

Sat 3 Dec: The Cenacolo Community at Dodding Green are holding their pre-Christmas Open Day for Friends of the Community beginning at 10am and concluding with an open air nativity presentation at about 4.30pm – weather permitting!.

9 - 11 Dec: Advent Retreat. For more information Contact Castlerigg. www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/yatm-events

22 - 29 Aug 2017: Visit to Shrine at Medjugorje, £580pp sharing, £690 single room. Contact Rev B Loveland 01539 563391 or Fr Loughran 01772 719604.

Foodbank. There is a box at the back of St Mary's, St Gregory's and OLSM churches for items of food to help people in crisis. **Shopping List.** Milk (full fat or semi-skimmed UHT), 1ltr carton UHT Fruit Juice, jar/sachet Pasta Sauce, Biscuits/Snack Bars, Cereal (medium size boxes), Tinned Meat, Tinned/Cartron Tomatoes, Tinned Fish, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Soup (no cuppa soup), Tinned Rice Pudding, Instant Mash Potato, Tinned Sponge Pudding, Sugar, Jam, Medium bags dried Pasta, Tea Bags/Coffee (medium) **No low calorie food.**

Newsletter. Items for the weekly newsletter should be emailed to: info@workingtoncatholicchurch.co.uk for the attention of Sharon.

CONVOY AID ROMANIA

Clothing for Romania can be delivered to Barbara Jones, 7 Gordon Street Workington. Tel: 01900 65306

HEALTH & SAFETY.

Information is at the back of each church giving details on how to contact the emergency services. Headlights, First Aid Kits and Accident Log Books are situated in each church Sacristy. Please note the First Aid Kits are for minor injuries only.

Beware thieves! Please don't leave valuables on display in your cars. All cars are parked at owner's risk. Be aware that thieves have been known to enter church during Mass and steal from unattended handbags.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Our Parish has 6 Safeguarding Representatives. Names and telephone numbers are on the notice board at the back of each church should you wish to contact them. Alternatively you may contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Jane Robinson, 218 Tulketh Road, Ashton, Preston, PR2 1ES. Tel: 01772 728433

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Advent. The coming of Christ. Stay awake! The vocation of every Christian is to be ready for the Lord's coming. The vocation of the Christian is to bring light. Perhaps it's a light many of us feel we have lost, or have yet to find for ourselves. There can be a sense of hypocrisy that we are peddling a message we ourselves don't wholeheartedly endorse or live up to. Here's a suggestion, a single idea, to get us started (or re-started). This Advent try and notice the early morning light, pre-dawn, sunrise, getting the day started. It's not a thing you have any control over. It simply happens. For centuries Christians (congregation and clergy) faced east at Mass, the altar was at the east end of the church. For the priest it wasn't Mass with your back to the people; it was Mass with your face towards Christ who will come. And particularly for those who are struggling He will come as their Saviour. Try and remember to say your morning prayers, and here is the simplest Advent morning prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus.'

Parish Council. At the end of Mass today, as you leave church, please put your folded nomination form in the box at the back of church named "Nominees for the Parish Pastoral Council" Next weekend 3/4 Dec as you arrive in church you will be given a form with the names of the nominees on it. You will be asked to vote for your preferred candidate by putting an X by their name. Please place the completed form in the box at the back of church as you leave. The result will be published in the bulletin weekend 10/11 December. Thank you for your co-operation with this very important process.

Parish Grand Advent Raffle and Christmas Fete Sunday 11 December. A few Raffle Tickets are still available from the back of each church. **When Returning Tickets,** place stubs in an envelope with cash (or cheque made payable to 'Christ the Good Shepherd'). Envelopes can be posted through OLSM Priory letterbox or placed in the collection plates. **Please return unsold tickets to the back of each church in order that others may take and sell them.** A full list of raffle prizes is displayed at the back of each church. Items for the Fete will be gratefully received and should be placed in the boxes available in all three churches. (Bottle Stall, Tombola, White Elephant, Books, Toiletries, Toys etc, no electrical goods please as we cannot sell them for reasons of safety). Also, could parishioners who kindly donate alcohol for the bottle stall or raffle please bring their donations directly to the priory instead of leaving them in the entrance to OLSM (The church is open during daylight hours and we don't want people to think we offer a free bar!). Thank-you to all who have donated so far and also for the anonymous donation to cover the cost of printing the raffle tickets.

Weekday Masses. Following the fitting of two new boilers we will return to the usual routine for weekday Masses at OLSM. Do please realise it won't be 'tropical'!

Next Sunday 2nd Sunday of Advent: 2nd collection for the Building & Maintenance Fund. *If you wish to Gift Aid your Donation please use a My Gift to Christ Envelope (available at the back of each church) and mark 'Building & Maintenance'.*

Missing Burco Boiler. The missing Burco that vanished from a locked cupboard in Stella Maris Room has not been returned. Perhaps there is a swallow hole under the cupboard!!

Sr Eleanor.

Sunday Morning Hymns

	SG	OLSM
Entry	398	243
Offertory	128	677
Communion	368	517
Recessional	268	535

FINANCE

Offertory Collection for last week £1499.14
 Lancaster Youth Services £353.77
 Thank-you for your continued support and generosity.

LITURGY and PRAYER

Please pray for all who are sick, especially Winnie Lewis, Kathleen Sydney, Connie Berwick, Eileen Quinn, Mike Boak, Mary Johnston, Fletcher Ditchburn, Mary Ackerley, Reg Ackerley, Lynn Craine, Margaret Fearon, John Bechelli, Wilma Lace, Joan Houghin, Mary Ryan, Gerald Sharkey, John White, Billy Hennelly, Sheila Wolstenholme, Christine Thompson, Jan Wojcik, Mary Slater, retired Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue, Pauline Hodgson, Alex Glaister, Keith Daghish, Molly Doran, Marion Gray, Richard Johnston and Canon John Watson.

