

CAFOD FUN RUN: Wednesday 27th December 2017. Wavertree Athletics Centre, LIVERPOOL, L15 4LE. 12.00pm Registration, Start at 1pm. Entry: £7 or £15 per family. Teams of 10+: £70. Run, walk or toddle with friends and family. Sign up now! Music, refreshments and festive fancy dress prizes! Please raise sponsorship money for CAFOD'S work. Contact: liverpool@cafod.org.uk. Tel: 0151 228 4028.

Act In Support of Catholic Education: Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. The Prime Minister has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and had promised previously to abandon it. Now the Government may decide to keep this discriminatory policy in place instead of removing it. We need you to tell the Government not to discriminate against Catholics and to remove the admissions cap on new faith-based schools.

Please visit: <http://catholicnews/org/uk/education-cap> or search for Catholic Education in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

The Incarnation: Most of us were brought up to understand that the Incarnation - God becoming human - happened because we had sinned so badly God needed to send his son Jesus to rescue us by paying the price for our sin. This he did by his death on Calvary and was proved by his Resurrection. Our sin was the cause of the Incarnation. This was the teaching of scholars such as St. Augustine, St. Anselm of Canterbury and St. Thomas Aquinas. However, there has at the same time been an alternative understanding, always held by the Greek Fathers, and preached particularly by the Franciscans such as Alexander of Hayles, St. Bonaventure, Duns Scotus, and the Dominican, St. Albert the Great, an alternative understanding that is widespread among our theologians today. This says that God's love for us was the primary cause of the Incarnation. Even without our sin God would still have become one of us: *"This was always Plan A. There was never a Plan B"* says Richard Rohr OFM. Yes, as it happened we were in need of redemption and this did take place, but it was not the primary cause of the Incarnation. That cause was pure Love. Whether this is a new idea to you or not, why not keep pondering on it in the coming week and see how it makes you feel?

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First Sunday of Advent – 3rd December 2017

HOLY MASS & SERVICES

Sunday (Sat) 6.00pm Margaret Dickinson (A)
8.30am Edmund and Ellen Whittle (B)
10.30am Johnny Flanagan (RIP)
4.30pm Parishioners

Monday 8.30am James (B) & Margaret Dickinson
Tuesday 8.30am LISCF
Wednesday 8.30am Canon William Redmond (A)
Thursday 8.30am Catherine Gillibrand (A)
Friday 8.30am Ann Hayes (RIP)
Saturday 9.00am William Strange (A)

Sunday next 6.00pm Parishioners
8.30am Vincent Ellison (A), Pauline and Martin (RIP)
10.30am Margaret McPartlin (A)
4.30pm James (A) & Irene Snape (RIP)

Confessions: Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

Please Pray For The Following Who Are Sick:

Canon Albert Shaw, Bert Smith, Eileen Snape, Jean Thurston, Sister Francis, Bert Meakin, Grace Fernando, James Desmond Gorman, Teresa Todd and Martin Cavanagh. We also remember to pray for all those in Chorley Hospital, Derian House Children's Hospice & our Nursing Homes. Eucharistic Ministers visit the Wards every Sunday morning with Holy Communion. Heal Thy Servants, O Lord, who are sick, and who put their trust in Thee. R/. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort from Thy holy place.



IMPORTANT – Please contact St Joseph’s Presbytery, if any member of your family is admitted into Chorley Hospital and would appreciate a visit.

In an emergency the hospital switchboard will contact the on-call Catholic Priest. Please request this from any member of Staff on the Ward. Patients transferred to The Grange Rehabilitation Centre, The Grange, Oakbridge Drive, Buckshaw Village, PR7 7EP, please contact Euxton St Mary’s on: 262655 or email: mail@stmarys-euxton.com

Please include in your Prayers: All those who have **Recently Died:** Monsignor William Dalton (Requiem Mass Monday 4th December 12 noon, St Thomas of Canterbury Windleshaw, St. Helens.) Margaret Nolan (Requiem Mass at St. Chad’s, Tuesday 5th December at 12 noon.) And all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Margaret Dickinson, Canon William Redmond, Fr. Frederick Turner, Catherine Gillibrand, William Strange, Vincent Ellison, Margaret McPartlin and James Snape.

