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The Baptism of The Lord - Sunday 10th January 2021

St. Joseph's Church is closing for the time being
from Monday 11th January.

Stay Safe / Pray Safe!

Below is a List of the Mass Intentions being Offered this week
Privately and Livestreamed.

Sunday	6.00pm John Cowdall (A) Privately Ursula Felton (B) 10.30am Mary Olive Schofield (A) Privately Christina Ball (A)
Monday	8.30am Kathleen Mitchell (B)
Tuesday	8.30am Norbert Snape (B)
Wednesday	8.30am Elsy Nelson (A)
Thursday	8.30am Speedy Recovery (MJ & MS)
Friday	8.30am Successful Operation (Yates)
Saturday	9.00am Winifred Walmsley (RIP)
Sunday next	6.00pm Frank Sherlock (B) Privately Maureen Cheston (RIP) 10.30am Mary Witter (A&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, 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.

V. 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 – 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:** & all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: John Cowdall, Mary Olive Schofield, Christina Ball, Elsy Nelson, Betty McQuillan & Mary Witter.

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. 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. **Gift Aid Envelopes:** The Gift Aid Envelopes for the New Tax Year 6th April 2021 to 5th April 2022 have not yet been delivered. There are several Gift Aid Boxes of Envelopes in the Church Porch for the current Tax Year, 6th April 2020 to 5th April 2021; these are the Boxes of Gift Envelopes that haven't been collected because of the Lockdown.

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>
Churches Together in Lancashire: www.ctlancashire.org.uk/

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.*

My dear Parishioners,

New Year Message

This week the Archbishop circulated the recent Government advice on the opening of churches, and wanted to emphasise that the final decision in this regard is mine. He says: *“Only you know your people, their age profile and the risks that they are likely to be exposed to and present to others. You have to consider your volunteers and stewards. You also have yourself to consider and I would not want you to expose yourself unnecessarily to infection from the virus. I have already said that the celebration of baptisms, marriages and First Communions should be postponed except for exceptional circumstances. I would like to be clear, in addition, that if you wish to stop public celebration of Holy Mass and the sacraments for the duration of this emergency, then I will fully support you. Now is the time to make wise decisions for the good of all. As priests I am very aware of how committed you are to your sacred ministry and that you will not leave your people without pastoral care. Over the last year you have shown exceptional initiative in being close to the people despite the severe restrictions and I pray that this will continue. I will be close to you in prayer and I will offer Mass daily for you. At this time, we should keep in mind our brothers who are Chaplains in Hospitals, Prisons and Care Homes. Their work continues under the most difficult of circumstances and they may need our practical support and a friendly phone call as well as prayer.”*

Whilst both the diagnosis and death rates are increasing at the speed they are, and bearing in mind that I am still going into the hospital to offer the Sacraments to those dying of Covid and other illnesses, I feel that we have to close St. Joseph's for a further period. I am sure you will appreciate that this is a very difficult decision for me to make, and not one I make lightly. We must look after each other and keep each other as safe as possible. Whilst the law says *“Stay at Home”*, we must respect this and stay safe. Mass will continue to be live streamed daily and I know this will be a comfort to many. I am so grateful to all our Volunteers & Readers. Thank You.

Some parishioners have asked about the vaccines. Again, I quote the Archbishop: *“While the vaccines should give us hope, I know that there has been an interesting and lively debate about the morality of using some Covid-19 vaccines. Some of you have expressed to me your thoughtful comments and I am grateful for the exchange of ideas, but I must state most strongly that it is morally permissible to receive any of these vaccines. If you feel burdened by the questions you have about the vaccines, then this should not be a burden that you place on the People of God. I insist that the guidance you give your parishioners and that you follow yourself is in accordance with the Note of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith of 21 December 2020. Pope Francis has endorsed this Note, and it therefore comes from the highest authority. Interestingly, the Note reminds us that there is no moral obligation on anyone to receive the vaccine.”*

Please continue to pray for me, as I pray for you. Above all, Stay Safe and let us look forward to the time we can be back together in great numbers in our beautiful church of St. Joseph’s.

God Bless.

Canon Peter G. Stanley

Monday 11th January 2021

ORDINARY TIME (RESUMED)

COMMENCE with Week 1

Monday: Heb. 1:1-6; Psalm 96:1-2,6-7,9; Mark 1:14 - 20

Sundays and Major Feasts YEAR B
Ferial Weekdays YEAR I

Ash Wednesday is 17th February 2021

Palm Sunday & The Start of Holy Week is

28th March 2021, BST begins, Clocks Forward by 1 Hour!

Good Friday is 2nd April 2021

Easter Sunday 4th April 2021