



Our Lady & St Joseph's Parish Bulletin

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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(The Feast of the Immaculate Conception has been transferred to tomorrow)



NEXT SUNDAY the 10.0 Mass is a Family Mass which will be led by the children from St Cuthbert's School.

There's an ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE on Monday December 16th in Our Lady's at 7.30 pm.

The SVP HELP ENVELOPES are being distributed at all today's Masses. They are used for contributions towards purchasing Christmas parcels for those who live on their own in the parish. **Please return them next Sunday.**

The SVP would also like to thank most sincerely those who contributed in any way to the success of CHRISTMAS CAPERS which was held last Wednesday - roughly £900 was raised. We'll give a more exact figure next week; not all monies have yet been received.

PREPARE TO SPEND! Next Sunday the parish Justice & Peace Group will be holding their usual Christmas Hamper Raffle. A brick in the wall costs £1 - if you don't win the hamper you might win a bottle - if you don't win a bottle you have spent your money on a very good cause!

There's a PRO-LIFE RALLY in Leeds next Saturday morning. John Stewart (524820) is arranging a car-share journey for anybody who might be interested in joining him.

At the back of church are some cards with a PRAYER FOR PEACE on them. Justice & Peace, Pax Christi, and CAFOD have joined together in publicising this prayer which is for peace in the Middle East and especially in Iraq. Take a card home and use it.

Our ADVENT PRAYERS continue this Wednesday evening at 6.0. Private prayer, a short reading and thought, the odd hymn, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - nothing complicated, just a gentle preparation for Christmas.

Our parish PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE is Professor Yury Bandazhevsky. We mentioned him and the unjust circumstances of his imprisonment in last week's Newsletter. Some have already sent him a card of support. In case you have lost his address it is:-

Belarus
220600 g. Minsk
Ul. Kalvariyskaya 36
PO Box 35-21
Bandazhevskomu Yu I.

Appeals for his release should be sent to:
President Alyaksandr Lukashenka
Administratsia Prezidenta
Ul. Karla Marksa 38
220016 Minsk
Republic of Belarus

We have been asked to publicise a couple of telephone numbers to help victims of domestic violence which is not infrequent in Cumbria. Apart from the police, help can be sought from a Social Services number - 607016, and from Women's Aid/Impact - 591995.

There's a tear off nomination form at the bottom of this Newsletter for your suggested names for a couple of parishioners who might suitably act as Protection Officers for children and the vulnerable. Professional bodies have had for some time such provision in place. Now voluntary bodies (like parishes) have to do likewise. Training would be given to these monitors. We are supposed to have structures in place before the end of next month.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	6.00	Alston	The Parish
Sun	10.00		Edith May Carrigan
	4.30		Deceased Matthews family
Mon	12.10		John Gallagher
Tue	8.00		Edith May Carrigan
	12.10		Agnes Gracey
Wed	9.15	St Gabs	Jim Chadwick
	12.10		Private Intention
Thu	8.00		Nellie Scott
	9.15	Sch	Donor's Intention
Fri	8.00		Edward O'Neil
	12.10		Peter Renucci
Sat	12.10		Jean Seroka
	6.00	Alston	Holy Souls
Sun	10.00		Winifred & Joseph Bradley
	4.30		The Parish

Please pray for Brigid Ward, Paddy Waters, Helen Wilson, Flora Murray, Vanice Lewcock and Bert Wilson who are sick, and for Agnes Gracey, Thomas James Gracey, Winifred and Joseph Bradley and Peter Renucci whose anniversary occurs about this time.

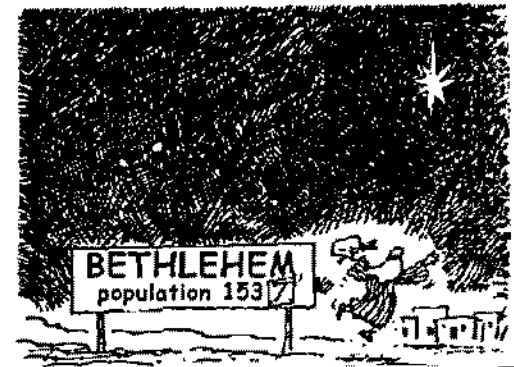
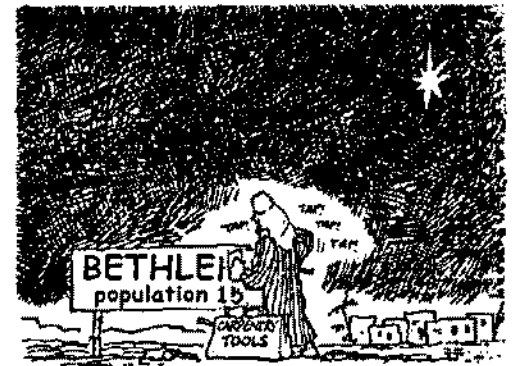
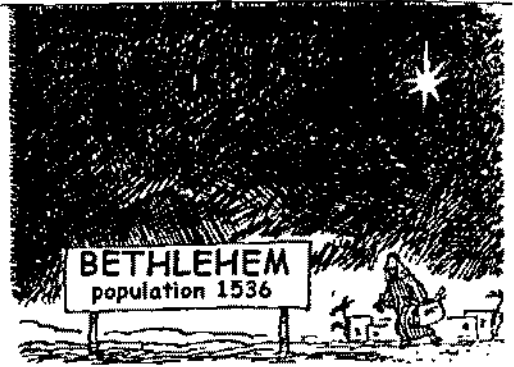
POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE HOSPICE

This is the time of year when most postage stamps are used. Please save them and put them in the box at the back of church

Leaving church a lady said, "It's purgatory getting up for early Mass during Lent." The priest couldn't resist saying, "Do you think there is Mass in purgatory?" "There ought to be," she replied, "there will be plenty of you lot there".

A REMINDER to the parents of the First Holy Communion children that there is a meeting for the children today after the 10.0 Mass.

A BARGAIN! The Lancaster Diocesan Directory for 2003. It costs £1.80 and has a potted history of our own parish which marks the 50th Anniversary of the consecration of our church.



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I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE (name).....

(address).....

AS PROTECTION OFFICER FOR OUR LADY & ST JOSEPH'S PARISH.

(Please hand in by next Sunday at the latest.)

(signed).....