

On-going Incarnation: They think it's all over! No it isn't! True, the decorations have been put away, the turkey and trifle eaten, all the celebrations have ended, - but the reality of the Incarnation lives on in us the Body of Christ. It is now possible to say that God is working through each of us, indeed that God has chosen to need each one of us to make known the reality of the Incarnation day by day starting when Jesus sent his disciples out to the world. How can this be true? When the Word became flesh all humanity was raised to a different level. We have always known that God is with us, what is perhaps new is thinking of this as a continuance of the Incarnation. Theologians today remind us of the divine presence within us, the inseparable union between God and we humans and that *'All too often we fail to recognise this divine presence'* (Daniel O'Leary). We don't follow one step behind Christ: the divine presence is in us! Something to think about when we go about our daily life this week working with others, or if we should see or hear of people who are in need, or anyone being treated unfairly. This is where God relies on us to be giving expression to God's love, justice and mercy.

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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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21st January 2018

HOLY MASS & SERVICES

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| Sunday (Sat) | 6.00pm Parishioners |  |
| | 8.30am Don Dickinson (A) | |
| | 10.30am Betty Dunn (RIP) | |
| | 4.30pm Brigid Harte (RIP) | |
| Monday | 8.30am Eucharistic Service: <i>Int: Abraham Joseph Avirah (A)</i> | |
| Tuesday | 8.30am Eucharistic Service: <i>Int: Winifred Ann (A) & John Henry Eccles</i> | |
| Wednesday | 8.30am Eucharistic Service: <i>Int: Ann McLoughlin (B)</i> | |
| Thursday | 8.30am Eucharistic Service: <i>Int: Alice Houghton (RIP)</i> | |
| Friday | 8.30am Eucharistic Service: <i>Int: Josephine Snape (RIP)</i> | |
| Saturday | 9.00am Alan and Elsie (A) Jenner (RIP) | |
| Sunday next | 6.00pm Frank Darwin (RIP) | |
| | 8.30am Parishioners | |
| | 10.30am John and Mary Murphy (A) | |
| | 4.30pm Carmel Gray (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:** Betty Wowk, Phillip Howarth & all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Don Dickinson, Abraham Joseph Avirah, Winifred Ann Eccles, Elsie Jenner, John & Mary Murphy and Carmel Gray.

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

"NO Little Church" TODAY: School Sunday

"Little Church" NEXT week: Julie and Sandra

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.

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

Collection: Gift Aid: £792.45p **Loose Plate:** £504.00p **Total:** £1,296.45p
Thank you as always for your wonderful generosity.

Counters Today: C Carter & G Kenyon **Next Sunday:** J Simmons & T Schofield

Readers Today 21st January

6.00pm Martin Craven
8.30am M Redshaw/A Nolan/W Gildert
10.30am School Sunday
6.00pm Richard Hunt

Next Sunday: 28th January

6.00pm Paul Southworth
8.30am G King/M Eccles/C Jenner
10.30am J Maynard/N O'Leary/S Tierney
4.30pm Catriona Scallon

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

6.00pm Eileen Vause
8.30am C Carter/J Weldon/A King
10.30am V Christie/P Hilton/A Titterington
E Broadstock
6.00pm Anita Tunstall

Next Sunday:

6.00pm Francesca Vause
8.30am A Rabbitt/L Clarkson/J Weldon
10.30am T Schofield/G Riley/P Hilton
A Christie
4.30pm Cath Shepherd

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

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 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".

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Training for Leaders – Saturday 17th February at LACE. Please let Fr Stanley know if you are interested.

School Sunday: At the 10.30am Mass this Sunday our Primary School have prepared the Liturgy. Thank you for celebrating School Sunday with us today. After Mass you are all welcome to visit school and have a look round. Refreshments will be available.