



# Our Lady & St Joseph's Parish Bulletin

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 1ST 2002**



**At the 10.0 Mass today many of our Mass Readers will be recommissioned. This little ceremony takes place after the Creed and highlights the important function that Scripture Readers perform in proclaiming God's Word during the liturgy.**

SVP CHRISTMAS APPEAL  
**CHRISTMAS CAPERS**  
**The Year's Great Parish Social Event!**  
**In the Rectory,**  
**this coming Wednesday,**  
**from 7.0 to 10.0.**  
**ADMISSION £2**  
(includes glass of wine and food from buffet)  
**GOOD FUN FOR ALL!**  
**RAFFLE, TOMBOLA, CAKES**  
**&**  
**FANCY GOODS STALLS.**  
**PLEASE COME & BRING YOUR FRIENDS**

The important season of ADVENT is upon us. Soon there will be much rushing around as we get ready for Christmas. What about, more importantly, preparing ourselves spiritually for the great feast? On the three Wednesdays of Advent we are going to extend the usual Evening Prayer we have at 6.0pm to include further appropriate devotions, hymns, silence, and prayers. It will last no more than three quarters of an hour. **WE START THIS WEDNESDAY AT 6.0.**

St Augustine's in Stanwix are having Advent Evening Prayer each Sunday of this month at 4.0pm. Some may be able to take advantage of this.

The new LANCASTER DIOCESAN DIRECTORY for 2003 is now available. There are copies at the back of church - £1.80 each, and a mine of useful information! There's a history of our parish included in this issue.

We have been asked by AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (UK) to adopt as a parish a Prisoner of Conscience. Throughout the world many people are imprisoned unjustly and Amnesty makes sure we don't forget them. However many prisoners are unaware that they haven't been forgotten - which must make their imprisonment so much more difficult to bear. We have been asked to adopt as our Prisoner of Conscience a scientist from Belarus called Professor Yury Bandazhevsky (his photo is on the noticeboard). He published a report criticising official research into the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and was arrested in July 1999 under "anti-terrorism" laws. His imprisonment was harsh and his health gave way. In December of that year he was conditionally released to await trial for corruption. In summer last year on very weak evidence he was sentenced to eight years in prison. His right to a fair trial was repeatedly violated. To remind him that he is not forgotten (and the authorities that we have not forgotten him) you are asked to send a Christmas card to him (non-religious cards stand a better chance of getting through). Address your envelope:-

Belarus  
220600 g. MINSK  
Ul. Kalvariyskaya 36  
PO Box 35-21  
Bandazhevskomu Yu. I  
A 37p stamp (or one of those 'E' stamps) is enough if you keep it under 20g weight.

**TODAY'S MUSIC:**  
Est. 92, Off. 607, Rec. 982

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	6.00	Alston	Mary-Ellen Cubin
Sun	10.00		Special Intention (AJ)
	4.30		Edith May Carrigan
Mon	12.10		Agnes Gracey
Tue	8.00		Jim Chadwick
	11.00	St C's Ct	Nellie Scott
	12.10		Thomas Styles
Wed	9.15	St Gabs	Holy Souls
	12.10		Repose of the Soul of TLK
Thu	8.00		Edward O'Neil
	9.15	Sch	Donor's Intention
	12.10		The Rawson sisters
Fri	8.00		Special Intention
	12.10		Ted & Teresa Aiston
Sat	12.10		Ronnie Little
	6.00		The Parish
Sun	10.00		Edith May Carrigan
	4.30		Dec'd Matthews family

## ADVENT MASS

The children and staff of  
**ST CUTHBERT'S SCHOOL**  
would like to invite  
all the parishioners of Our Lady  
and St Joseph's parish to a  
special **SCHOOL MASS** on  
**THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER** at 9.15 am.  
in the School Hall.

If transport is a problem, please  
contact your parish priest or John  
Turner, the headmaster  
(tel: 01228 607505) and we will  
arrange for someone to collect  
you. We look forward to seeing you.

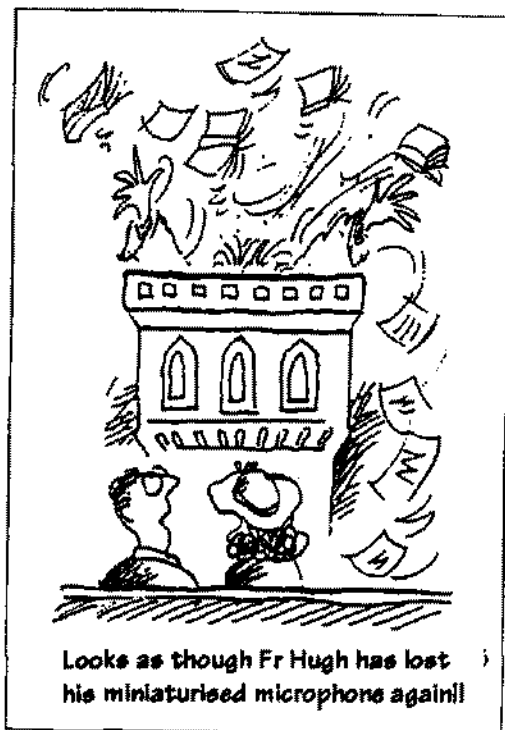
**Please pray for Brigid Ward, Paddy Waters,  
Helen Wilson, Flora Murray, Vanice Lewcock  
and Bert Wilson who are sick, and for Ines  
Klavins (Brook St) who died recently.**

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From a six year old:

"Grandmothers are ladies who have no  
children of their own, but they like other  
people's little girls. They are old so they  
should not play or run. Usually they are  
fat, but not too fat to tie our shoelaces.  
They wear glasses and funny under wear  
and can take their teeth and gums off.  
Everyone should try to have one, and a  
grandfather who is a man grandmother.

(Uncomfortably near the knuckle for one  
recently fifth time grandmother!)



'LIFE' 200 CLUB - November Draw  
113 N. Dias  
79 M. Campbell  
36 I. Culley  
101 C. Keegan