

**"IN THE LIVING ROOM" CHRISTMAS GIG** in the Parish Hall on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7.30pm (-ish) – entrance £5, seasonal nibbles at the interval, bring your own festive tippie. Proceeds to charity.

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS:** If you are looking for inspiration regarding Christmas presents for someone, consider the CAFOD World Gifts scheme. The idea is that you make a donation for a specific purpose (eg to buy a goat for a family getting started with farming, to pay for a set of books to help a child learn to read) on the recipient's behalf. They get a gift card telling them that they've provided the goat/books etc to someone in need: they know that you've thought of them & done someone a good turn on their behalf. There are leaflets about the scheme at the back of Church & full details online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>.

**BROWNEGE FESTIVAL'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT** (with the Lidun Singers of Lytham) will take place at 7.30pm **next Wednesday** (12<sup>th</sup>) at St Mary's Church, Brownege, Bamber Bridge. Admission £5 (includes refreshments).

**SKYLARKS COMMUNITY CHOIR** have a **CHRISTMAS SINGALONG CONCERT** this **Friday** (14<sup>th</sup>) at Brownege St Mary's Church, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £5. Part of the proceeds will go to the Metanoia Project & the Foxtan Centre. For tickets or more information call 07538580296 or email [skylarksnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:skylarksnetwork@gmail.com).

**GREGSON LANE FOLK CLUB** are again hosting **LANCASHIRE SINGS CHRISTMAS** (in conjunction with Radio Lancashire & Churches Together in Lancashire) upstairs at Nets Bar on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 6.45pm for 7.00pm broadcast. All welcome to come along & sing a few carols & also welcome to stay for the Folk Club Christmas Special Singers' Night afterwards.

**GREGSON GREEN GATHERING GOODWILL GIFTS** – Santa will be leaving the Community Centre at 5.00pm on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> & touring round the village collecting donations for the food bank – more details, timings etc at [www.gregsongreen.co.uk/five-gold-gs-appeal-2](http://www.gregsongreen.co.uk/five-gold-gs-appeal-2).

#### GOSPEL REFLECTION

Why do you suppose St Luke makes such an effort to pin down the historical timing of the preaching of John the Baptist? He gives us a complete rundown of Roman and Jewish leaders who were in power. Luke wants us to realize that John, a "common man" chosen by God, is much more important than any worldly ruler, because he is the herald who announces the Lord's coming. John urges the people to be baptized as a sign of their repentance for their sins. When they do this, they will make the path clear for Christ to come into their lives. Then all people "shall see the salvation of God."

#### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

**Priest:** As we thank God for the gift of his Son in Holy Communion, let us remember those of our Parish who are sick or housebound.

**All:** May the body and blood of your Son, which we now send to them through our Eucharistic Ministers, bring them consolation and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.

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**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
(Sunday cycle year C, weekday cycle year 1, psalter week 2)



*“Prepare a way for the Lord”*

## THIS WEEK

Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Ampleforth & its works	The Immaculate Conception (solemnity)
	<b>SECOND COLLECTION: PARISH SVP</b>		<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
	6.00pm	John Elliott (snr)	
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.00am</b>	For the Parish	
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass today</b>		Monday of Advent 2
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass today</b>		Tuesday of Advent 2
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	In thanksgiving for the recovery of a grandson	Wednesday of Advent 2
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Advent Reflection (3/4)</b>	
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Special intention (MC)	St Lucy (memorial)
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Special intention	St John of the Cross (memorial)
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	For members of the Griffin family	Saturday of Advent 2
	6.00pm	Tom & Dorothy Steinson	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	For the Parish	

