

St Monica's Pastoral Area



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of St Helens
Together*

During Advent and Christmas 2017, there will be many additional services and events. Details of these and daily services can be found in each Parish's bulletin. Late changes will be posted on www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk, where possible.

Date	Venue	Time	Mass/Service
Mon 11 th Dec	St Vincent's	6.30pm	Service of Reconciliation
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th Dec 2017	Holy Cross	7.00pm – 8.00pm	Confessions
Wed 13 th Dec	St Anne & Blessed Dominic	6.30pm	Service of Reconciliation
	St Teresa Devon Street	7.00pm	Service of Reconciliation
Sat 16 th Dec	St Bartholomew	5.15pm	Mass
	St Theresa, Gartons Lane	6.45pm	Mass
Sun 17 th Dec	St Bartholomew	9.30am	Mass
		7.00pm	Carol Service
	St Theresa, Gartons Lane	11.00am	Mass
Mon 18 th Dec 2017	St Bartholomew	3.00pm	Parish Reconciliation Service
		9.15am	Mass
	St Theresa, Gartons Lane	Noon- 1pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Mon 18 th - Fri 22 nd Dec 2017	St Theresa, Gartons Lane	8.15am	Mass
	Corpus Christi	7.30pm	Service of Sorrow
Mon 18 th - Fri 22 nd Dec 2017	St Austin's	9.15am	Mass/Service followed by Confessions until 10.00 am (Except Tues Mass at St John Vianney School at 9.15am)
Tues 19 th Dec	St Theresa, Gartons Lane	8.15am	Eucharistic Service
	St Bartholomew	7.30pm	Mass of Reconciliation
Tues, 19 th Dec	St Anne & Blessed Dominic	6.30 pm	Bethlehem Peace Light Service*
Weds 20 st Dec	St Bartholomew	7.00am	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
	St Theresa, Gartons Lane	7.30pm	Mass of Reconciliation
Thurs 21 st Dec	St Austin's	7.00pm	Carols around the Tree and Crib (Joint Ecumenical Service**)
	St Theresa, Gartons Lane	8.15am	Eucharistic Service
	St Bartholomew	9.15am	Mass
	St Mary LOWE HOUSE	6.30pm	Peace Light Service*
Fri 22 nd Dec	St Theresa, Gartons Lane	8.15am	Mass
	St Bartholomew	9.15am	Morning Prayer & Holy Communion
Sat 23 rd Dec	St Austin's	9.30am	Saturday Mass
		6.30pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday
	Corpus Christi Holy Cross	5.30pm 5.45pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sun 24 th Dec Christmas Eve	St Mary, Birchley	8am	Sunday Mass
		11am	Sunday Mass
		7.30pm	First Mass of Christmas
	St Bartholomew	5.00 pm	Mass for Children and Families
		9.00pm	Mass (preceded by Carols at 8.30pm)
	St Patrick	11am	Sunday Mass
Holy Cross	5.00 pm	First Mass of Christmas	
	9.30am	Sunday Mass	
	4.00pm	Carols leading into Mass	
	4.30pm	Vigil Mass for Children	
	11.30pm Midnight	Carols leading into Mass Mass	
St Anne & Blessed Dominic	5.30 pm	Vigil Mass of Christmas	
St Austin's	9.30am	Sunday Mass (No 8.30am or 10.30am Mass)	

Sun 24thDec Christmas Eve	St Austin's	6.30pm Midnight	Vigil Mass of Christmas (Signed Mass) Midnight Mass (preceded by Carols at 11.30 pm)
	St Mary, Blackbrook	6.00 pm 9.00 pm	Vigil Mass Midnight Mass
	St Teresa of Avila, Devon St	5.00 pm	Vigil Mass of Christmas
	St Julie	7.00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
	St Peter and St Paul	9.30am 7.00 pm	Sunday Mass Vigil Mass of Christmas (preceded by Carols at 6.30 pm)
	St Theresa, Gartons Lane	Midnight	Vigil Mass (preceded by Carols at 11.30 pm)
	St Thomas of Canterbury	8.30am 7.00 pm	Sunday Mass Vigil Mass of Christmas (preceded by Carols at 6.30 pm)
	St Mary LOWE HOUSE	11.00am Midnight	Sunday Mass (No 4.30pm Mass) Midnight Mass (preceded by Carols at 11.30 pm)
	Corpus Christi	9.30am Midnight	Sunday Mass Midnight Mass (preceded by Carols at 11.30 pm)
Mon 25th Dec Christmas Day 2017	St Teresa of Avila, Devon St	10.30 am	Christmas Mass
	St Mary, Birchley	8.00 am 11.00 am	Christmas Mass Christmas Mass
	Corpus Christi	8.30am & 10.00am	Christmas Masses
	St Austin's	9.30 am Only	Christmas Mass (No 8.30am or 10.30am Mass)
	St Vincent de Paul	9.30 am	Christmas Mass
	St Thomas of Canterbury	8.30 am	Christmas Mass
	St Bartholomew	9.30 am	Christmas Mass
	St Peter and St Paul	9.30 am	Christmas Mass
	St Julie	9.00am	Christmas Mass
	St Theresa, Gartons Lane	11.00 am	Christmas Mass
	St Mary, LOWE HOUSE	11.00 am	Christmas Mass (No 4.30pm Mass)
	St Patrick	11.00 am	Christmas Mass
	Holy Cross	10.00am	Christmas Mass
St Mary, Blackbrook	Various	Details from Parish Newsletter/Tel 01744 23079	

Some weekday Masses may change owing to funerals in each Parish, please refer to local Newsletter. Thank you.

Christmas Message: from Canon Tom Neylon

'O Come let us adore him' So, the chorus begins to one of my favourite Christmas carols: 'O come all ye faithful.' On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day our churches will be full of men and women, children and young people, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, Our Lord and the Saviour of the world. On Christmas Day all roads lead to Bethlehem. We are not just celebrating an event that happened over 2000 years ago but the joy and reality of 'God – with – us' today, tomorrow and for ever. May God continue to bless us with his presence and enable us to reach out to those who are in need.

***PEACE LIGHT SERVICE:** The Peace Light Service originated in Austria in 1986. Each year a child is chosen in recognition of his or her bravery or outstanding work in the community and is flown to Bethlehem to collect a light lit from the eternal flame at the grotto where Jesus Christ was born. This Peace Light returns to Austria where it is distributed by couriers from the scout movement from around the world. The Light and message of peace is passed to churches of all dominations, mosques, synagogues, hospitals, prisons, etc. The idea behind the Peace Light is that no one person is responsible for creating peace. It is up to all of us in our own small way to work for peace. The light from Bethlehem acts as an ambassador for peace travelling through countries and announcing the birth of Jesus, just as the light from the star announced the birth of Jesus centuries ago.

The Peace of Light services are ecumenical involving local guides and scouts. The Peace Light is freely available to collect if you take your own hurricane lamp or candle. There will be Peace Light candles at the service for a small charge. The Peace Light stays lit continually until the Epiphany.

****CHURCHES TOGETHER IN THATTO HEATH:** Outdoor Service on Thursday 21st December 2017 at 7.00pm. Short Service at the tree and Crib on the corner of Elephant Lane and Thatto Heath Rd, followed by refreshments in St Austin's Parish Centre. All are welcome.

Pastoral Area Website: A website is being constructed listing services etc in our Pastoral Area. Volunteers will be needed to be the Administrators i.e. keeping it upto date as services change. If you would like more information please contact Jimmy McNamee on jimmy.mcnamee@btinternet.com