

Blessed Carlo Acutis: We, the LPA 21, are immensely glad to invite you all for Relic Exhibition of Blessed Carlo Acutis, who, ‘the only saint in JEANS’ is surely a model and inspiration for our Children and Youth today. We are hosting it in St. Alban’s Parish Hall, Liscard, Wallasey from December 03rd to 4th 10.30am till 5pm. In view of making the Exhibition an Eucharist-led journey, we have organized Holy Hour, Benediction, Witnessing, Eucharistic Teachings and Veneration of the Relic with special emphasis on the Spirituality of St. Peter Julian Eymard, the Apostle of the Eucharist from 3pm to 5pm at St. Alban’s Church, Liscard on December 3rd and the same will be at St. Joseph’s Church, Seacombe on December 4th. There will be some activities and workshops for children and teenagers as well. We look forward for your support and co-operation.

First Holy Communion: Family meeting for 1st Holy Communion preparation for children not at cheadle Catholic school who are in year 3 or above on 8th December at 6.30pm in St Ann’s Parish rooms. Please contact Carol on carollovestea@yahoo.co.uk if you have any questions.

Baptisms: Parents must attend an evening course before the baptism of their child. The next course is this Thursday 1st December). Please bring the completed Baptism Request Form (downloadable from our website) with you to the course and only then will the date for the baptism be confirmed.

Knit and Knatter: will be selling their Christmas items after Mass to raise funds for the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Boogie Bible: ADVENTure is a four-week Advent special course for children aged 2-5 and their parent/guardian. Monday morning 10.30-11.30am in St Ann’s Parish Rooms on 28th Nov and 5th, 12th and 19th Dec. £20 for four sessions (payable upfront and non-refundable). Younger siblings are welcome free of charge. Please contact Karolina on 07812 485368 or email

K.Romanisyntong@mail.com for more information and to book your place.

Money Matters: Next weekend we will have a collection for Caritas.

Please pray for all those who are sick. We pray for all those who have died recently. We also remember: Margaret Rogers, Harriet Turner, Arnold Chaisty, Ros Accardo, William Robinson, Phil Pritchard, Francis Fife, Thomas Simpson, Arthur Droege, Mary Davenport, James Dolan, Thomas Duffy, Catherine Spencer, Joan Skerrett, William Hampson, William Millin, Amy Scanlon, Ellen Turner, Molly Leslie, Marion Smith, Josephine Booth, Teresa Killoran, George Jones, Margaret McGrevey, Ethel Buchanan, Betty Wilson, Joseph Moore all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Parish Safeguarding Reps: Noel Russell and Bernadette McCrory. If you have any concerns about safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults, please speak to them or contact them via the presbytery, in the strictest confidence.

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Sunday 27th November – First Sunday of Advent Year A

Greetings and Prayers to all.

Welcome to the new Liturgical Season: The Season of Advent. The word advent is derived from the Latin *adventus*, means “arrival” or “coming”. What is the arrival we are awaiting? Christ-*Emmanuel* is the Reason of this Season and advent has a twofold meaning. Firstly, it is a time of preparation for the solemnities of Christmas in which the first coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered. Secondly it is a time when minds are directed by this memorial to Christ's second coming at the end of time. For these two reasons it is thus a season of joyful hope, a time of preparation, and spiritual awaiting. Advent looks back in order to look forward. For Christians, Christmas is not memorial of a thing past and gone, but preparation for what is to come. This advent season reminds us to change our attitudes towards our lives and an inspiring call to stay awake and to be vigilant for the presence of the Lord.

The most important symbol of Advent is the Advent Wreath. Advent is considered a season of light in the dark apex of winter, Advent is symbolised in the church by a candlelit evergreen wreath. In 1838, Johann Wichern, a German Lutheran pastor, began using this wreath to help his congregation count down the days until Christmas. Whatever may be the historical background, it is a beautiful symbol of the eternity of Christ and his presence in our lives. The Advent Wreath is a circular evergreen wreath with four or five candles, three purple, one rose and sometimes a white candle for Christmas Day placed in the centre of the wreath. The candles symbolise the light of Christ coming into the world. The evergreen symbolises renewal and the circular shape the completeness of God. The candle colours come from the traditional liturgical colours of Advent, (purple and rose) and Christmas (white). Each candle is lit on the appropriate Sunday of Advent and then the candles can be lit each day

according to the week. Overtime each candle was given a name and linked to a particular part of the Advent story. Candle 1. Hope (purple), Candle 2. Peace (purple), Candle 3. Joy (rose), Candle 4. Love (purple).

