

St Helen's Church

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20th/21st December 2025
4th Sunday of Advent

27th/28th December
The Holy Family

Year A

St. Joseph's Church

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St Helen's

Sunday 21st

10.00 am Mass for Bernard Greville (anniversary)

Monday 22nd 7.00 pm: Holy Hour

Wednesday 24th Christmas Eve

8pm Mass for Simon O'Neill (R.I.P.)

Thursday 25th Christmas Day

10.00 am Mass for the people of the parish

Friday 26th Boxing Day

12.00 Mass for David Flanagan, Emma & Nicola (R.I.P.)

Saturday 27th

11.00 am Exposition, (Confessions from 11.20 am)

12.00 Mass for Paul Charles and Mary Baxter (R.I.P.)

Sunday 28th

10.00 am Mass for Tom Kelly (anniversary)

Monday 29th 7.00 pm: Holy Hour

Wednesday 31st

10.00am Mass for Chris Farley (anniversary)

Exposition until 12.00

Thursday 1st January

12.00 Mass for Kathleen Smith and family

Saturday 3rd

11.00 am Exposition, (Confessions from 11.20 am)

12.00 Mass for Bill Supple (R.I.P.)

and Carol McGuinness (R.I.P.)

Sunday 4th

10.00 am Mass for Pat & Bob Leahy (get well)

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:

Terri Bainbridge, Celia Bradshaw, Sheila Lupton,
Gavin Hodson, Bridget Kilbane, Margaret Dunne,
Bernadette Hockenhull, Sue Halsall all our sick and house-
bound and those in hospitals and nursing homes.

St Joseph's

Saturday 20th

5.30 pm Exposition & 6.00 pm Confessions

6.30 pm Mass Elizabeth Hennessy (anniversary)

Sunday 21st

11.15 am Mass for Margaret Semper (anniversary)

Wednesday 24th Christmas Eve

Carols from 9.30 pm

10.00 pm Mass for the people of the parish

Thursday 25th Christmas Day

11.15 am Mass for Nicholas Batterton

(birthday remembrance)

Saturday 27th

5.30 pm Exposition & 6.00 pm Confessions

6.30 pm Mass for Richard Potts (in memory)

Sunday 28th

11.15 am Mass for Eileen Williams (lately dead)

and David Randalls (lately dead)

Friday 2nd January

10.00 am Mass for Christina and Joseph Potts (in memory)

Saturday 3rd

5.30 pm Exposition & 6.00 pm Confessions

6.30 pm Mass Diana Russell (anniversary)

Sunday 4th

11.15 am Mass for Colette Taggart (anniversary)

Anniversaries:

Thomas Cheetham, Annie Kearney, Simon O'Neill,
Michael Hewlett, Joe Ward, Tom Kelly, Eileen Reynolds,
Mary Kilbane, Marie McGuire, Jeffrey Everott, Pat Mulholland,
Martin Hurley, Agnes Peters, Therese Bradley,
Catherine Bellis, Maureen Nolan.

Please remember in your prayers : Marie Jean Levans
who died recently



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."

<p>Collections coming up: SVP: 3rd/4th January Many thanks for the donations last month: St Helen's: £382.20 St Joseph's: £351.23</p>	<p>Lourdes\ Quiz Night St Helen's parish centre Friday 16th January Doors open at 7pm, first round at 7.30pm Entry: £8 (under 18s free) Bring your own drinks and nibbles Donations of raffle prizes welcome (please phone Sarah—07949237251)</p>
<p>FOOD BANK: JOINT UPDATE FROM ST HELEN'S/ST JOSEPH'S Many thanks for the tremendous response to their Christmas appeal, for which 60 bags of various food items, toiletries and petfood plus £440 in cash and £100 in a cheque were recently donated. The particular items in short supply currently are <u>shampoo, shower gel and toothpaste</u>. As always, <u>all basic, simple to prepare, non-perishable foodstuffs, including Value brands</u>, are welcome. 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 or placed in the weekend plate collections.</p>	<p>Extra Mass at St Helen's Please note that we are starting an extra Sunday Mass at 4pm. It will start on Sunday 11th January.</p>
<p>CAFOD St Helen's <i>pray-fast-give</i> ADVENT APPEAL The situation in Gaza is in the forefront of the minds of people believing in justice, mercy and peace across the world and aid agencies globally, including CAFOD, working through partners, continue to seek the access needed and the freedom of movement necessary to meet the needs of those desperate, displaced families within the Israeli controlled Gaza strip. Whilst those Palestinians in the West Bank Territory of Palestine face nothing like the challenges that their compatriots in Gaza have to, their different needs require different support. In addition, hundreds of thousands of Palestinians have been displaced since 1948 and huge numbers still live as refugees in Jordan and, in particular, Lebanon. Your contributions continue to support CAFOD's work in Gaza but its Advent Appeal is focussed on those displaced for many years, in permanent camps in countries that don't recognise them as citizens. They are often subject to harassment, assault from various militias and also attacks by the Israeli military. Any donations this Sunday and the next will be sent to that Advent Appeal. Thank you for your donations of £486 in the past two weeks.</p>	<p>Irenaeus: On Saturday 10th January, at the Irenaeus Centre 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD we welcome a well-known speaker David Wells to lead our next 'Come & See' day. David is married to Alison and has three grown-up children. He started out as a teacher in Liverpool. Since then, he has gained an M(Phil), worked as a researcher, Education Advisor, Director of Formation and now works as a speaker and writer. He has spoken at 1500 conferences around the world.</p>
<p>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/</p>	<p>SICK LIST : If your name or the name of a friend or relative of yours was on the parish list of prayers for those who are sick, and you would like that name to remain on the list, would you please collect a permission slip from the back of church, complete and return to Anne (through the letterbox or in the offertory basket.) We need to make sure that you or your friend or family member has consented to their name being on that list. The list is being re-built with the names of all for whom the parish have consent. This is necessary to make sure the church takes proper care of your information and complies with current data protection law.</p>
<p>Contributions for this newsletter need to reach the Parish Office by 12 noon on Thursday. Please provide a contact number in case of query.</p>	<p>Sacrament of Confirmation: If your child would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation this academic year it is essential they register online at: https://liverpoolcalled.co.uk/ Registration must take place before the 13th February. More information is available at the back of church.</p> <p>ST. PIO PRAYER GROUP: Will meet again on Thursday 8th January, 2 pm - 3 pm. Please note change of day! Everyone welcome. <i>Exposition and prayer</i>, with refreshments afterwards. Prayer intentions can be left with a member of the group, or the Parish Office, and will be included with the intentions prayed for each week.</p> <p>Used postage stamps: Deacon Peter is still collecting used stamps for several charities and will be grateful for your contributions. Please retain the stamps and ensure none of the edges are damaged. Please put them in the boxes provided.</p>