

We pray:

For the church around the world: Especially those who are persecuted for their faith. We pray for compassion and kindness, inclusion and love for all. We pray for all who have not yet let Jesus into their lives. For peace & reconciliation.

For our world: All the casualties of war and conflict; victims of natural or manmade disasters; those who are living in poverty or under oppressive regimes; for all who have no safe place to live in. For the earth and all the damage done to it by humankind. For more empathy and compassion.

For our local community: [22: Cashiobury Terr, Park Terr] [23: Runwell Terr, Prittlewell Sq.][24: Devereux Rd, Royal Mews] [25: Musicians, artists, poets and performers of the parish] [26: Clifton Terr, Milton Pl.] [27: Southend Care Bank; Milton Community Partnership and SAVS][28: Melrose House, Barons court School, all who are home-schooled]

For those who are sick or in need:

Margaret Jones, Terry, Maff, Ken, Valerie, Brogan, Tony, Kat, Violette, Judith, Mark, Diana, Audrey, Chris Binks, Louis, Natasha & family, Rosetta, Doreen, Janet, Nick

And all on our long term list.

Prayers for all sick in hospitals, hospices, care homes and at home. For those who are caring for them.

For the recently departed:

In Memoriam: December

5/12; Ronald Rouse, 12/12 Helen Sandover, 24/12 Patricia Swinford, 27/12 Flora Sleebush and Ginny Savory

All who have died with no-one to pray for them.

NOTE: Words for final prayer for the departed and for Hail Mary is in Mass Book

Advent & Christmas at St Mark's

All Welcome

8/12: Winter Wonderland Christmas Show
[£10 per person, Children under 12 free]

6.30pm

9/12: Diddy Christingle 1100am

9/12: Mudlarks/Feelgood Choirs Christmas
Concert Free Entry 8pm

13/12: Scouts Carols 6pm

15/12 Christmas Lunch Social 1pm [Free - but
contact us so we can plan]

22/12: Queer Carols 230pm*

23/12: Messy Christingle/Christmas 2pm

24/12: Crib Service 3.30pm

24/12: Midnight Mass 1130pm

25/10: Christmas Day Mass 10 am

28/12: Darren Jones Christmas Folk Music
7.30pm

Family Friendly Sunday Services during Advent at 1130am

*Please check website for any updates on times.

Parish of St Alban. Westcliff &
ST MARK, SOUTHEND

22 December
4 Sunday Advent



Fred J Carter **Behold
My Miracle** [1980]

The traditional image we have of Mary, is young, innocent, inexperienced. However, when we read the words of the song she sings to glorify the Lord, known as the Magnificat, we are shown a very different Mary and it is thrilling! "My soul magnifies the

Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed." [Blessings, Mother Cherry](#)

Our advent reading 4: [Watching And Waiting: The Birth of Christ by The Master of Salzburg \[c1400\]](#)

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Our parish is a member of Inclusive Church. This means that we are committed to work towards being a church which celebrates and affirms every person.