



Calendar of Prayer December 2021

Our calendar of prayer includes roads in our parish to pray for. Please pray for the homes, shops and businesses in each street.

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| 1 | W | Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916 | Sir Simon's Arcade
Bashful Alley |
| 2 | Th | <i>feria</i> -
Christmas shoppers | Market Street
Market Gate |
| 3 | F | Francis Xavier, Apostle of the Indies, 1552 | Slip Inn Lane
Sun Street |
| 4 | Sa | Nicholas Ferrer, Deacon, Founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637 | New Street
New Road |
| 5 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | | |

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

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| 6 | M | Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 326 | Calkeld Lane
Damside Street |
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Almighty Father, lover of souls, who chose your servant Nicholas to be a bishop in the Church, that he might give freely out of the treasures of your grace: make us mindful of the needs of others and, as we have received, so teach us also to give; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

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| 7 | Tu | Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397 | Wood Street
Butterfield Street |
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God of hosts, who called Ambrose from the governor's throne to be a bishop in your Church and an intrepid champion of your faithful people: mercifully grant that, as he did not fear to rebuke rulers, so we, with like courage, may contend for the faith we have received; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

8 W The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Dye House Lane Chapel Street

Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature and your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in your image and conformed to the pattern of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

9 Th *feria* - The Mothers' Union worldwide North Road Cheapside

10 F United Nations Human Rights Day *Ember Day* Penny Street St Nicholas Arcades

11 Sa *Ember Day* Ordinands James Street Mary Street

12 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

13 M Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304 Gage Street Dalton Square

God our redeemer, who gave light to the world that was in darkness by the healing power of the Saviour's cross: shed that light on us, we pray, that with your martyr Lucy we may, by the purity of our lives, reflect the light of Christ and, by the merits of his passion, come to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

14 Tu John of the Cross, Poet, teacher d. 1591 Great John Street Stone Well

O God, the judge of all, who gave your servant John of the Cross a warmth of nature, a strength of purpose and a mystical faith that sustained him even in the darkness: shed your light on all who love you and grant them union of body and soul in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

- 15 W *feria* - Rosemary Lane
Taxi drivers Nile Street
- 16 Th *feria* - Pitt Street
St Leonard Court Retirement Housing St Leonard Gate
- 17 F *Advent Antiphon*: O Wisdom St Leonard Court
Eglantine Jebb, Social Reformer, Founder of Lodge Street
'Save the Children', 1928
- 18 Sa *Advent Antiphon*: O Adonai Brewery Lane
Phoenix Street

19 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** *Advent Antiphon*: O Root of Jesse

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

- 20 M *Advent Antiphon*: O Key of David De Vitre Street
Denis Street
- 21 Tu *Advent Antiphon*: O Morning Star Alfred Street
Seymore Street
- 22 W *Advent Antiphon*: O King of the nations Edward Street
Sydney Terrace
- 23 Th *Advent Antiphon*: O Emmanuel Moor Lane
Bulk Street

24 F **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

25 Sa **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever..

26 STEPHEN, DEACON, FIRST MARTYR

Gracious Father, who gave the first martyr Stephen grace to pray for those who took up stones against him: grant that in all our sufferings for the truth we may learn to love even our enemies and to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt, looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us, Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate.

27 M JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Sulyard Street
Bryer Street

Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the Church: that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord.

28 Tu THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Friar Street
Ladies Walk

Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong: by the suffering of your Son and by the innocence of our lives frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

29 W Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170

Lansil Walk
Lansil Way

Lord God, who gave grace to your servant Thomas Becket to put aside all earthly fear and be faithful even to death: grant that we, disregarding worldly esteem, may fight all wrong, uphold your rule, and serve you to our life's end; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

30 Th *feria* - Canal workers

Aldcliffe Road
Aldcliffe Hall Lane

31 F John Wyclif, Reformer, 1384

Aldcliffe Hall Drive
Craiglands Court

