

Bambinelli Project

You will see this project on the reverse side of this sheet or as a supplement to the bulleting for the 1st Sunday of Lent on the website. It has been promoted by the co-ordinator of the Marriage and Family Life work of the Archdiocese, Maureen O' Brien.

It is something that we feel would engage families and particularly their children. You will see the project illustrated in a colour picture on the website.

We would like to encourage parishioners to bring the baby Jesus for their family cribs to be blessed on Gaudete (Rejoicing) Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent 17 December. If your baby Jesus is part of a crib already, bring the whole crib. Please come at any mass 6pm vigil or 9.30 and 11.00 on the Sunday.

Parking for the Christmas Vigil 6 pm Sunday 24th December

This is always a very busy family mass. As most of you probably know we are no longer able to park on the Piazza so people need to think ahead about parking.

- Could you walk to church if you don't live far away?
- Could you park up at Tesco or behind the swimming baths or on South Ribble's car park??
- If you have elderly or disabled parishioners perhaps you could drop them by the bell tower and then go and park elsewhere.

Parking in nearby streets is limited and if you use it please be courteous and don't block driveways. Remember there is parking up all of Broadfield walk both sides of Nursery Close.

Many thanks for reading this and we look forward to seeing you all at one of the Christmas masses.

The Christmas Masses and Liturgies

Sunday masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent

- 6pm Vigil Mass 23rd December.
- 10:00am One Sunday morning sung mass 24th December.

Christmas Day Masses and Vespers

- 6:00pm Vigil Mass 24th September with the folk group.
- 9.15pm Carols by candlelight with the choir
- 10.00pm Night Mass with the choir
- 08:00am First morning mass on Christmas day with carols accompanied by the Bromiley family.
- 10:00am Family mass. Blessing of a Christmas present from each child present, and colouring competition of a card for the children
- 3:30pm Sung vespers with the Lancashire Ampleforth monks in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

After Christmas Weekday masses will be at 10:00am except on Boxing day Tuesday 26th December and on New Year's Day Monday 1st January 2018 when mass will be at 11:00am.

Act in Support of Catholic Education

Our Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP is asking us to help him: he writes.

"Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all catholic pupils to attend. The Prime Minister has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and had promised to abandon it. Now the government may decide to keep this discriminatory policy. We need you to tell the government not to discriminate against Catholics and to remove the admissions cap on new faith-based schools".

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> Fr Jonathan has done it; it is very easy and the website works. If you go on the Parish website you may be able to copy and paste it rather than copy it out carefully.

Thank you to the many helpers who have brought from Tesco last week a large amount of food for the Food Bank. You did a great job cheerfully and especially those present each night to do the work. Our Churches Together in Leyland food bank will help many local people to have a better Christmas.