

Beavers and Cubs now have vacancies – Beavers 6-8 yrs. & Cubs 8-10½ yrs. Meetings are on a Thursday evening in St Joseph’s School Hall. Leaders and helpers also needed. Contact Graham and Angela Stevens on ☎268094 for more information.

St Joseph’s School Christmas Raffle: The Annual Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Friday 14th December, tickets priced 50p per book will be on sale after Mass on Sunday 2nd and 9th December. Any donations of prizes for the Raffle can be left in church or sent to school. We continue to be very grateful for all your support.

St. Mary’s Friends of Uganda:

The Craft & Gift Sale raised £152.70p & the Bingo raised £521.81p. Thank you to everyone who supported these two events.

You may recall that the Statue of St. Joseph had to be removed from the church during the urgent work of treating the Dry Rot in the roof. During this period pictures of the original Statue of St. Joseph were displayed at the back of the church asking the question did anyone know what had happened to it? The original statue matched everything else in the church which comes from the woodcarvers in Ortisei, Northern Italy. The current Statue of St. Joseph is solid granite and was made to be placed outside in the open air! It takes four very strong men to manoeuvre it. (He is currently in the back yard of the Presbytery having been jet washed several times!) After a good deal of thought it is proposed that a stone plinth be built at the side of the front door of the Presbytery and the granite statue of St. Joseph be securely fixed into the plinth and then illuminated with a flood light at night! Ongoing investigations are being made to replace the statue in church with the original statue of St. Joseph with the child Jesus. The hope was, that this could have been in place for Christmas this year. However, it now looks as though it will be in place for the Feast of St Joseph, 19th March 2019! Apologies for the **Angelus Bell** not working. We think it was struck by an Electrical Storm during August this year and hasn’t worked since. The technician who is based in Northern Ireland, hasn’t been able to get over here to repair the problem. Thank you for your patience!

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A loop Induction System has been installed in this Church. Please turn hearing aid to ‘T’ setting.



1st Sunday of Advent – 2nd December 2018

HOLY MASS & SERVICES

Sunday (Sat) 6.00pm Albert Meakin (B)
8.30am William Strange (A)
10.30am Johnny Flanagan (RIP)
4.30pm Parishioners

Monday 8.30am *Eucharistic Service:* Int: Gerald Thompson (A)
Tuesday 10.00am **REQUIEM:** Sr. Francis Calderbank (RIP)
Wednesday 8.30am Lucy Pennington (RIP)
Thursday 8.30am In thanksgiving (M & D) (B)
Friday 8.30am Margaret Rose Fendley & Grandson Darren (RIP)
Saturday 9.00am Roland Cross (RIP)

Sunday next 6.00pm James (A) & Irene Snape (RIP)
8.30am Vincent Ellison (A), Pauline & Martin (RIP)
10.30am Lily O’Neill (A)
4.30pm Frank Hegarty (A)



CONFESSIONS: Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

Please Pray For The Following Who Are Sick Canon Albert Shaw, Fr. Laurence Mayne, Bert Smith, Eileen Snape, Jean Thurston, James Desmond Gorman, Teresa Todd, Doreen Moss, Mark Rimmer, John Lee, Anna Hennessy & Baby Troy Halls (6 weeks old). 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.
Y. 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:** Sr. Francis Calderbank. We also remember all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: William Strange, Gerald Thompson, James Snape, Vincent Ellison, Lily O’Neill & Frank Hegarty. Also, the Anniversaries of all the deceased priests who have served in the Parish of St. Joseph’s.

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 L and Sandra

“Little Church” Helpers NEXT week: Paula and Julie C

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 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: ☎ 275137 or 📠 07932 404447. E-mail: StJosephsChorley@apcmc.co.uk Website: www.st-josephs-chorley.co.uk

Readers Today 2nd December

Next Sunday: 9th December

6.00pm	Sr. Cecilia	6.00pm	Francesca Vause
8.30am	A Nolan/M Eccles/S Francis	8.30am	M Redshaw/J Weldon/E Whitney
10.30am	J Maynard/C Clarkson/T Dugdale	10.30am	Uniformed Groups
4.30pm	Laura McLoughlin	4.30pm	Richard Hunt

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

Next Sunday:

6.00pm	Irene Love	6.00pm	Geoff Kenyon
8.30am	P Smith/A King/J Weldon	8.30am	A Nolan/W Gildert/J Weldon
10.30am	E Broadstock/V Christie/T Schofield	10.30am	T Schofield/R Hart/K Hart
	Gerard Riley		Alan Christie
4.30pm	Michael Anderton	4.30pm	Christine Farnworth

Counters Today: A & G King

Next Sunday: M Finch & K Wilkinson

Altar Boys (Wed, Thurs, Fri) Volunteers please!

Collection: Gift Aid: £847.10p **Loose Plate:** £476.38p **Total:** £1,323.48p
2nd Collection Last Week for: “*Animate Youth*”

Gift Aid: £238.13p **Loose Plate:** £133.26p **Total:** £371.39p

Thank you 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.

CAFOD Fun Run - This year the 35th Annual Fun Run will take place on Thursday 27th December at Wavertree Sports Centre L15 4LE. Registration will be from 12pm and the 6k/3k run and 2k walk will begin at 1pm. Entry will be £5 for children, £10 for adults or £20 for a family. Posters and sponsorship forms and other information from liverpool@cafod.org.uk or 0151 228 4028.

The Church Steps leading down to Harpers Lane need some essential maintenance & attendance over the next few weeks. Hence, access to the steps will be cordoned off and closed.