-fast-give

At this point, when there is so much to be done to support those in desperate need we can lose sight of the continuing development work and its impact, which is CAFOD's main challenge. THE constant element in this is the provision of clean water. Drinking, sanitation, washing, cooking are all safely facilitated by a clean and readily available water supply.

School children from Junamina primary school in Zimbabwe faced a long walk and a steep climb up and down a rocky canyon to collect water, tough in 38° C. This impacted on sanitation and basic diseases were rife. Funding a pump and pipeline in partnership with other NGOs has changed the narrative for the pupils and teachers at the school. Pupils no longer arrive tired after collecting water and there are water taps in the school for drinking and cleaning for the first time ever.

***God of blessings, may your love flow through us.
Together may we reshape the world so that thirst for water and justice is satisfied.***

Amen

Thank you for your donations in the past two weeks which totalled £311.

MERRILOCKS PARK/CAROL CONCERT on Sunday, 10th December. The sum of **£813.05** was raised towards the final Section of Railings around the top end of the park. With thanks to everyone who supported the event!
parkmerrilocks23@gmail.com for more information.

Contributions for this newsletter need to reach the Parish Office **12 noon on Thursday.**
Please provide a contact 'phone number in case of query.
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