

**The 2018 Liverpool Archdiocesan Directory:**

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**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.

**The human Incarnation** at Bethlehem shows us how God freely & completely bridges the gap between the divine & the human. God meets us where we are. 'His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are.' (Philippians 2:4-7), God continually comes to meet us where we are, be it at the kitchen sink, the workbench, on the Ward, in the Classroom or the Office, on the Market, in the queue. Wherever. There is no longer any division between sacred & secular because God has come to be with us where we are. Do I, can I, really and truly believe this constant presence of God in my life? In the weak little child in the manger at Bethlehem, contrary to all appearances, God is both perfectly hidden & perfectly revealed, just as in my life.

*Christmas Message 2017*

The following words were seen on a wayside pulpit:  
*"Two Thousand Years Ago Three Wise Men followed the Star to meet Christ: wise men today continue to follow it."* It was in the Crib that God revealed his merciful love for us all. Although infinite, the Eternal Word of God leapt down from his heavenly throne in order to draw all people to himself. He made himself weak and little so that we might lose our fear and surrender ourselves totally to his infinite love. Who can be afraid of a little child? It was in this way that he came into our hearts to transform them and fill them with his love. My prayer for you this Christmas is that the Lord Jesus may indeed fill each of you with his love, peace and joy; that he may comfort all of you who are suffering, or who are sick; and that he may draw you closer into the mystery of his love. Christmas gives the Parish Priest an opportunity to thank publicly the very many generous people who give so much of themselves, their time & energy in building up the Church in our Parish Community of St. Joseph's; but also in the many unseen good works done amongst the people of this community. I thank God for you all when you are remembered in my daily prayers. Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year when it arrives!

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Please turn hearing aid to 'T' setting.



*Fourth Sunday of Advent – 24<sup>th</sup> December 2017*

**HOLY MASS & SERVICES**

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

**8.30am** Ursula Felton (A)

**10.30am** Parishioners

**NB:** No 4.30pm Mass!



*CHRISTMAS EVE*

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

**Sunday (Midnight) 11.45pm** Parishioners

(Midnight Mass is preceded by Carols at 11.15pm)

*CHRISTMAS DAY*

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

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

*BOXING DAY*

**Tuesday 10.00am** Graham Paul Tunstall (RIP)

**Wednesday 8.30am** Ann Hayes (A)

**Thursday 8.30am** Elizabeth Iles (RIP)

**Friday 8.30am** Joyce Hale (A)

**Saturday 9.00am** Sean McConville (RIP)

**Sunday next 6.00pm** Parishioners

**8.30am** Edmund & Ellen Whittle (RIP)

**10.30am** Mary Acton (B)

**4.30pm** Dec. & Living Mem. Livesey & Platt Families



## Confessions:

Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

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### 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, Teresa Todd & 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: Ursula Felton, Ann Hayes & Joyce Hale.

**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

**"No Little Church" NEXT week:**

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:** No meetings on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2017** and the **3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018** due to the Christmas Holidays.

**Eucharistic Ministers and Readers** - Rotas available at the back of Church for 2018. Please collect your copy.

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**Collection: Gift Aid:** £935.16p **Loose Plate:** £531.70p **Total:** £1,466.86p

Thank you as always for your wonderful generosity.

**Counters Today:** A & G King **Next Sunday:** A Christie/C Farnworth

**Altar Servers this week:** Volunteers please!!

### Readers Today 24<sup>th</sup> 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

### Next Sunday: 31st December

**6.00pm** Gerard Riley

**8.30am** G King/W Gildert/S Francis

**10.30am** L Crowther/J O'Leary/A Wetzstein

**4.30pm** Richard Hunt

### Eucharistic Ministers Today:

**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

### Next Sunday:

**6.00pm** Patricia Evans

**8.30am** J Weldon/E Whitney/M Redshaw

**10.30am** P Hilton/A Christie/V Christie

A Titterington

**4.30pm** Christine Farnworth

## CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

### Eucharistic Ministers:

**11.45pm** Andrew King, Pauline Hilton, Anna Rabbitt, Irene Love

**8.30am** Rosemary Turner, Margaret Redshaw, Christine Carter

**10.30am** Theresa Schofield, Kevin Hart, Ruby Hart, Gerard Riley

### Readers:

**11.45pm** Francesca Vause, Geraldine King, Gerard Riley

**8.30am** Winifride Gildert, Anne Nolan, Jim Weldon

**10.30am** Tricia Dugdale, Isabella Christie, Ann Titterington

**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

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