Children’s Liturgy – “Little Church” every Sunday morning at the 10.30am Mass for children up to First Holy Communion age.

“Little Church” TODAY A-M Doran, P O’Leary, D Howarth

“Little Church” Helpers NEXT week: Julie Livesey & Sandra Rennison

If you would like to help as a volunteer with Children’s Liturgy on a Sunday would you make contact with Father Stanley. Thank you.

Mother & Toddler Group: Meet on a Wednesday morning in the Primary School, Cedar Road from 9.00am until 11.15am.

St Joseph’s Retirement Club: New members welcome over 55 years of age. Every Thursday afternoon at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. Admission 50p including Tea and Biscuits, Bingo, Artists and Outings. All welcome.

Faith Sharing Group: Every Wednesday evening in the Sacristy of the Church from 7.00pm to 8.15pm. ALL welcome. Tea/coffee provided. This is an ideal opportunity to develop your Faith Journey. No meetings on **Wednesday 27th December 2017** and the **3rd January 2018** due to the Christmas Holidays.

Flower Ladies: Thank you to all of the Flower Ladies for their work throughout the year but in particular, the displays during November, for Remembrance Sunday. We have received many very positive compliments!!

St Joseph’s Parish Centre – Members Notice: Available for all types of social events. Receptions for Christenings, Weddings & Funerals, Birthdays, Anniversaries & Christmas Parties. A meeting room is also available.

Large Screen TV for LIVE Sports events. For bookings please contact the Parish Centre Manageress: 01257 275137

E-mail: StJosephsChorley@apcmc.co.uk Website: www.st-josephs-chorley.co.uk

Readers Today 3rd December

6.00pm Martin Craven

8.30am M Redshaw/G King/S Francis

10.30am J Maynard/A Wetzstein/C Clarkson

4.30pm Judith Moss

Next Sunday: 10th December

6.00pm Francesca Vause

8.30am E Whitney/J Weldon/C Jenner

10.30am Uniformed Groups

4.30pm Catriona Scallon

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

6.00pm Eileen Vause

8.30am B Walmsley/J Weldon/L Clarkson

10.30am T Schofield/A Titterington/V Christie

4.30pm Cath Shepherd

Next Sunday:

6.00pm Clare Kinnaird

8.30am B Walmsley/J Weldon/L Clarkson

10.30am A Christie/P Hilton/T Schofield

4.30pm Michael Anderton

Counters Today: S & M Craven/C Jenner **Next Sunday:** A & G King

Altar Servers this week: Oliver and Jayden

Collection: Gift Aid: £642.45p **Loose Plate:** £547.23p **Total:** £1,189.68p
Thank you as always for your wonderful generosity.

Selection Box Bingo: Raised £658.00. Thank you to all who supported this Fund Raising event for the Parish.

St. Joseph’s Parish Bulletin: Would you like to receive the weekly parish bulletin by email? If you would, then please send a blank email to: stjosephchorleybulletin@gmail.com. Please, **ONLY** use this email to request the bulletin – the parish general email remains the same.

St. Joseph’s School Christmas Raffle: The Annual Christmas Raffle will be drawn on **Friday 15th December**, tickets priced 50p per book will be on sale after every weekend Mass. Any donations of prizes for the Raffle can be left in church or sent to school. We continue to be very grateful for all your support.

Thank You to all those who have supported the recent events for the St. Mary’s Friends of Uganda. The Craft and Gift Sale on 18th November raised £156 and the Bingo on 26th November raised £413.80.

St. Joseph’s Guides: are holding a **“Home Baking Stall”** on Sunday 10th December after the 10.30am Mass for Unit funds.