### CONFESSIONS: FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10.00am OR BY APPOINTMENT

This week	Welcomers	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Bookshop	Bidding Prayers
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	P Fawcett	G Hopkinson	J Kitchen, J Hothersall, R Smith	C Jamieson	J Beeley
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mr & Mrs D Fordyce	M Gardner	B Gore, J Slater, M Gardner	K Slater	
	<b>Server</b>	Paul	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	L Worswick, K Sledge & B Gorrell	
Next week	Welcomers	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Bookshop	Bidding Prayers
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	C Jamieson	L Lomax	P Fawcett, G Hopkinson, P Cook	R Smith	L Gardner
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mr & Mrs B Bamber	L Rigbye	F Fordyce, F Thompson, L Rigbye	C Snape	
	<b>Server</b>	Mick	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	A Fowler, M Reed & T Driver	

**Collection Counters:** K Snape & B Gore

**Thank you for last Sunday's offering of £570.40,  
for November Holy Souls offering of £78.75  
& for the collection for Christmas flowers of £133.73  
Last weekend's attendance: 144**

### Gift Aid Envelope Donations – Sat/Sun 24/25<sup>th</sup> November

£1+	£2+	£3+	£5	£6+	£10	£15	£20
1	4	3	26	2	5	2	3

**PLEASE PRAY** for Fr Lawrence Mayne (of St Oswald's, Coppull), Stuart Dolphin, Marlene Parkinson & all who are sick or housebound as well as for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**IF YOU REQUIRE A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY** & cannot contact me, please ring St Mary's, Chorley – 01257 262537.

**100 CLUB:** the winner for week 2 is number 9, Bob Gore.

**THE 100 CLUB YEAR HAS STARTED** & subscriptions (£50 for the year or £10 for the first block of 10 weeks) are due. As ever, please hand to Lesley or Mick or into the Bookshop. If you want to join, just let us have your name & contact details (& your money!) & we'll do the rest.

There is **NO MASS ON TUESDAY** this week.

Thank you to the fantastic response to last weekend's **FOODBANK COLLECTION** & special thanks to Julie Grogan & Mark Ainsworth for organising it & to Christine & Keith Snape for delivering it to the Salvation Army in Preston, as well as for the **photos at the back of Church & on the website**.

The 6 collections we've taken over the year have helped many people in the face of real hardship, so thank you everyone & especially to those who so generously offer their services to organise a collection. We'll put a list at the back of Church early in the new year with a list of dates & room for people to volunteer.

There will be a **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND** for our Parish SVP.

**ADVANCE NOTICE: Mass on Friday next week (21<sup>st</sup>)** will be at **10.00am**, end of term Mass for the Primary School – all welcome.

### **CHORLEY DEANERY SERVICES OF RECONCILIATION:**

St Gregory's, Weldbank, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>, 3.00pm  
Sacred Heart, Brooke Street, Monday 17<sup>th</sup>, 7.00pm  
St Mary's, Mount Pleasant, Friday 21<sup>st</sup>, 7.00pm

**CHRISTMAS MASSES:** Our first Mass of Christmas is the usual 6.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve followed by the 9.30am Mass on Christmas Day.

**CHRISTMAS POSTERS** are available – donations to offset their cost would be most welcome (in the Bookshop).

There is **CHRISTMAS STOCK IN THE BOOKSHOP** including Traidcraft cards & last minute Christmas gifts.

**ADVENT REFLECTION** – every Wednesday at 6.00pm in the Parish Room, an hour's prayer & reflection in the build up to Christmas. Each session starts with Vespers (the evening prayer of the Church) then we reflect on the readings for the coming Sunday & end with Compline (the night prayer of the Church). In doing this, we unite ourselves with the universal prayer of the Church from the Pope downwards. There's no heavy theology involved, just a bit of peace & quiet at the end of the day.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP:** During Advent the children will build up a crib which they can take home after the 6.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve. These can be seen in the Liturgy room. Each week they will add a bauble on to the tree depicting Love, Hope, Joy & Peace. Also the children will add your prayer cards to the tree. They are available at the back of Church.

The **ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL** have asked all their schools to consult on proposed changes to their **ADMISSIONS POLICIES**. The window of consultation runs until January 25<sup>th</sup> – for more information visit the "Admissions" section of the St Joseph's School website: [www.stjosephsbrindle.com/admissions/](http://www.stjosephsbrindle.com/admissions/).