

PARISH CHRISTMAS LIST 2020

The Christmas Masses this year will be offered for the intentions of those on our Parish Christmas List. If you would like to offer an intention, there are some sheets at the back of church for you to complete. Mass offerings will be donated to the Charity Shelter, who care and provide for homeless people in our diocese.

CHRISTMAS JOY APPEAL

The Chorley Buddies and the SVP Conferences of Chorley want to try to make sure that there is no-one lonely this Christmas. **We pledge at least one phone call over the Christmas and New Year period for all who are lonely.** So, if you may be lonely, or you know someone who may be lonely, please let us know.

Email: chorleybuddies@hotmail.com (If you are referring someone else, you MUST have their permission to share their contact details) or Tel: 01257 542367
If you would like to help, please email or phone as above to volunteer.

CONFIRMATIONS

Congratulations to three of our parishioners who will be confirmed later this week. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

APPEAL FOR CONTACT

Please could the parents of Emily Loffin please get in contact with me asap.

PRAYER AND OTHER RESOURCES

There are some new resources now available from the Archdiocese:
[Week 13 in the series of 'Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ](#)
[Key characters of Advent: John the Baptist](#)

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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RIVER
ISAIAH
MESSENGER
WILDERNESS
BAPTISM
REPENTANCE
CAMELSKIN
LOCUSTS
HONEY
STRAP
SANDALS
SPIRIT



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF
St Gregory's Weld Bank

6th December 2020 - 2nd Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

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Mon/Wed/Thurs 09:00 - 14:00

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REFLECTION

We all know what it is like to wait in long queues or traffic jams, plane departures or deferred appointments and postponed events - all of these are circumstances which can cause anxiety, frustration and impatience in all of us. Even though we know we must be patient because to be in these circumstances is often unavoidable, we still find ourselves searching for a good reason for waiting or to be convinced that the wait is necessary - even more so during these challenging times when we find waiting seems even more difficult than usual. Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and the wait for Christmas is far from over! Today's Gospel tells us that a voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight' - it sounds like Advent ought to be a time for road construction and repair not a patient wait for Christmas! It may sound strange, but really preparing the way for the Lord and straightening His path means ensuring that in our lives we are prepared to welcome Jesus into our hearts. So an important aspect of our Advent journey and preparation is acknowledging that there are parts of our lives that need straightening! Examining ourselves, by thinking about our emotional, mental, social, and spiritual well-being helps us in that preparation. When we examine ourselves, we might discover there is clutter or baggage that has been weighing us down. Perhaps that baggage interferes with our feelings and affects our actions. If we forget to do some self-reflection and self-care in preparation for Christmas, could we find ourselves acting distantly with our family and friends? Even worse, could that clutter or baggage prevent us from celebrating the arrival of Jesus or cause us to not easily show our love for God or our neighbours? As we focus our attention on so many other things during the lead up to Christmas, let us take some time out of our busy schedules to do some self-examination and to prepare a place in our hearts to welcome Jesus - then the wait will be worth it!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

w/c 29th November 2020

Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the upkeep of the church.

This weeks collection will be rolled forward to next week.

Please Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters Who are Sick

Maureen Jackson - Madge Henshaw - Winifred Calderbank
 Hugh O'Daly - Kitty Ellison - Julie Hurley - Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss
 Margaret Shaw - Eileen Nuttall - Baby Elmo Allan - Theresa Anne Knowles - Paul McBeth
Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and send them comfort from thy holy place. Amen.

Please remember and keep in your prayers all those who have died recently,
 especially
*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

REOPENING AFTER LOCKDOWN 2 - TIER 3 UPDATE

Following the latest government guidance, Public Worship services have now resumed.

Restrictions remain in place include the wearing of face masks, hand sanitisation and giving personal details for track and trace purposes. Social distancing of 1 metre+ will be observed. People who have had any symptoms of COVID 19 should not attend for at least 14 days after the symptoms first appeared.

Funerals will still be permitted to go ahead but should be kept to close family members only (max 30 people).

Burials of ashes can also continue with up to 15 people in attendance.

**Weddings will not be permitted to take place at this time (except in danger of death).
 Baptisms can still go ahead but may only be attended by people from the household of the child being baptised (max of 6 and godparents will have to be by proxy).**

NB: There is no option in Tier 3 for outside baptisms.

Masses will also continue to be LiveStreamed at the usual times as below.

Weekday Masses:

Mon/Wed/Fri - 8:30am Tues/Thurs/Sat - 10:00am

Sunday Masses:

9:30am (Public Worship) & 11:00am (LiveStream)

Devotions will continue to take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00pm - 2:00pm and will be LiveStreamed only.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2020

There will be 3 Christmas Masses this year, Christmas Eve at 7:00pm and 9:00pm and Christmas Day at 9:30am. As the numbers at each service are restricted in line with government guidelines, unfortunately this year these will need to be ticketed events. Requests for tickets must be made in writing stating the number of tickets required, the names of those attending and a contact address and telephone number.

Please also state your preferred Mass time and whether you would like to receive your tickets via email, post or collection. Tickets will be allocated to those who regularly attend Mass in the first instance. Those attending must be in their seats at least 5 minutes before the start of Mass. A request form can be downloaded [here](#)

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 06 Dec	9:30am	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	John & Elizabeth Watmough Tom Grady (A)	
Sun 06 Dec	11:00am	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	People of the Parish	
Mon 07 Dec	8:30am	St Ambrose	John Todd Patrick McManus (B)	
Tues 08 Dec	10:00am	The Immaculate Conception	Thomas Gerrard (F) Cyril Moss	HOLY HOUR (LiveStream) 1:00pm - 1:45pm
Wed 09 Dec	8:30am	St Juan Diego Cuatlatotzin	Bernard Dickinson	
Thu 10 Dec	10:00am	Our Lady of Loreto St John Roberts	Mary Cartmell (F)	HOLY HOUR (LiveStream) 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Fri 11 Dec	8:30am	St Damasus I	Vincent Calderbank (LD)	
Sat 12 Dec	10:00am	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Andrew Evans James Critchley (A) Teresa Hamer (A)	
Sun 13 Dec	9:30am	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Joseph Robinson (B)	
Sun 13 Dec	11:00am	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Peter Evans	