Please remember in your prayers those who died recently. Sr. Jacqueline Smith SP. Fr Brian Gilmore. Woodrow Wilson (Butch) Proud, Requiem Mass Wednesday 30 November, 11am, St Mary's Church. John Joseph Nicholson, Funeral Service 12 noon Distington Crematorium, Friday 2 December.

And those whose anniversaries occur around this time. Olive McKeating, Bernard O'Connor, Joseph Johnston, Peter Highton, Jack Lannaghan, Anne Hetherington, Pat McDonald, Francisca Fitzpatrick, George Wilson, Michael O'Donnell, John McGuirk, Thomas McLaughlin, Michael Hastings, Julia McCourt, Mary Donovan, Catherine May, James Cape, Margaret Hynes and Edmund Hansen.

Baptism. Please pray for Iyrah Cayte Conway who will be baptised Sunday 27 November, 12 noon, Our Lady & St Michael's church. Those wishing to have their children baptised are required to give 6 weeks notice. This will enable us to arrange the necessary preparation.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation. 11 - 11:25 Saturdays at St Gregory's. On request at St Mary's.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament each Saturday morning will be dedicated to Vocations for the Priesthood, Diaconate, Religious and Consecrated Life.

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS-WEEK BEGINNING 27 NOV

OLSM: Deceased Members of the Mahone & Hoban Families

SG: The Robinson & Langstaff Families **SM:** Holy Souls

No dates left for 2016. A suggested donation of £10 for each intention is much appreciated. If you are a tax payer and you wish to Gift Aid your donation please complete a My Gift to Christ Envelope (available at the back of each church) and mark Sanctuary Lamp. (Also, please let us know which church you would prefer).

Mass Intentions: Please note all Mass Intentions for Christmas Eve, Evening Mass and Christmas Day are now booked. Also Sunday Masses are fully booked until after the New Year.

TIMES OF MASS FOR NEXT WEEK

Key to Masses: SM = St Mary's, SG = St Gregory's & OLSM = Our Lady & St Michael's

Please take careful note of which church Mass will be held.

Sat 26 Nov 6.00 SM	The Blessed Virgin Mary People of the Parish	Thur 1 Dec 10.00 SM	Thursday of Advent, Week 1 Mary Conaway
Sun 27 Nov 9.30 SG	1st Sunday of Advent Claire Louise Dempster	12.00 SG	Nancy McGlasson
10.30 OLSM	Margaret & Albert Gilmore	Fri 2 Dec 10.00 OLSM	Friday of Advent, Week 1 Neil Davidson
6.00 OLSM	Annie Murray	12.00 SG	Bernard James Brown
Mon 28 Nov 10.00 OLSM	Monday of Advent, Week 1 Jack Lannaghan	Sat 3 Dec 10.00 SG	St Francis Xavier Edmund Hansen
Tues 29 Nov 10.00 SM	Tuesday of Advent, Week 1 Holy Souls	6.00 SM	Sheila Rumney
Wed 30 Nov 11.00 SM	St Andrew Requiem - Butch Proud	Sun 4 Dec 9.30 SG	2nd Sunday of Advent Andrew Ainsworth
6.30 OLSM	Tom Ferguson	10.30 OLSM	Claire Louise Dempster
		6.00 OLSM	People of the Parish

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

First Sunday of Advent (New Mass Books Year A Vol. 1) Special Collection for the Diocesan Poor Missions. Please collect your parish Christmas Card showing events during Advent and our Christmas Mass Times.

Eucharistic Ministers OLSM: Please collect your new rota from the Sacristy.

Christmas Flowers OLSM, SM & SG: Donations for Christmas flowers will be gratefully received. Please mark envelope Christmas Flowers and place in with the collection. Thank-you.

Poinsettia - We would welcome donations of green and red poinsettias to decorate our sanctuaries and churches this Christmas. If you would like to donate one in memory of a loved one place a card with their name in the plant and bring to church for the **weekend of 17/18 Dec, (not before).** **Please note volunteers are needed for each church to water and look after the plants, otherwise they are wasted. Names to the clergy please.**

Christ the Good Shepherd – Christmas Card Scout mail. Our parish Scout group are offering a Christmas card mail service to parishioners, 35p per card. A collection box for the is by the post box at the back of each church. (last week for depositing cards, Sun 4 Dec). For delivery 17/18 Dec. Please mark envelopes with the name/address, including area within Workington i.e., Salterbeck, Moorclose, Ashfield or Town centre if not an estate. The boundaries are Seaton, High Harrington, Clifton, Northside & Siddick. If no door number or street addresses are on the card we cannot deliver them. Any questions please contact the priory.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Wed 30 Nov: Meeting for those interested in planning a **Family Candlelit Carol Service.** Stella Maris Parish Room, 7pm. **Service is to be held Sun 18 Dec, 3pm, OLSM.** Followed by Sherry and Mince Pies.

Wed 7 Dec: Finance & Building Committee meet in OLSM Priory, 7pm.

Fri 9 Dec: Concert given by Flimby Male Voice Choir at St Gregory's church, 7pm. (With light refreshments). Tickets £5 from Church or ring 64295 or 604919.

Sun 11 Dec: Advent Fete & Raffle. **Parade Sunday** - Brownies Reading.

Wed 14 Dec: 7.15pm Advent Reconciliation Service with Confessions, OLSM.

Thurs 15 Dec: Soup & Pud, Stella Maris Parish Room – all welcome.

Fri 16 Dec: Schools close for the Christmas Holidays.