

## Prayer LIST

Please pray for the sick and housebound members of our parish, especially:

Jijo Abraham  
Lydia Archer  
Vera Green  
Kate and Terry Rigby  
Nell Taylor  
Kathleen Swales  
Julie and Derek Yates  
Nicola Smith  
Pauline Grove  
Clive Lomax  
Ann Shannon (Operation)  
Julie Wooding

May the Lord fill them with His healing love.



### Anniversary of death

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Helen Sherratt Joseph Ashley  
Olive McCarthy The Dunn Family



We welcome the newest member of St Luke's parish family

**Sophie Lily Evans**

Who will be baptised next weekend in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

### Collection amounts for last weekend

29th /30th November

St Luke's £ 445.70



Thank you for all your contributions

#### B&B STAYS AT CASTLERIGG MANOR

Castlerigg Manor is a Catholic retreat centre in the Lake District owned and operated by the Diocese of Lancaster. They work with more than 3,000 young people a year from around the north and beyond. When the building is empty, they offer B&B stays to individuals, families and small private groups and the money this raises supports their mission with young people. Some B&B dates have opened up this January and February. Specifically, January 5-7th, February 9-11th, and February 16-18th. It's affordable to book and a nice chance to spend a few days in the Lakes - head to <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/>



### St. Luke's Little Church

Children from Reception Class to Y6 are welcome to join us and explore the Gospel in a child friendly way.  
**Sundays at 9.00 a.m. Mass**

Thanks to all the children who decorated our Christmas Tree last Sunday. You did a great job! It looks so colourful and cheerful



### Lotto Winner

1st and 2nd Prizes : Steven Halligan  
(what's your secret, Steven?)

### Pope's Intention for December

**For Christians in areas of conflict**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

### ADVENT QUOTE

**“ If you fail to prepare, you prepare to fail ”**



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Fr Michael Thompson (Parish Priest)

Rev. Joseph Morgan (Parish Deacon)

Paul Pimblett in Residence — Allen Hall — Dec 2025 -June 2026

Tracy Vickers (Administrator)

Parish Office Hours 9.30am – 2.30pm—Tuesday to Thursday

## Mass Times and Intentions (Year A)

Saturday 6th December		VIGIL OF 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
St Luke's	5pm	Janice Partington (RIP)
Sunday 7th December		2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
St Luke's	9am	Samuel Murphy (RIP) Cheryl Wright (RIP)
Whiston Hospital Chapel	10.30am	For the intentions of the staff and patients
Monday 8th December		THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM
St Luke's	9am	Helen Sherratt (A)
Tuesday 9th December		ST JUAN DIEGO
St Luke's	9.15am	Margaret Rimmer (Birthday) Joseph Ashley (A)
Wednesday 10th December		OUR LADY OF LORETO
St Luke's	9am	Maureen Kinsey (LD)
Thursday 11th December		ST DAMASUS I, POPE
St Luke's	9am	The Dunn Family (A)
Friday 12th December		OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
St Luke's	8.30am	Marie Speight (RIP) Julie & Derek Yates (T)
Saturday 13th December		VIGIL OF 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
St Luke's	5pm	Olive McCarthy (A)
Sunday 14th December		3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)
St Luke's	9am	Carole Fielding (RIP)
Whiston Hospital Chapel	10.30am	For the intentions of the staff and patients

## SVP CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Our SVP Conference are hoping to put together some hampers for those in our area who need them the most.

Donations of stationery items, toys and games, tea/coffee, tinned food, chutneys and jams, cereals, biscuits, Christmas puddings, bags of sweets, toiletries are welcome. There is a box in the porch for all your donations.



## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets are on sale for our parish Christmas raffle, £1 per strip of tickets.

The draw will take place after the 9am Mass on the 4th Sunday of Advent

Donations of bottles, gift sets, boxes of chocolates, sweets, selection boxes, mince pies etc are welcome and there is a box in the church porch.

We are hoping to put together 3 main hamper prizes, plus seven smaller prizes

## SANCTUARY LAMPS

You can dedicate the sanctuary lamps in memory of a loved one for a week. The suggested donation is £10. Please put this in an envelope with the details of who it is for, and hand it into the parish office or in the Mass Intention box by the font.



## Dates for your Diary

Please note our updated Christmas schedule (changes in red)

### December

17th — St Luke's — 7pm — Advent Reconciliation Service  
 23rd — St Luke's — 6pm — Family-friendly Carol Service with dressing of the crib, followed by mince pies, hot drinks and sweets for the children  
 24th — St Luke's — 5pm — Vigil Mass for Christmas  
 St Luke's — 12am — Midnight Mass  
 25th — St Luke's — 9am — Dawn Mass of Christmas  
 Whiston Hospital — **11.00am** — Christmas Mass of the Day

### UPCOMING MEETINGS IN ST LUKES CHURCH

1st Holy Communion Preparation Session 2—Sunday 7th December—10am

Cleaners: Monday 8th December - 10.30am

Raffle Group - Monday 15th December - 10am

### MORNING PRAYER

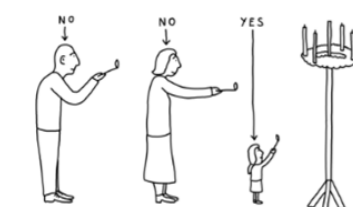
Will take place before weekday Masses at 8.45am, led by our resident seminarian Paul Pimblett

**Please note:** There will be no morning prayer on Friday 12th December

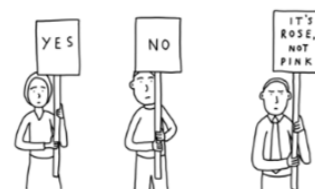
### REHEARSAL FOR CAROL SERVICE

For the children helping dress the crib and sing carols, there will be a rehearsal in church after Sunday Mass on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December.

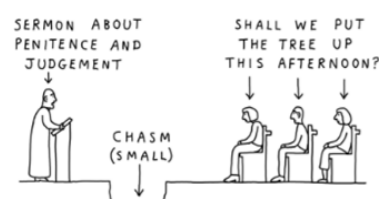
## ADVENT CONTROVERSIES



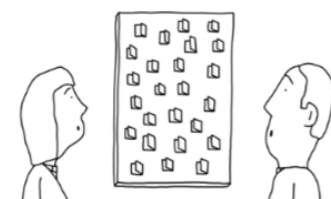
WHO WILL LIGHT THE CANDLES ON THE ADVENT WREATH?



SHOULD THE WREATH HAVE ONE PINK CANDLE?



WHETHER TO PREACH ON CHALLENGING ADVENT THEMES



WHO COULD HAVE EATEN THE VESTRY ADVENT CALENDAR CHOCOLATES?

CartoonChurch.com



St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy are having a Christmas Carol Service on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 6pm-7pm.

Everybody welcome

## St Luke's Family-Friendly Carol Service

Don't forget to join us at 6pm on Tuesday 23rd December. Our parish Little Church will lead us in a fun-filled, joyful retelling of the Christmas story and will be decorating our crib scene, as we enjoy all the familiar carols. Come dressed as a favourite Nativity character or in a jolly Christmas jumper. Afterwards you will have the opportunity to enjoy mince pies, hot chocolate, tea/coffee, juice and there will be lots of sweets for the children (and adults young at heart!).

