



St. David's Parish  
Monastery Road, Pantasaph,  
Holywell. CH8 8PE



**DECEMBER 15, 2024**

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Mass Timings**

Saturday Vigil Mass      4.00 Pm  
Sunday Mass                10.00am  
Weekdays                 9.00 am    In Denbigh House

**CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**December 24, Tuesday**

Carol Hymns                7.30 pm

Vigil Holy Mass            8.00 pm

**Christmas Day Mass 10.00 am**

**READINGS**

First Reading:                Zephaniah                03:14-18

Second Reading:              Philipians                04:4-7

Gospel:                         Luke                        03:10-18

**Responsorial Psalm**

Shout, and sing for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia

The spirit of the lord is upon me; because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

Alleluia

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS**

**In the first reading**, the prophet Zephaniah encourages Jerusalem and Israel to shout out for the joy of their expected deliverance by the Lord.

**In the second reading,** a letter written from the imprisonment of St. Paul echoes this message of joy, “*Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice...*”

**In the Gospel today,** John the Baptist explains the secret of Christian joy as our wholehearted commitment to God’s Way by the doing of His will. John challenges people to generosity and a sense of fairness so that others may have reason to rejoice. According to John, happiness comes from doing our duties faithfully, doing good for others, and sharing our blessings with others in need. John’s call to repentance is a call to joy and restoration. *Repentance* means a change in the purpose and direction of our lives. John tells the people to act with justice, charity, and honesty, letting their lives reflect their transformation. For us, that transformation occurs when Christ enters our lives, and we begin to live those lives in the ways Jesus teaches and John suggests.

**Life Messages: 1) We are called to a change of life.** First, we should examine our relationships with others. We need to mend ruptures, ease or relieve frictions, face family responsibilities, work honestly, and treat employees and employers justly. Our domestic and social lives must be put in order. We must abandon our selfish thirst for consumption and, instead, be filled with the expectation of Jesus’ coming. **2) We need to remember that we, like John the Baptist, are Christ’s precursors:** Parents, teachers, and public servants act as Christ’s precursors by repenting of their sins, reforming their lives, and bringing Christ into the lives of those entrusted to their care. Parents are expected to instill in their children a true Christian spirit and an appreciation for Christian values by their own lives and behavior. All public servants need to remember that they are God’s instruments and that they are to lead the people they serve to the feet of Jesus, so that they, too, may know him personally and accept him as their Savior, Lord and Brother.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>OFFERED BY</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
December 14, Saturday		For the Parishioners

December 15, Sunday	Joan Oates	Letitia & Nick Christmas Blessings
December 16, Monday	Sr. Margaret	Patrick and Diane Ward
December 17, Tuesday	Sr. Margaret	Raphael, Ursula and Family
December 18, Wednesday	Tony Parry	Tony Parry Healing
December 19, Thursday	Philomine Nkwenti	Ma Christine Nkwenti RIP
December 20, Friday	Helen cornetto	Francis Xavier Edme Prigard RIP

### **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS- DECEMEBR 8, 2024**

Loose cash	£ 101.50
Gift Aid	£ 75.00
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>£ 176.50</u></b>

### **PARISH GATHERING & SHARING TABLE**

#### **Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December after 10.00 am Mass**

Christmas is a time for spiritual as well as social celebrations. In order to enhance our mutual bond as members of parish let us come together for a sharing of table on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December after the 10.00 am Mass in the Retreat Dining Hall. You are welcome to bring some food items to put on the sharing table. Please invite your family and friends to join you on the occasion.

#### **Volunteers for decoration of the church and preparing crib**

Volunteers are needed to decorate the Church in preparation for Christmas and to prepare the Crib. Those who can avail themselves please contact Angela Taylor or Angela Rhodes.

#### **Donation for flowers and Christmas Tree**

Those who would like to donate flowers or Christmas Tree please contact Fr. Paul or Angela Taylor. Your generosity will be highly appreciated.

## **Carol singing**

Singing hymns and praising God is a sublime means of worship. Those who would like to use your God-given talents of singing can join our choir on Christmas Vigil. Please contact Richard Oates or Sarah Culpit.

## **FR. PAUL GOING FOR HOLIDAYS**

Fr. Paul will be on holiday from December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to February 3<sup>rd</sup> week, 2025. Fr. Denny Mandapathil will be in-charge of the parish in his absence.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION at 11.30 am on Saturday**  
**ON EMERGENCY please call 0741-749-4277**

**Let us Remember the Sick in Prayer**  
Philip McGreevy, Antony Parry, Janice Davies.

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Eric Roberts, James Auld, Maria Gardiner, Peter Morley, Agnes Parsonage, Mary Clare Tyson, Honora Neville, Fr. Richard Payne, Sr Dolores, Harold Borsey, Br. Andrew McDonald, Sr. Philomena Walker, Mary Bury, Carol Ravenscroft, Sr Josephine Wareing,

**May their souls rest in Peace**

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