

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.



Anniversaries

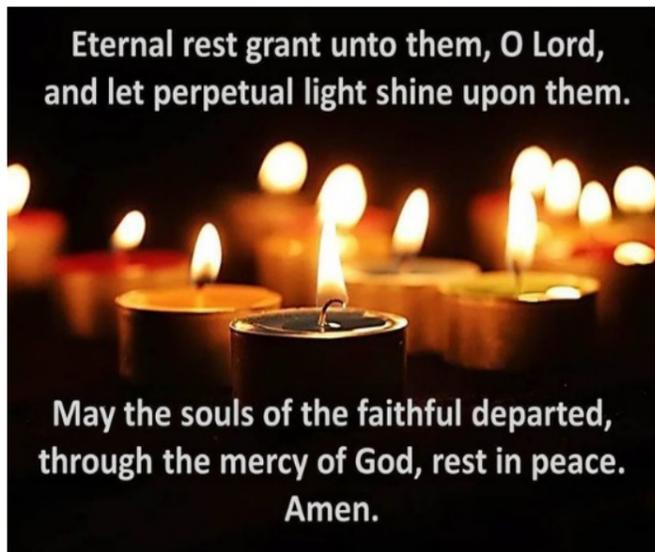
Please pray for the repose of the souls of those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time., especially:

Olive McCarthy
Mary Sharratt

Rest in Peace

Also please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently, especially:

Joseph Mulligan
Ian James Younger



Collection amount for last weekend

St Luke's £ 466.45



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/>



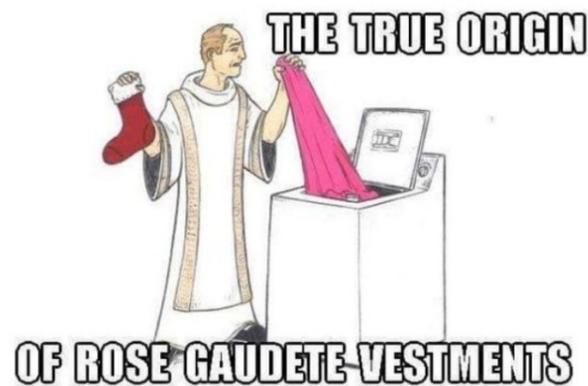
St. Luke's Little Church

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

Baptism

We welcome the newest member of St Luke's parish family **Sophie Lily Evans**

who will be baptised this weekend in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit



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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 13th December		VIGIL : 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) Lesley Maloney
Whiston Hospital Chapel	10.30am	For the intentions of the staff and patients
Tuesday 16th December		WEEKDAY OF ADVENT
St Luke's	9am	Anne Hanley (T) Bryan Rackham (B)
Wednesday 17th December		WEEKDAY OF ADVENT
St Luke's	9am	Joseph Mulligan (LD)
	7pm	Advent Reconciliation Service
Thursday 18th December		WEEKDAY OF ADVENT
St Luke's	9am	Margaret Rushton (RIP)
	2pm	St Luke's schoolchildren —Carols and Christingle
Friday 19th December		WEEKDAY OF ADVENT
St Luke's - Advent Mass for School	9.15am	The Adderley Family (RIP)
Saturday 20th December		VIGIL: 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
St Luke's	5pm	John Paul Tinsley (T) Christine, Dorothy & Les Battersby (RIP)
Sunday 21st December		4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
St Luke's	9am	Mary Sherratt (A) Daisy James (T)
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 gift bag hampers for those in our area who need them most.

Donations are still welcome. There is a box in the church porch for all your donations.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

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

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

Donations are still welcome. There is a box in the church porch for these.

There will be 3 main prizes, and 7 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.



Gaudete Sunday

"Gaudete" pronounced "gow-DEH-tay" is Latin for "Rejoice".

The Readings focus on John the Baptist's message of hope and the nearness of the Lord, with phrases like "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice".

It's a reminder that Christian joy comes from God and endures through life's challenges, a deep-seated delight rather than a fleeting happiness. In essence, Gaudete Sunday provides a moment to pause, find genuine joy, and prepare spiritually for Christmas, focusing on the hope and love that Christ brings.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE

We are looking at possibly organising a parish pilgrimage in the future, if there is enough interest, and would like your feedback. There are surveys at the back of church so you can state your preferences. Please complete the form, and return in the box provided or drop it into the parish office. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

December

15th December: The Parish Events Group are meeting this Monday at 10am to put together the Christmas raffle prizes

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 chapel — 11.00am — Christmas Mass of the Day

MORNING PRAYER

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

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 21st of December.

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!).

