



### Parish of Saint Margaret Mary

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**Parish Office Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:30 - 1:30pm

Father Roy Cooper Parish Administrator Julie Collins

Safeguarding Rose Moffatt, Terri Wilson & Cathy Price

**Infants:** 477 8815 **Juniors:** 477 8490 **Parish Centre:** 220 6616 **Swanside Convent:** 228 3970

*The Parish is part of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Liverpool (Reg Charity 1199714)*

### Advent Week 2 – Year B

9th – 10th December 2023

#### Masses, Intentions & Services this week:

<b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	4:30pm	Adoration
	4:30pm	Confession
	5:30pm	<b>Mass</b> Parishioners
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	10:00am	<b>Mass</b> Simpson Family
	3:00pm	<b>Liverpool Phoenix Voices</b>
<b>Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	6:40pm	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
	7:00pm	<b>Mass</b> Priests Intention
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	10:00am	<b>Mass</b> Chloe & Joe
<b>Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	10:00am	<b>Mass</b> Anne Muldoon
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	10:00am	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	4:30pm	Adoration
	4:30pm	Confession
	5:30pm	<b>Mass</b> Parishioners
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	10:00am	<b>Mass</b> Batey Family
	3:00pm	<b>Carol Concert</b>

**The recently deceased:** Lilian Timson, James Evans, Margaret Kelly.

**This week our lamps burn for:**  
**Blessed Sacrament** – Ryan Ellis  
**Our Lady** – Anne Muldoon



**Adoration - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with opportunity for Confession Saturday 4:30pm**



**Tea & coffee** served after Sunday 10am Mass in the Parish centre – all welcome.

**Christopher Grange** celebrates Mass each Sunday at 11:00am and all are welcome to attend.

**Your prayers are asked for: The Sick** – Mick Egan, Liz Danson, Baby Maher, Brian Peacock, Ann Mannion, Joyce Carter, Julie Stevens, Laura Grey, Maureen Melia, Mrs Shacklady, Kelly Dunn, Tony Larkin, Kimberly Lawler, Baby Joseph McCarthy, Deborah Marrs-Hanna, Gerry Lowe, Kathleen O’Gorman, Sandra Preece Swale, Ann Mooney, Mary Gallagher, Sophia Summers, Betty & Stan Rawlinson, Margaret Kelly

**Mass Association;** Harry Chadwick, Cathy Evans, Evelyn Barr, Christine & Peter Leutl & family, Peter Davis, Christopher Owens

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** The Sisters at 55 Swanside Road are happy to receive any special intentions, which we will include in our daily prayer together. Please feel free to give to any sister a written or oral request for prayer.

**Baptisms** *Please complete a Child Baptism Application Form, which can be obtained from the back of church and the Presbytery. Once completed, return to the Presbytery, you will then be contacted by the Baptism Team.*

Requests for letters of proof of Baptism must be given one week in advance by calling into the presbyter, proof of id required for data protection purposes.

**RCIA** Are you interested in becoming a Catholic and joining our faith journey. The RCIA group meet for an hour each week to share our faith, please contact the parish house for more details.

**A period of reflection based on the Gospel** we would like to invite anyone who wishes to deepen their understanding of the Gospel. All are welcome. The sessions will take place after Tuesday evening Mass, this month on 12<sup>th</sup> December and will continue meeting each month. The sessions will be led by Peter Ross Snr. God bless.

**Thank you to the cleaners and flower ladies** for keeping our church looking so glorious and to all the other people working in the background to keep our church viable. We are desperately seeking helpers to ensure the church continues to look as beautiful and welcoming as it does. We have a very small band of cleaners and flower ladies who would welcome more help. Please consider this and contact the parish house if this is something you would be interested in. **Donations for Christmas flowers** for the church would be very welcome.

**A Parish Calendar** will be produced once more for the coming year. It will feature a selection of classic pictures from the parish and I will be doing a limited production run of 50 calendars. They will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Unfortunately, I am going to have to increase the price this year for the first time since I started producing them some 10 years ago. Each calendar will cost £6.50 so that we can raise some funds for parish causes once again, they should be available for sale on the first Sunday of Advent. Kindest regards Stephen.

**Piety Stall** we now have Christmas stock in the church shop-Christmas cards, candles, calendars etc. Please support us when you are thinking of buying Christmas gifts for family and friends. Just a thought... **Keeping Christ in Christmas.** When sending Christmas cards why not make sure the postage stamps have a religious theme connected to Christmas. Just one way to witness to our faith!