The season of Advent refocuses and reminds us that Christ has changed the world. In the last few years the light of Christmas seem dimmed by the consequences of the pandemic and darkness has covered all the aspects of our lives. By the grace and providence of God, this year we watch and wait for the Light of Christ. We prepare and repent our sins. We choose to rejoice and sing amidst the chaos. We welcome Christ more fully into our hearts with courage and creativity. This rich liturgical season offers us hope in the face of despair. It gives us permission to be still, to go deep, and reconnect with *Emmanuel*, the one who reminds us that, in all things, **God- Is- With- Us. Fr Louis.**

Parish Meeting: Apologies: the Parish Meeting will now be held on **Thursday 5th January at 7pm** in the Church Hall. The main item on the agenda will be discussing the setting up of a Parish Pastoral Council at St Chad's. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2022: Our Christmas Service will be:

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December:

St Chad's: 7pm Midnight Mass with Carols

St Ann's: 5pm Vigil Mass and 10pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Sunday 25th December

St Chad's: 9.30am Mass **St Ann's:** 11am Mass

Crib Blessings: Fr Louis will bless crib sets after Mass next Sunday (4th December). If you would like yours to be blessed, please bring on this day and put on the table in the hall. Thank you.

Perpetual Adoration: Every Thursday 10am-6pm. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church. You are welcome to come along at any time during the day. There is also Adoration at St Anns on Mondays and Tuesdays 10.30-1.30pm and Fridays 10.30am-6pm.

The Rosary: Before Masses on Thursdays and Sundays.

Thursday Coffee Morning: raised £40 for Parish Funds. Thank you.

Confirmation 2023: The date for Confirmation next year is Friday 14th July at 7pm at Christ Church. The preparation programme will be run by the Youth Mission Team again and will start in March, with the sessions taking place on Friday evenings from 7pm-8.30pm, also at Christ Church. If you are in Year 9 and above and would like to be confirmed, please email to let us know. Thank you.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 26 th <i>Vigil Mass</i>	St Ann's	5pm	Michael Doyle RIP
Sun 27 th <i>1st Sunday Advent Year A</i>	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	Alan Jones RIP For the parishioners of St Ann's & St Chad's
Mon 28 th	St Ann's	10am	Joseph & Margaret Cunningham RIP
Tues 29 th	St Ann's St Chad's	10am 6.30pm	Martin Losse RIP Carmencita Tuazon
Wed 30 th	NO MASS		
Thurs 1 st Dec	St Chad's	9.30am	Olive O'Rourke RIP
Fri 2 nd	St Ann's	10am	Anne Evans RIP
Sat 3 rd <i>Vigil Mass</i>	St Ann's	5pm	Katie Grimshaw RIP
Sun 4 th <i>2nd Sunday Advent</i>	St Chad's St Ann's	9.30am 11am	For all our parishioners Angela Tonkinson RIP

Mass Intentions: Envelopes available at the back of the church. Please post the envelope through the presbytery door once completed. Please note we are now into the New Year with Mass Intentions.

Confessions: Tuesdays 5.30pm-6.15pm or available on request by phoning the presbytery a minimum of 24 hours in advance to arrange.

Sycamore Programme: Our next session is tomorrow Monday 5th December 7.30pm-8.30pm in the Church Hall with a session on **The Meaning of Love**. You don't have to attend all the sessions, you can dip in and out. Future sessions will be on Monday evenings 7.30pm-8.30pm on: 28 November, 5 December, 9, 16, 23, 30 January and 6th, 13 February.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham St Peter's Hazel Grove are organising a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham from May 1st to Thursday May 4th 2023 . Accommodation will be at the shrine and travel will be by coach. Booking Forms are now available from St. Peter's office, the cost is £300 pp, a deposit of £50 pp is required. There are only a few places remaining and the price is only secured until December so please book ASAP to avoid being disappointed. Email: admin@stpetershazelgrove.org.uk