

ST. JAMES' & ST. JOSEPH'S

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4th Sunday of the year (Year C) 31st January 2016

Acceptable Prophet

The prophets in Israel had the difficult task of reminding the Jews of God's faithfulness and love, and of the demands he made of them. The history of Israel tells us that prophets were generally unpopular, especially if their message was one of repentance. Jeremiah was outstanding as the prophet who during his life faced most opposition to his mission and message. Jesus is in that tradition, and in the Gospel we read that he is rejected by his own people. His reference to God's care (in the Old Testament) of the widow from Sidon, and the leper from Syria, remind us of Saint Luke's theme that Christ's life and work are for *all* men, not just for the Jews. This theme of 'God's universal love' recurs often in Saint Luke's Gospel.

Please remember in your prayers all the sick and all the patients in Wrightington Hospital. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort from your Holy Place.

We pray for all those who have died recently. May God the Father welcome them into eternal life promised by Christ His Son, the Lord of life. We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

MASSES

Saturday	30th January	6:00pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	31st January	9:30am	People of the parish
Thursday	4th February	2:30 pm	Requiem Mass Kath Smith
Saturday	6th February	6:00pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	7th February	9:30am	People of the parish

Neighbourhood Prayer

This week you are asked to pray for all those living in Miles Lane No's 257-295, Elliot Gardens, Rucroft Close The Vale, Skull House Lane (around Vale church) and Dawber Delph.

Mission Intention for February is:

That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

Holy Communion to the sick and housebound

Mossy Lea Road and Toogood Lane. Starting next Friday at 10am

CAFOD LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Winning No. 24 Cafod

Weekend Masses at Saint James' Orrell

Sunday: 11:00am & 6:00pm

Confessions @ St. James' Saturday 10:00am-11:00am

Confessions @ St. Joseph's Saturday 5:15pm-5:45pm

The Brick

There are so many people in our area who are attending the food bank in order to live from day to day. The Brick now distributes more than 200 parcels per week and is struggling to meet demands. We are in need of breakfast cereals, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, biscuits for the children and tea and coffee. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Quote: Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.

Rota for cleaning church

Please can Group 1 clean the church this week i.e.

Phil Waterhouse & Valerie Heyes

Red Boxes

Missio

The Novena to Saint Joseph will take place from the 10th—18th of March 2016 at Herbert House, Freshfield, Formby. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of Saint Joseph, their patron Saint, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask God's blessing on their society and their work. Details and times of Masses can be found on the poster at the back of church. If you would like a Novena booklet to join in from home by praying the daily Novena please see Phil or Catherine. Thank-you.

CAFOD FUN RUN

Joe has now completed his "Fun Run" and would like to thank all who sponsored him. A cheque for £350 has been sent to CAFOD and he thanks you all for your generosity. Proceeds this year are for the Syrian Refugee crisis.

Knights of Saint Columba

From this weekend members of the K.S.C. will be at the back of church selling tickets for their annual sweepstake on the Grand National Steeplechase. The tickets are £1 each or £5 per book. All proceeds are for the Knights' charities, and this year the principal one is Missio. Please buy as many tickets as you can to support this good cause. Thank-you.

Little Church

We are now down to TWO leaders, can you help? Please can parents of school age come forward and give a hand. We will guide you through the process, it is not difficult! Speak to Helen Davies or Ann Mc Glinchey if you are interested and would be willing to join the team.

Friends of Saint Joseph's

Spring Fair will take place on Sunday 10th April at 12:30pm

Fr Gerry

Fr. Gerry will be taking a month's sick leave from 30th January until 29th February. The Sons of Divine Providence will be covering weekend Masses but there will be No Masses during the week. Please remember him in your prayers.

Gift Aid Contributions

Details of contributions for the third quarter ending 3rd January 2016.

2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
£5324:14	£4952:00	£5084:47

The loose cash total/non/gift aid envelopes for the third quarter.

2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
£3985:00	£3918:00	£2772:94

These amounts do not include those who contribute by standing order.

Fr Kevin

Please remember Fr Kevin in your prayers as he recovers from surgery. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for both our priests who are indisposed at this present time.