



10TH DECEMBER 2017 + 2ND WEEK OF ADVENT + SUNDAYS YEAR B + WEEK DAYS YEAR 2

BIRKDALE CATHOLICS

Masses	Our Lady of Lourdes	St Joseph	St Teresa
Sat Vigil Masses	5.30pm Special Intention RWP	7pm Jack Madrick A	
Sunday - ADVENT	11am ATJ Birthday	9.30am Alex & Paul McDonnell 3.30pm Evening Prayer & Benediction	9.45am Joan Diggle LD 6pm Parishioners
Mon		10am Walter Dodd (RIP)	
Tue – <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	10am In hon of OL Guadalupe in respect of life		6pm NO MASS
Wed		10am George Abernethy	9.10am Margaret Kennedy (A)
Thurs – <i>St John of the Cross</i>	10am Dora Jonsson (RIP)		6pm NO MASS
Fri		10am Peter King (A)	
Sat Vigil Masses	5.30pm Rose & Arthur Kenny (A)	7pm Maria O’Hart (RIP)	11am Peter Myerscough (A)
Sunday - ADVENT	11am MPF Intentions	9.30am Susan & Paul Jensen 3.30pm Evening Prayer & Benediction	9.45am Tony & Kath Wilson B’day Rem 6pm Parishioners



Thanks to all who have bought a present and brought it back to church.

Piety Stall – Please have a look at the Traditional Advent Calendars, Greeting Cards, Mass Cards....

Are you regularly at the Sunday 6pm Mass? We are looking for readers, Eucharistic Ministers and welcomers. If you would like to help with these ministries please speak to Fr Atli.

CRAFT FAIR this Sunday 10th December after 9.45am Mass till 12.30pm in St Teresa’s school hall in aid of Pilgrimage Group funds.

Due to popular demand: **Parish Dine ‘n Dancing Saturday 3rd February 2018 in the Bold Hotel.** Tickets cost £22 per Person (includes a three course meal). Anyone wishing to go should give their names and contact details i.e. telephone numbers or email addresses and a £5 deposit per person to Mary Coutts 07870643906, Helen Hallmark 233725, Laura McCormick 562318 or Rick Durack 550545 as soon as possible please. Let’s make this a successful evening for all three church communities!

Thanks for your support. The Fair raised £2,220 for parish funds.



A DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS – Come and enjoy a feast of Christmas music at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 16th December at 7.00pm. The concert will feature a range of Christmas music, old and new, performed by the Cathedral Choirs. Single Tickets £5 or £10 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) from: poolmetmusic.ticketsource.co.uk or the Gift shop on 0151 707 3525.

Please ensure all items for the bulletin are received by Thursday lunchtime. Thank you.

We Pray for the Sick

*Colin Berry, Fr Tom Leigh, Jack Rogan, Minna Moffatt; Teresa Smith (snr); Ann Dodgson; Lewis Aindow; Mike Finnan; Eric Bond; Ralph Tierney; Ann Dutch; Ciara Lea; Dorothy & Michael Brady; Richard Hughes; Hannah Newton; Pauline Irvine; Graham Coutts; Gaby Gray; Mavis Luke; Pat Hodge; Veronica O’Brien; Joanne & Scott Winterbourne; Janette Rowan; Deborah Hughes; and our long term sick, including John Fletcher; Mitzi MacDonnell. * Canon Albert Shaw, Kathleen Marsh, Margaret Ford, Frank Baker, Mia King, Louise Booth, Renee Sproat, Vera Robinson, Hilda Stoker, Patricia Taylor, Anita Meadows, Kate Todd, Leo O’Reilly, May & Henry Kennedy-Skipton, Mike Barber, Jim Astengo, Emma Whittaker, Margaret Swift, Kitty Turner, Harold Waters, Win Thorne, Derrick Bates, Ray Cottingham, Callum and Samantha Purnell*

The Lately Dead

Michael Boden

Anniversaries

Jack Madrick, Margaret Kennedy, Peter King, Peter Myerscough, Rose and Arthur Kenny

Please note that from January – the Saturday morning Mass in St Teresa will be at 10am.

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Diocese: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

Other Catholic Churches in Southport:

[St John Stone & Sacred Heart Tel. 577722](http://www.stjohnstone.org)

[St Marie & St Patrick Tel. 531229](http://www.stmarie.org)

[Holy Family Tel. 532613](http://www.holyfamily.org)

This Week

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Mass this weekend

Preface, 1st Preface of Advent
Second Eucharistic Prayer.

