

# St. Matthew's Church, North Quay, Douglas

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Churchwardens: John Riley and John Rimmer

## First Sunday in Advent

### This Week

Day	Masses	Anniversaries
First Sunday in Advent	09.00 and 10.30	Elizabeth Taggart, Lillian Kissack, Ronnie Marsh
Monday	12 noon	Mary Saunders Davies, Dorothy Swindlehurst
Tuesday	Saint Andrew	Claude Mellor, Margaret Dove, Philip Richard Horsnell
Wednesday		Isobel Taggart,
Thursday		Charles Buckley, Ethel Handley, Pat Allan
Friday	12 noon Saint Francis Xavier	
Saturday		Nell Clarke, Lillian Gledhill
Second Sunday in Advent	09.00 and 10.30	

**Saint Andrew** was the brother of the Apostle Peter, and like his brother was born in Bethsaida of Galilee (where the Apostle Philip was also born). While his brother would eventually overshadow him as the first among the apostles, it was Saint Andrew, a fisherman like Peter, who (according to the Gospel of John) introduced Saint Peter to Christ. Andrew is mentioned by name 12 times in the New Testament, most often in the Gospel of Mark.

**Saint Francis Xavier**, was a Navarrese Catholic missionary and saint who was a co-founder of the Society of Jesus.

Born in Javier, he was a companion of Ignatius of Loyola and one of the first seven Jesuits who took vows of poverty and chastity at Montmartre, Paris in 1534. He led an extensive mission into Asia, mainly in the Portuguese Empire of the time and was influential in evangelization work, most notably in India. He also was the first Christian missionary to venture into Japan, Borneo, the Maluku Islands, and other areas. In those areas, struggling to learn the local languages and in the face of opposition, he had less success than he had enjoyed in India. Xavier was about to extend his missionary preaching to China when he died on Shangchuan Island.

He was beatified by Pope Paul V on 25 October 1619 and canonized by Pope Gregory XV on 12 March 1622. He is considered to be one of the greatest missionaries since Paul the Apostle.

**WALK WITH ME** The journey of prayer for Advent 2021 booklets are now available. Please help yourself - and take a copy to any housebound or sick persons you know. There is a collecting box if you wish to make a donation (suggested £1).

**Donations.** As a charity St. Matthew's Church relies on the generous donations to help us with our mission in central Douglas and to pay our running costs. We are very grateful for everything we receive. For more information email: [treasurer@stmatthewsiom.org](mailto:treasurer@stmatthewsiom.org)

**The Crib** At 8.30am on Saturday 11th December Vicki and Ayesha will start to put the crib up in church and Ron and Chris will be erecting the 2 Christmas trees - but could do with some help in manoeuvring them into place. If you can spare some time to give a hand it would be much appreciated.

**Two Christmas trees.** If you wish to make a donation towards their costs - and that of the flowers which adorn the church so beautifully at Christmas - there is a decorated box at the rear of the church in which to post your donation.

Once again, Nick and Gillian Gibb have kindly donated wonderful hampers for the Christmas raffle. Tickets are on sale at the back of the church (put monies in box) and **PLEASE** put your name and phone number on each of the counterfoil ticket numbers.

Tickets cost £1 for a strip of 5. The draw will take place after the Children's Crib service (Christmas Eve; 3pm)

**Redemptorist Publications** (suppliers of our weekly Mass Leaflets) have forwarded their catalogue for Advent and Christmas gift ideas that they have for sale, incl. books, puzzles, nativity scenes and much more.

The catalogue is on the 'plans for the halls' table at the back of the church. Please take a look - or take it home for browsing - and if you wish to order you can either contact them direct (details are on the foot of each page of the catalogue) or have a word with Chris McG.

**Parish Christmas Lunch.** This will be held next Sunday, 5th December at 1 p.m. It will be a one course Carvery/Vegetarian option for £14.95 or as an alternative, there is a Fish of the Day course for £16.95 You can add a starter/or sweet at extra cost if so desired. Please fill in the form at the back of the church with your name, choice of course and the cost.

It would help Val if you would pay for your meal as soon as possible with cash or a cheque made payable to St. Matthew's Mothers' Union.

### Future Events/Services

**This Evening at 7 p.m. Carol Concert by the Manx Festival Chorus with Jane Mayne and Graham Crowe in the presence of the new Governor.**

Thursday, December 16th at 6 p.m. Manor Park School Carol Service

Monday, 20th December at 6 p.m. Carols for All. A celebration of Christmas for the local business community. All welcome. Please support this first event for the community.

Friday, December 24th Children's Christmas Mass at 3 p.m. and Midnight Mass at 11 p.m.

**We pray for the sick and those in need:** Father Michael, Sydney Moore, Olga Gray, Roger Matthews, Fiona Haywood, Sheila Rolfe, John Rutherford, Denis Blyth, Kathleen Sorby, Tobias Barker, Ann Reynolds, Ella Griffin, Jean Handley and Bryan Harding

**PLEASE TAKE THIS PEW SHEET HOME WITH YOU!**