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## *Fourth Sunday of Advent - 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020*

Below is a List of the Mass Intentions being Offered this week,  
Publicly, Privately, & Livestreamed.

**Sunday**

**6.00pm** Jack Waring (RIP)

**Privately** Eunice & Max Jessop (RIP)

**10.30am** Philip O'Neill & Mary Jackson (A)

**Privately** Parishioners



**Monday**

**8.30am** Marjorie Barnett (A)

**Tuesday**

**8.30am** Ivy Cecilia Stanley (B)

**10.30am Funeral Service:** Jennifer Wilding (RIP)

**Wednesday**

**8.30am** Josef Neuhaus (B)

**9.30am REQUIEM:** Anthony Clarkson (RIP)

### *CHRISTMAS EVE*

**THURSDAY**

**8.30am** Ursula Felton (RIP)

**6.00pm** Gillian Bolton (B)

**8.00pm** Ruth Parker (RIP)

### *CHRISTMAS DAY*

**FRIDAY**

**8.30am** Parishioners

**10.30am** John & Janet Cowdall (RIP)

### *BOXING DAY*

**SATURDAY**

**10.00am** Vincent De Paul Brown (A)



**NB: Please note only ONE Mass on Boxing Day. NO 6pm Vigil Mass**

**Sunday next**

**Privately** Edmund & Ellen Whittle (RIP)

**10.30am** Mary Hart (B)

**Privately** Parishioners

**Please Pray For The Following Who Are Sick:** Canon Albert Shaw, Eileen Snape, Jean Thurston, James Gorman, Doreen Moss, Mark Rimmer, Anna Hennessy, Willie Pike, Mary Hanson, Simon Milner, Sr. Marie Bolton, Eddie Lacey & Elmo Allan (8 months old). We also remember to pray for all those in Chorley Hospital, Derian House Children's Hospice, our Nursing Homes & all those affected by Covid-19.

✠. Heal Thy Servants, O Lord, who are sick, and who put their trust in Thee.

✠. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort from Thy holy place.

**IMPORTANT** – During the current Pandemic, Eucharistic Ministers will not be going into the hospital with Holy Communion. The Hospital, via the Ward, will contact St. Joseph's or the On-Call Priest for any visits to patients. Only priests who have been Mask Trained & Clinically Instructed via Royal Preston Hospital will be allowed into the hospitals.

**Please include in your Prayers:** All those who have **Recently Died:** Frank Waring (9.30am Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December at St. Mary's), Jennifer Wilding & Anthony Clarkson, John James McQuillan (Requiem at 10.30am Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January) & all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Philip O'Neill, Mary Jackson, Marjorie Barnett & Vincent De Paul Brown.

**Keeping in touch:** Would you like to receive the weekly parish bulletin by email during these uncertain times? If you would, then please send a blank email to: [stjosephchorleybulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:stjosephchorleybulletin@yahoo.com). Please, **ONLY** use this email to request the bulletin – the parish general email remains the same. We will continue to send out any information as and when it becomes available. Also, e-mails are sent out on a daily basis with reflections and information, so please, if you would like to receive this then request it by the above bulletin email address. **PLEASE NOTE THIS EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED.**

**Collection:** You can still make your weekly Offering to the Parish when you are out for your daily exercise by putting it through the Letterbox at the Presbytery. Thank you for your continuing & wonderful generosity & support to the parish.

**St. Joseph's Parish Centre – Members Notice:** Under the new Tier 3 restrictions the Parish Centre has once again had to close. Please contact the Parish Centre for any further information on: ☎ 275137 or 📠 07932 404447. E-mail: [StJosephsChorley@apcmc.co.uk](mailto:StJosephsChorley@apcmc.co.uk) Website: [www.st-josephs-chorley.co.uk](http://www.st-josephs-chorley.co.uk)

**Churches Together in Lancashire:** [www.ctlancashire.org.uk/](http://www.ctlancashire.org.uk/)

**Mass Online at St. Joseph's:** Mass will be Live-streamed from St. Joseph's: **6pm Vigil Mass** on Saturday and **10.30am Mass** on Sunday. On Weekdays Mass will be televised at **8.30am** Monday to Friday, & **9am** on Saturday. Some Masses will be said Privately in the Presbytery.

The Link for St. Joseph's is: <https://www.churchservices.tv/chorleystjosephs>

### Spiritual Communion – Prayer of St. Alphonsus

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things and

I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. *Amen.*

[Pope Francis proclaims Year of St. Joseph \(catholicnewsagency.com\)](https://www.catholicnewsagency.com)

December 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 until December 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

**Just a Reminder:** Hand sanitizer must be used when entering and leaving church. You will be required to leave contact details. Only one door will be used for entering church and another door for you to exit the church. A face covering must be used. Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass as you leave church. A steward will guide you to your seat. Members of the same household can sit together in a bench. Church has to be cleaned after each Mass, ready for the next group of people who will be entering. Attendees must sit where they are asked to sit - we can no longer have our **“own”** benches.

### Christmas Masses and New Year's Day Mass

Please collect before a Mass, your Christmas Mass Tickets **BY WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER**. These Tickets must be brought with you on the day & time stated on the Ticket & handed to one of the Volunteers. If you become unable to attend your allocated Mass please contact St. Joseph's as soon as possible so that your ticket can be reallocated. Church will open 30 minutes before the start of Mass and you should not arrive later than 5 minutes before the start time. Thank you for your patience, understanding and cooperation during this difficult time.

## Stay Safe / Pray Safe! *Christmas Message 2020*

The following words were seen on a wayside pulpit:

*“Two Thousand Years Ago Three Wise Men followed the Star to meet Jesus: 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 & 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 & Masses.

I hope you have a very Happy & Holy Christmas and a Happy, Better & Safer New Year when it arrives!



*Canon Peter G. Stanley*

