

St. Joseph's Guides: are holding a "Home Baking Stall" this weekend after the 10.30am Mass for Unit funds.

Incarnation:

God is love. Love has to be shared. God's love is shared with us through creation. From the very first moment of creation -The 'Big Bang', or the 'Great Flaring Forth'-the first incarnation began. God sharing Godself. It was always God's plan to enter fully into our human condition and this was how the plan began to take shape. So much so that St. Thomas Aquinas could write: 'Creation is the primary and most perfect revelation of the Divine . . . If we do not understand creation properly we cannot hope to understand God correctly.' It is through the history of creation, the original incarnation, that 'God has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made from the beginning in Christ; (Ephesians 1:9;) How often do I look at the cosmos & planet Earth and let them bring me into the presence of God?

A DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS: Come and enjoy a feast of Christmas Music at the Metropolitan Cathedral on **Saturday 16th December at 7.00pm.** Compèred by BBC Radio Merseyside's Roger Phillips, the concert will feature a range of Christmas Music, old and new, performed by the Metropolitan Cathedral Choirs. Tickets are priced at £5 for a single ticket, and £10 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) and can be purchased from lpoolmetmusic.ticketsource.co.uk or the Cathedral Gift Shop on 0151 707 3525. Further details available from the Cathedral Music Office: 0151 708 7283 / music@metcathedral.org.uk.

THANK YOU – We have just received the **Archdiocesan Gift Aid** return from Liverpool. Thanks to your amazing generosity we have received a refund from the Taxman of **£11,564.59**. If you are a taxpayer and do not currently have a Gift Aid please speak to Andrew King or Father Stanley.

CHORLEY & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY "Christmas Concert" on Saturday 23rd December at 7.30pm in the Lancastrian Room, Chorley Town Hall with Chamber Orchestra & Intrada Brass. Tickets costing £12 per adult (accompanied children free) are available from Malcolm's Musiland or by contacting Society member, Chris Jenner Tel: 01257 278915.

Pastoral Letter: Please take home a copy of the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter for the 2nd Sunday of Advent and reflect on his thoughts. Thank you.

SERVICES OF RECONCILIATION WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

Sunday 17th December: 3.00pm at St. Gregory's
Monday 18th December: 7.00pm at Sacred Heart
Wednesday 20th December: 7.00pm at St. Mary's

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Second Sunday of Advent – 10th December 2017

HOLY MASS & SERVICES

Sunday (Sat)	6.00pm Parishioners
	8.30am Vincent Ellison (A), Pauline and Martin (RIP)
	10.30am Margaret McPartlin (A)
	4.30pm James (A) & Irene Snape (RIP)
Monday	8.30am Florence Smith (A)
	6.30pm <i>Brothers of Charity Carol Service</i>
Tuesday	8.30am Elsy Nelson (B)
Wednesday	8.30am Margaret Rose Fendley & Grandson Darren (RIP)
	2.00pm <i>Junior Nativity in Church</i>
Thursday	8.30am Lily O'Neill (A)
	7.00pm <i>Junior Nativity in Church</i>
Friday	9.00am REQUIEM: Joan McDonagh (RIP)
Saturday	9.00am Philip O'Neill & Mary Jackson (A's)

Sunday next	6.00pm Tony Bass (RIP)
	8.30am Parishioners
	10.30am Alison Haydock (RIP)
	4.30pm Frank Hegarty (A)

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, Doreen Moss & Martin Kavanagh. 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:** Joan McDonagh and all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Vincent Ellison, Margaret McPartlin, James Snape, Florence Smith, Lily O’Neill, Philip O’Neill, Mary Jackson and Frank Hegarty.

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

“Little Church” TODAY: Julie Livesey & Sandra Rennison
“Little Church” Helpers NEXT week: Paula O’Leary & Julie Clarkson
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.

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 10th December

6.00pm Francesca Vause
8.30am E Whitney/J Weldon/C Jenner
10.30am Uniformed Groups
4.30pm Catriona Scallon

Next Sunday: 17th December

6.00pm Paul Southworth
8.30am M Eccles/W Gildert/G King
10.30am T Dugdale/R Challoner/N O’Leary
4.30pm Laura Mcloughlin

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

6.00pm Clare Kinnaird
8.30am W Gildert/R Turner/C Carter
10.30am G Riley/P Hilton/T Schofield
A Christie
4.30pm Michael Anderton

Next Sunday:

6.00pm Patricia Evans
8.30am E Whitney/M Redshaw/P Smith
10.30am A Christie/G Riley/K Hart
V Christie
4.30pm Christine Farnworth

Appeal for Readers: We need two Readers for the 10.30am Mass on Christmas Day: the 2nd Reading & The Bidding Prayers. Please contact Father Stanley ASAP. Thank You.

Counters Today: A & G King **Next Sunday:** R Carney, J & A Nolan

Altar Servers this week: Volunteers please!!

Collection: Gift Aid: £767.57p **Loose Plate:** £460.80p **Total:** £1,228.37p
Thank you as always for your wonderful generosity.

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 are so very grateful for all your support.

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.

