

The Epiphany of the Lord: After the hectic celebration of Christmas and the New Year, this feast helps us to grasp more deeply the gift that has been given to us. It is the revelation of the Christ child who will save us and who desires that all people hear his message of hope. What difference does this birth make to our lives as we resume our regular timetables and schools reopen? Pope Francis challenges us to share the joy of the Gospel with people we meet. Maybe we can help a friend to find new meaning because of the celebration of Christmas. Perhaps we may have a new desire to speak of the birth of Christ. Maybe we are more ready to love in a difficult situation. The Epiphany invites us to find a new path & a new route, as we begin this year. The Gospel message calls us to be more open to people who are fragile and vulnerable. More open to people who are weak and poor: in this way share our hope and joy with others.



Prayer for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and 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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Feast of the Epiphany - Sunday 7th January 2018

HOLY MASS & SERVICES

Sunday (Sat) **6.00pm** Frank Sherlock (90th B) (RIP)
8.30am Cecily Nowell (A)
10.30am Joe Fox (A)
4.30pm Parishioners

Monday **8.30am** Edward & Elizabeth Johnson (A's)

Tuesday **8.30am** Margaret Hardman (RIP)

Wednesday **8.30am** Lawrence Briggs (RIP)

Thursday **8.30am** Private Intention (TFLD)

Friday **8.30am** Sean Wood (RIP)

Saturday **9.00am** Wallace Family (RIP)

Sunday next **6.00pm** Elsy Nelson (A)
8.30am Helen (A) & William Clarkson (RIP)
10.30am Mary Witter (A/B)
4.30pm Christina Ball (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** & all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Cecily Nowell, Joe Fox, Edward and Elizabeth Johnson, Elsy Nelson, Helen Clarkson, Mary Witter and Christina Ball.

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

"Little Church" TODAY: Catherine Allton & Christine Hunt.

"Little Church" NEXT week: Volunteers Please!

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.

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.

Church Cleaning: 2018 Rotas are available at the back of the church.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers: 2018 Rotas available at the back of the church. Please collect your copy.

Readers Today 7th January

6.00pm Sr. Cecilia
8.30am S Francis/C Jenner/G King
10.30am R Challoner/L Crowther/C Clarkson
6.00pm Catriona Scallan

Next Sunday: 14th January

6.00pm Francesca Vause
8.30am J Weldon/E Whitney/M Eccles
10.30am Uniformed Groups
4.30pm Laura McLoughlin

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

6.00pm Irene Love
8.30am C Carter/W Gildert/B Walmsley
10.30am G Riley/T Schofield/R Hart
K Hart
6.00pm Peter Cahill

Next Sunday:

6.00pm Geoff Kenyon
8.30am R Turner/P Smith/A Nolan
10.30am A Christie/K Hart/E Broadstock
R Hart
4.30pm Anne Marie Hegarty

Collection: Gift Aid: £675.41p **Loose Plate:** £546.63p **Total:** £1,222.04p
Thank you as always for your wonderful and amazing generosity.

Counters Today: M Finch K Wilkinson **Next Sunday:** M Smith, B & F Walmsley

Altar Servers this week: Oliver and Jayden

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 be placed in the Wall Box marked "Catholic Papers".

"Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power" (Ex 15:6) This comes from a verse in the Song of Moses, part of the Old Testament, in which the Israelites exalt God's intervention in their history. The Song proclaims God's decisive action for the salvation of this people, on the long journey from their liberation from slavery in Egypt to their arrival in the Promised Land.