**UCM** - Christmas **Raffle Tickets** on sale after weekend Masses - £1 – with lovely hampers as prizes. Draw will be made at the Carol service on 17th December starting at 3pm. Please be as generous as you always are

**Liverpool Phoenix Voices in Concert** and our school children, are in church this Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm - Christmas Carols, songs, traditional and contemporary, to include many well-known pieces and more from local composers including a world premiere. **Tickets are £5, children free.** Please pay on the door. Please come along and support the event.

**Advent Carol Service:** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm in church with help from our two schools and our music group, we will gather for carols and the blessing of the Christmas tree. Please join us to come together as a parish and prepare for the birth of Jesus.

**Mary's Meals – Double the Love** From 22 November 2023 to 22 January 2024, donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1million. Today, we face some of our greatest challenges yet in a world devastated by conflict, food insecurity and the cost of living crisis, which we know is affecting people here in the UK as well as in the countries where we work, such as Syria, Haiti and South Sudan. With Double the Love, your donation will be matched and your kindness will go even further – meaning we can reach even more desperately hungry children with a life-changing school meal. There are many ways to get involved, find out more at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

**Christian Aid Middle East Crisis Appeal** International development charity Christian Aid is appealing for more help in boosting funds to continue to support its local partners. Church leaders are being urged to renew appeals for donations - every amount will make a difference; £6 will pay for a basic hygiene kit while a donation of £37 will pay for a food parcel for a family of five in Gaza. Further details on what is being done with the money is in the press release attached. **To make a donation, please visit the Middle East Crisis Appeal page on the [Christian Aid website](#).**

**CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal** Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

**Feeding Liverpool** Deacon Andrew Cleary, who is a Trustee of Feeding Liverpool, has asked if parishioners would consider supporting the charity within our parish. "This Christmas, we are asking people to join together to support Feeding Liverpool's Christmas Appeal to help us and the 70 member charities we support that provide emergency and community food support in the region as we work towards #GoodFoodForAll. Your support will help us continue to put good food on tables this winter and beyond, at a time when Government Statistics indicate that 132,000 people in the Liverpool City Region– or 9% of the population – have to turn to emergency food charities to feed themselves or their family.

**Irenaeus Centre** Let us help you to ease the burden. We have many new and nearly new toys available. Please feel free to call in to the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD and take what you need.

**Carol Service featuring 'Tongues of Fire' on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm**

**Christmas Singalong with 'Frank Sinatra and friends' on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.**

**'The Christmas Story Fact or Fiction'?** On Thursdays 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> December from 10:30am -12 noon.

**Dovecot Food Club Hope Place East Prescot Rd opp KFC:** Mondays 10am to 1pm. Families can receive £15 worth of food for £5. Food can be dropped off during these times. A warm place to have a cup of tea and chat. Please note the following items are desperately needed: **Tea bags, coffee, tinned beans, pasta, tinned tomatoes, tuna, spaghetti, biscuits, crisps. Nappies 4/5, toothpaste, soap, shower gel, shampoo, toilet rolls.** We welcome donations in church before or after Saturday and Sunday Masses.

**Parish Centre this week: Warm and cosy centres** our parish centre is open on Thursdays to all between 1:30-2:30pm. There will be free tea, coffee and biscuits, access to TV and WIFI and friendly company.

**Lunch Club for over 55's** on Thursdays at 12 noon. Two-courses for £5:00, cooked by Lynne & Peter Fidler. To book your place, phone: 481 0032.

**Union of Catholic Mothers** on Thursdays at 7:30pm. **Quiz** Thursdays at 9:30pm

**Parish Centre Opening Hours: Thursday – Sunday from 7pm & Sunday afternoons from 12 noon. Mondays – Wednesdays: functions – bar closes at 10pm. For functions contact Karen, the manager, on 220 6616.**

**Financial Matters:** Last weekend's collection: 3/12/23 £411 Many thanks.

**Parish Tote:** 30/11/23 No's 37 & 38 = £25 No winner

**If you would like to make a donation to the parish please scan the QR code on your mobile phone.**



**Weekly Newsletter** – to receive this electronically, sign up to our Facebook page: **St Margaret Mary Liverpool.**

Newsletter items to be emailed by Wednesday evening. If you would like to receive our newsletter by email please send us an email to [stmargaretmarys@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stmargaretmarys@rcaol.org.uk) requesting this and any we will forward a copy to you.