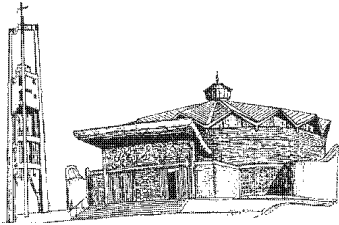


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Ten Day bulletin covering Christmas and Sunday 27th
 Be ready like the Word of God to be humble and not domineering or bossing others.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS / VISITORS

Please fill in our new Record Form, or if you move house within the parish please amend a new form.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

..7.00 **Sung Vigil Christmas Mass** (with Folk Group) – blessing of the crib with children

/ All our Parishioners living and dead
 11.15 Carols by candlelight with the Choir & Organ followed by **Christmas Midnight Mass** and the blessing of the crib and all the cribs in the Parish / Special intention.



Friday 25th December Christmas Day Birthday of the Lord

8.00 **Simple Mass** with some carols / In thanksgiving
 10.00 **Family Mass** with the folk group / In thanksgiving
 3.30pm **Christmas Vespers** with the monks of the area at St Mary's, Bamber Bridge



Saturday 26th December St Stephen

11.00 **Guild of St Stephen Mass** / Sue Davy (gravely ill)
Reconciliation 5-6pm
 6.00 (Vigil Mass) Safe journeys / Jimmy Jones RIP



WEEK-DAY MASS AT 10am EACH DAY FROM MONDAY 28th DECEMBER TO WEDNESDAY 31st AN EXTRA MASS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE 7.00pm. NEW YEAR'S DAY 11.00am. SATURDAY 2nd JANUARY 10am.

Sunday 27th December Holy family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9.30 Thomas family intentions / EBC
 11.00 Minshull family intentions / The Parish

Monday 28th December The Holy Innocents

10.00 Jack Gallagher Anniv

Tuesday 29th December St Thomas Beckett

10.00 Agnes and Jack Dandy



Confessions Saturday 2nd January 5.00 - 6.00pm. Also Confessions at any time. Ring for a mutually convenient time with one of the priests.

Last Sunday: Offertory Loose Plate £576.01 Gift Aid £320.00
 For Gift Aid contact Gerry Brown 431002 **Many thanks!**

THIS WEEK Sunday 27th December 2009 Holy Family Pastoral Letter from our Archbishop Patrick Kelly

Family Rota of Prayer: Murfin family 91 Crawford Avenue

Tuesday: Church cleaning 9am 'B' team
Parish Ramble 11 am
S.V.P. Abbot H Room 8 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: 3rd January The Epiphany of the Lord

9.30 E.B.C / Boys family intentions
 11.00 The Parish / Addison Jones family intentions.

Youth Group 7 pm

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK
 (After Holy Communion of the Congregation)

The Congregation says: May this sacrament unite them with Christ and his Church and give them consolation and peace.

Adoration in Church. St. Joseph's Adoration Chapel

You are welcome to pop in any time
 Contact the Priory for enquiries

10.00 Edward Murphy B'day Remem
 7.00 McCue family
Final mass of the year with the Te Deum to thank God for all his goodness.

Friday 1st January 2010

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 11.00 Stephen Miller *First mass of the year to ask God's blessing on 2010*

Sat 2nd Jan St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen

10.00 Margaret Sullivan RIP & Doug Morphew RIP
 6.00 (Vigil Mass) Moll family intentions





A Happy and Holy Christmas to all from Fr. Jonathan, Fr. Ambrose, Fr. Stephen, Fr. Paul, Sister Veronica and all who work in the Priory House trying to serve in the Parish. Also on New Year's Day we celebrate the feast of Mary the Mother of God – May the Holy Spirit and Mary who was filled with the Spirit, protect, save and give us all the Graces we need in the New Year.



All the flowers and decorations in Church this Christmas are in memory of the loved ones of the: Ashworth family, Beatty family, Edmondson family, Escolme family, Fletcher, Holmes & Gee families, Gallagher family, Gardner family, Gore & McCall families, Helliard & Murphy

families, Holden family, Kendall & Ainsworth families, Kirk & Smith families, McCall family, Meadows & Miller families, Minshull family, Nelson & Halliwell families, Rigby & Tickle families, Robinson family, Sheeran family, Smith family, Stanton family, Sullivan, Fryer & Butler families, Such & McGaahan families, Travis family, Wilson & Walmsley families, Kelly & Weir families.

The flower arrangers thank you for your donations. Without your help we could not have achieved so much.

Bible Alive – the January copy of Bible Alive is now ready for collection from the sacristy for those who subscribe. If any subscribers wish to cancel or new ones wish to order please let us know ASAP

Ministers of Holy Communion A *revised* rota for the weekend beginning 2/3 January has been prepared as a result of the relaxation of the swine-flu restrictions. A copy is available from the Pigeon hole in the Sacristy.

500 club results as last week. Thanks for all your support.

CD Player Does anyone have a "spare and unused" CD player that we could use in Church? Let Fr. Jonathan know.

Forthcoming events

Parish Ramble Tuesday 29th December round Ulnes Walton, 4 miles flat and will take roughly 2 hours. Meet at Priory car park 11.00am. Meal later at The Traveller's Rest. If interested please sign the list in the Narthex. We have to book numbers at the Traveller's Rest.

Monday 4th January Schools reopen

Tuesday 5th January 4.30 pm in Church Confirmation team planning meeting

Wednesday 6th January 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council

Monday 11th January 7.30pm Priory house Youth Group staff meeting

Tuesday 12th January Parish Centre 4pm Confirmations 2nd Candidates meeting

Saturday 16th January Last Night of the Proms -7.30 pm at Leyland United Reformed Church. See poster on Notice Board for more details.

Divorced or Separated? The Pastoral Formation Department offers 6 weekly meetings to support Catholics experiencing the breakdown of a long-term relationship. They begin on Monday 15th February 2010. See poster for more details.

WORD OF LIFE

Let your work shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Mt 5:16)

It is the Christian life lived out that is a light capable of drawing people to God in today's times too. Let me tell you a story. Antoinette was a girl from Sardinia, but in order to find work, she went to France, to Grenoble. She was employed in an office where most of her colleagues had no wish to work. Since she was a Christian and saw in every person Jesus to be served, she helped everybody, and was always calm and smiling. Often someone would get angry and take it out on her. They would mock her and say things like, "If you want to work, you can take this and do my typing too." She held her peace and slogged away. She knew that they were not bad people. Probably each of them had their own troubles. One day, when the others were not around, her supervisor came in and said, "Now you must tell me how come you never lose patience and why you're always smiling." Antoinette evaded the question by saying, "I just try to keep calm and look on the bright side of things." Her supervisor banged his fist on the desk and exclaimed, "No, this is definitely something to do with God, otherwise it would be impossible! And to think that I never believed in God!" a few days later, Antoinette was called in to see the senior staff. She was told she was being transferred to another office. "So you can transform it as you have the office you're in now," the director went on to explain.

Christmas Cracker

James was listening to a bible story. His dad read: "the man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into salt". Concerned, James asked: "What happened to the flea?"