

Our Lady and St. Edward, St. Mary's Newhouse, St. Mary's Fernyhalgh Christmas Mass Schedules

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS 24 Friday December

OLSE - 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM

SMN - 5 PM and 7 PM

SMF - 6:30 PM

CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS 25 Saturday December

OLSE - 8:45 AM

SMN - 10:30 AM

SMF - 10:00 AM

NO EVENING MASS at OLSE

26 DECEMBER, SUNDAY

OLSE – 8:45 AM and 6:00 PM

20 December Monday 5:30 PM OLSE Parish Hall

Carol Service

Christmas Masses at OLSE

Current arrangements for attending weekend Masses will remain until further notice.

However, Christmas is a busy time and we are doing our best to accommodate as many as possible, please be understanding.

Friday Dec 24th Vigil Mass @ 5pm - no reservation required, social distancing will be a personal responsibility, this Mass will be busy and distancing limited.

Friday Dec 24th "Midnight Mass" @ 8pm & Saturday

Dec 25th Dawn Mass @ 8.45am - reservation essential by

requesting a place via the welcomers at weekend masses during advent, **not by telephone**

Sunday Dec 26th - 8.45am & 6pm - no reservations at 8.45am, or 6pm, social distancing measures will be in place

Face **covering (unless medically exempt)** and hand sanitising at **all** masses. Please do not attend if at all unwell, Thank you.

CAFOD, we hope you can support our Parish World Gifts collection this weekend (or bring it next weekend if you've forgotten it today) so that the work of Cafod can continue. Cafod also invites us to "Pray and reflect with us throughout Advent during this season of preparation, hope and expectation ahead of Christmas." We can do this by using the Advent calendar on the website or by using the weekly prayer on our bulletin.

Prayer - Help us, Lord, to value this time of waiting; to think of the journey to Bethlehem of Mary and Joseph, their joys, hopes and concerns, their long journey away from home, and their flight from tyranny. May we be mindful of the many millions of refugees having similar experiences and merciful towards them and all your children. We pray for them. Amen

VIII FULWOOD SCOUT GROUP

AMDG

Dear Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Parents / Guardians,

ANNUAL GROUP REVIEW AND SOCIAL – MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER at 7.00PM.

The Group is to hold an Annual Review / AGM and Social on Monday 6th December, 2021 at 7.00pm, primarily to celebrate the achievements of the Group and the young people in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts since last December. The Review will include –

- The awarding of key badges and certificates.
 - Reports on what the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been up to.
 - Photographs and displays from recent events.
 - Forthcoming plans.
 - A few formal bits including agreement of the accounts.
- There will be tea, coffee and juice and mince pies. I ask that at least one parent of every child is present.** Many thanks and I look forward to **seeing you on 6th December** in the Parish Centre.
Ian D Mulholland Group Scout Leader.

FOODBANK We assist each week 43 families. Children are fed who would otherwise go hungry. Thank you for your generous support. This week we need soup, tinned potatoes and vegetables, pasta and pasta sauce, cake, biscuits and custard and sachets of coffee and all usual items

St. Wilfrid's Church Drop-in-Centre A special thank you to Helen Melling who has knitted and donated 6 woolly hats. We still urgently need socks and gloves. Donations can be left either at the presbytery/convent or in the box at the front of **3 Marlborough Drive (directly opposite our church)** Please contact 0777 943 6279 if you require us to collect goods you wish to donate.

OUR ADVENT APPEAL 2021

Every week we help to feed families. Young children are fed who would otherwise go hungry. The Advent Appeal 2021 aims to raise £1,250 to make their Christmas special. Please help by using the gift page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ShareTAdvent2021>

or by making a donation to the Sisters.

For further information call 0777 943 6279 or Email fjmccg@outlook.com

Altar servers- we'd like to welcome new altar servers as we look to rebuild our team. Please consider this important role for anyone who has made their First Holy Communion. We'll hold a short introduction session soon (date tbc), but please email John Woods at olseservers@gmail.com to register interest.

CANON ALF HAYES

Will be the guest speaker at the Special Rosary Service to celebrate the **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** at 2:00 PM on Wednesday 8 December 2021 at the Carmelite Monastery Church, St. Vincent's Road Fulwood, Preston PR2 8QA. We will implore Our Lady to bring an end to the pandemic.

Further information: fjmccg@outlook.com or 0777 943 6279

Salvation Army Christmas Toys request and Christmas Foodbank – help please

We start making our Christmas toy hampers up this week and at present **we are in need of treats to give the families such as tubs / tubes of sweets / chocolates, nice tins of biscuits/shortbread, mince pies**, Christmas cake/puddings, selection boxes. Long life milk, coffee, sugar and hot chocolate are also needed. **New Toys: We put together around 400 Christmas 'stockings' for children of families who are struggling. Any donations of new toys will help but we're especially short of presents for teenagers (boys & girls) and babies 0-2yrs.**

If possible, donations by Friday 10th December please. Salvation Army, Harrington Street, Preston PR1 7BN [Claire & Natalie]

SVP Message...."NEED"

The late Cardinal Basil Hulme once said, "A parish without an SVP is missing a vital limb". The SVP does not exist for its own sake because its members are motivated by their Christian faith, to seek and find those in need and offer them friendship. The SVP visit them in homes, hospital and care homes on a regular basis, and offer additional practical support such as food, furniture and financial help when needed. Please give of yourself whether its time, food, and in the collection box, your rewards will be great.