

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.

Church Cleaners: Big Christmas Clean, **Friday 22nd December, 2pm!**
 J Hargreaves, J Marino, B Walmsley, C Hunt, M Holland, C Farnworth.

Incarnation: After 14.5 billion years of preparation when God first became incarnate in creation, the human Incarnation of God took place in Bethlehem. God became fully and totally human. The stunning truth is that the human was raised to the divine. Such is the dignity of our human flesh, our human bodies. Everybody is included: super star, asylum seeker, wealthy, homeless, academic, convicted, old, young, friend, enemy - everybody. Look carefully in the Gospel and see how many times Jesus is trying to tell us this. This is almost his exclusive message.

**Prayer in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018
 and for the Synod 2020**

We thank you Father
 for the love you have shown us
 in the gift of Jesus, your Son.

As we are fed by you,
 so now send us out
 to share what we have received
 with our hungry brothers and sisters.

We humbly ask your help to become the Church
 that you are calling us to be:
 a community that listens, that trusts,
 that lives with courage
 and that puts out its nets into new waters.

May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts
 be a source of healing, of new life
 and of a deeper trust in you.

We ask this in faith
 through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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Third Sunday of Advent – 17th December 2017

HOLY MASS & SERVICES

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

Monday **8.30am** Graham Paul Tunstall (WA)

Tuesday **8.30am** Jessie Millar (A)

Wednesday **8.30am** William & Noreen Powell (A)

10.00am *School Mass:* Mary Josephine Unsworth (RIP)

Thursday **8.30am** Ann McLoughlin (RIP)

Friday **8.30am** Josef (B) and Mary Neuhaus (RIP)

Saturday **9.00am** Vincent-de-Paul Brown (A)

Sunday next **6.00pm** Margaret, Alex & Patricia Morris (RIP)

8.30am Ursula Felton (A)

10.30am Parishioners

NB: No 4.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve!!!



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday (Vigil) **6.00pm** Holy Souls

Sunday(Midnight) **11.45pm** Parishioners

Monday (Dawn) **8.30am** Vincent Ellison, Pauline, Martin & Grandparents (RIP)

(Day) **10.30am** Hugh Finlayson (RIP)

Confessions: Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

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

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, 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** & all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Tony Bass, Frank Hegarty, Jessie Millar, William & Noreen Powell, Vincent-de-Paul Brown, Ann Hayes & Ursula Felton.

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

“Little Church” TODAY: Paula O’Leary & Julie Clarkson

“Little Church” Helpers NEXT week: Susan Hirst & Pauline Hopkins

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.

Readers Today 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

Next Sunday: 24th December

6.00pm Martin Craven
8.30am M Redshaw/E Whitney/C Jenner
10.30am J Maynard/Allan Wetzstein/S Tierney
6.00pm L Crowther/P Southworth/L McLoughlin

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

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

Next Sunday:

6.00pm Irene Love
8.30am J Weldon/B Walmsley/W Gildert
10.30am A Titterington/E Broadstock/R Hart
T Schofield
6.00pm Jean Marino/Geoff Kenyon

An Appeal for two Readers at the 10.30am Mass on Christmas Day!

Collection: Gift Aid: £751.01p **Loose Plate:** £385.26p **Total:** £1,136.27p
Thank you as always for your wonderful generosity.

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

Altar Servers this week: Volunteers please!!

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

The 2018 Liverpool Archdiocesan Directory:

These are now available at the back of the church, priced £3.50p. The money can placed in the Wall Box marked “Catholic Papers”.

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.