



# Our Lady and St. Joseph's Parish Bulletin

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**Clergy:** *Parish Priest* Fr. Peter Hart V.F. *Deacons* Revv. John Constable & Kevin Hickey [ret'd.]

**Sunday Masses:** 10 a.m. and 4.30 p.m., Mass in Polish at 1 p.m. on Sunday

**Weekday Masses:** 12.10 p.m. Monday to Saturday followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation

## SHOUT FREEDOM

It seems that Christians get a bad press whatever they say. If they speak out against practices in modern society that contradict God's teaching, then they are branded as misery-guts and doom merchants. If they tell others about the wonderful life that faith in Jesus allows them, then they are bracketed among the deluded and the deceived.

Well today, Gaudete Sunday, is definitely a day for those who want to celebrate. For it reminds us that our lives are a continual act of readying the way for Christ's return, and a joyous return at that. Nothing can take that confident hope from us.

Paul encourages us to be happy and grateful at all times. This is not the Cheshire Cat Christian whose smile is fixed in the face of conflict, war, evil and disaster. Such a believer fails to face the reality of our worldly existence. Rather, we are called to experience a deep-sown sense of happiness and well-being that comes from Christ's promises, but at the same time to be realistic about how much more we have to do if the kingdom of God is to be established in our world.

Rejoicing at all times does not mean constantly partying. It means carrying within us the confident hope that Jesus will return, in whatever shape or form, at the end of time and will establish true justice and peace. So when we celebrate Advent we are ratifying our belief that Christ has already conquered evil, and whatever might happen to us and our world is transient, something which can never have a permanent hold over us and our graced spirit.

Christians cannot fear the coming of Jesus, because the coming of Jesus is the coming of a saviour, a God who wants us to be part of his innermost circle. Our God comes not to exact vengeance but to set us free. That's why our unshakeable trust in Jesus is accompanied by constant prayer. We long to be free of what drags us down in this life, and we pray to Jesus to come with his saving power into our lives each day. He has promised to answer our call. And we are confident that he will.

## Prayer for the week

O God, who see how your people  
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,  
enable us, we pray,  
to attain the joys of so great a salvation  
and to celebrate them always

## WORD FOR TODAY

Today is known as "Gaudete Sunday", coming from the Latin word meaning "rejoice". God expects us to be happy at all times, says St Paul, and to live lives of gratitude for all that he does for us. What do we have to thank our Advent God for?

## Eucharistic Ministers

**Christmas Day** this year falls on a Sunday and some ministers may have other commitments. It has therefore been decided to discontinue the regular rota and ask for volunteers to cover Masses at Midnight and 10am. Please insert names on the sheet on the notice board. Copies of the continued rotas from 1st January will be available shortly.

## Sunday Missals

**Sunday Missals** in the New Translation are now available. If any one is interested in buying one, there are samples available at the back of church at the Repository Stall. Winnie Poland will be happy to order a Missal for you. Also a combined weekday and Sunday Missal is available.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Please note the times of Christmas Masses:  
Christmas Eve: Midnight Mass of the Nativity (Carols from 11.30 p.m.)  
Christmas Day: Mass at 10.00 a.m.  
There will be no 4.30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day.  
The Polish Community will celebrate Mass at 9.00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.  
Boxing Day Mass at 12.10 p.m.

## Liturgies this week

<b>Sunday 11th December</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>	10 a.m. 11.30a.m.	Nora Forster <b>Baptism</b> Leo Alexander Brannis	Anni.D
	<b>1 p.m.</b> 4.30 p.m.	<b>Mass in Polish</b> The Parish	
<b>Monday</b>	9.a.m. 12.10 p.m.	Morning Prayer Brian O'Neill	
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>St Lucy Mem</i>	9.a.m. 12.10 p.m.	Morning Prayer Service of the Word and Holy Communion	
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>St John of the Cross Mem</i>	9.a.m. 12.10 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	Morning Prayer Joseph Gallagher Reception of Bridie Wilson	
<b>Thursday</b>	9.a.m. 9.15 a.m. 12.10 p.m.	Morning Prayer <b>Convent No Mass</b> Bridie Wilson (Requiem)	
<b>Friday</b>	9.a.m. 12.10 p.m.	Morning Prayer Larry Poland	
<b>Saturday</b>	9 a.m. 12.10 p.m. 12.40 p.m.	Morning Prayer Elizabeth Mary Forster Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>Sunday 18th December</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b>	10 a.m. 11.30a.m.	Raymond Fitzsimons <b>Baptism</b> Joshua James McArdle	
	<b>1 p.m.</b> 4.30 p.m.	<b>Mass in Polish</b> The Parish	

**Please pray for those who are sick :** John Alcock , Patricia Barwise, Joan Brook, Mary Devlin, Elizabeth Donohoe, Mildred Farrell, Edmund Fell, Madge Garner, George Gracey, Maria Harold, Kevin Hickey, Gerald McDonnell, Gabrielle Mills, Ann Moore, Mark Morton, Bernadette Osman, Nora Reid, Eileen Riordan, Vera Rowell, Ann Schrubba, and Bill Traynor ;

**for those lately dead :** Bridie Wilson, John Routledge. Derek Batey. Eileen Forster (Fr Tom's sister-in-law), Anne Walker

**and for those whose anniversaries are about this time:**

Attendance	Sunday, 4th December			
	10 a.m.	4.30 p.m.	1 p.m.	Total
	160	97		257
Collections Restoration Fund	10 a.m. + 4.30 p.m.		1 p.m.	Total
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## For your diary:

### Tuesday, 13th December

**Zumba Fitness Class** in the New Waterton Hall tonight from 7 to 8 p.m. Why not come along and be part of it?

### Thursday, 15th December

**Parents & Toddlers** get together from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the New Waterton Hall every Thursday.

### Fridays Beaver & Cubs

**Beavers & Cubs** are out and about in December so the next meeting will be on Friday 12th January 2012 at 6.30p.

### Friday 16th December

**Service of Reconciliation** for Our Lady & St. Joseph's and St. Augustine's will take place at St. Augustine's at 7p.m

### Monday 19th December

#### **Bethlehem Construction Team**

Your services are required to erect the Christmas crib this will start at 10am. Please note we are looking for a few more dedicated, reliable and gifted workers who will not charge more than one denari per hr. No tools required just muscle.

### DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES

The 2012 Edition of the Lancaster Diocesan Directory is on sale in the shop at the back of church, priced £2.50

### GREENERY

If anyone can spare some greenery, spruce or holly to decorate the church crib, windowsills and altars would they please bring it to church on Sunday December 18th. Thank you.

### Win Christmas Hamper

The Justice and Peace group are holding their Christmas Draw on Sunday 18th December - win a Christmas Hamper and various other prizes.

Buy "A Brick in the Wall" - cost £1.00 on sale at Masses on December 18th. All proceeds to the Sierra Leone Project.

The OLSJ Justice & Peace Group have just received a letter from Fr Henry Aruna sending greetings to all parishioners. He has also included copies of the school reports for the children we are sponsoring. These are in the blue box-file at the back of church together with several photos of the children in their new uniforms with respective relatives.

Fr Henry also wishes to thank those parishioners who gave him additional donations whilst he was here this year "to do something extra for the children" and has included photos of these "extras". These photos are on the Justice & Peace notice board at the back of church together with Fr. Henry's letter and the statement of finance for the children's education for the year 2011/2012. He again expresses his deep appreciation for the generosity of parishioners in making this scheme possible.