Little Church this Sunday morning
at Our Lady of Lourdes, St Joseph,
and St Teresa.

Church Cleaning

Our Lady Thursday 9am

St Joseph Friday 10.30am

St Teresa Wednesdays after

9.10am Mass

Can you lend a helping hand
weekly, monthly, occasionally?

Rosary *St Joseph* 9.40am Monday,
Wednesday, Friday

Confessions

St Joseph Fri 10.30am

OLOL Sat 5pm-5.25pm

St Teresa Sat after 11am Mass

Other times upon request.

Silent Meditation 10-10.30am

Saturdays at St Joseph.

Quiz Night 7.30pm 21 December
St Teresa School Hall.

Tuesday Bridge Club at OLOL

1.30pm-4.30pm,

Eve Houghton tel. 538579.

Art Group meets Thursdays 1-3pm

in the meeting rooms. Marie

Simonds tel. 550706.

Chair Exercises with Jenny Thurs

11am -12 noon. Cost £4 per

session. 07814834065

To hire Meeting Rooms call Sheila

Ball 567788

St Joseph, St Teresa, Our Lady

Coffee after Mass this Sunday

morning.

Collection last Sunday

Env. £ 1,321.46

Loose plate £ 772.14

Total £ 2,093.60

Received with thanks!

This Weekend SVP Christmas Collection

Many thanks to all those who
have signed a gift aid for one of
our churches. We have just
received a tax rebate of
£17,159.98. If you are a tax
player but do not currently have
a Gift Aid please speak to Fr Atli.

*Please take the Card with the Prayer
in Preparation for the Eucharistic
Congress 2018 and for Synod 2020*

The parish now has a new email address: birkdalecatholics@gmail.com.

Would you like to receive the **bulletin by email each week**? If so please
send an email that simply says bulletin to birkdalecatholics@gmail.com and
we will ensure that you receive your bulletin weekly. Thank you.

Christmas Parish Magazine Make it an interesting read!! Request for articles on
any subject - religious, social, historical, humorous, informative: anything you feel
would be of interest to other parishioners. The Chronicle section will include,
Baptisms, Weddings and deaths of 2017. Contributions either typed or by email to:
b.gowland@tesco.net no later than Tuesday 12th December.

Praying with the Pope in December <http://thepopevideo.org>



That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian
communities, may apply their wisdom and experience
to spreading the faith and forming the new
generations.

Dream Beyond Dreams – this 5 week Advent Reflection will place at the home
of David and Hilary Barton, 6 The Swallows 42 York Rd Birkdale. Tel: 562868
Fridays in Advent at 7.00pm to 22nd December inclusive.

SVP Christmas Dinner Are you alone on Christmas Day this year? You are very
welcome to share Christmas dinner provided by Saint Vincent de Paul Society
(SVP). It will be held in St Patrick's Church Hall, Marshside Rd, 1pm for 1.30-3.30pm.
If you would like to come or know of anyone who may appreciate this, please
phone 07562378873. Transport can be arranged if necessary.

Christmas Carol Service on Wednesday 20th December at 2.00pm in the
Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool. Everyone is welcome especially if you are living
with dementia.

Coffee for Cafod at St Joseph has raised the magnificent amount of £824-48 since
January! So well done and thank you to everyone who has contributed by baking
delicious treats or by donating whilst enjoying a cup of coffee. We look forward to
seeing you after the 9.30 Mass on Sunday 31st December for the last coffee get-
together of 2017.

Pilgrimage Group

We need 2-3 helpers for the Parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of Lourdes in France
17th - 24th August 2018. Flying from Manchester to Lourdes and staying at a Four-
Star hotel near the grotto. Price of £735 includes transfer to airport from St Teresa's
church, hotel accommodation, full board and trips. The helpers make the trip to
Lourdes possible for those needing a wheelchair.

Archdiocese of Liverpool Directory

2018 on sale @ £3.50

Times of Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve:

St Joseph 6pm

St Teresa 8pm

Our Lady of Lourdes 10pm

Christmas Morning:

St Joseph 9.30am

St Teresa 9.45am

Our Lady of Lourdes 11am

Christmas Day:

St Teresa Mass in Polish 3pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

A Joint Service of Reconciliation for the three churches in Birkdale at **St
Teresa** Monday 18th December at 7pm

Service of Reconciliation Ainsdale at St John Stone Tuesday 19th
December at 7.30pm.



"Yes, Mabel, it is very festive...
But Advent wreaths are only supposed to have
four candles!"