

ST. JAMES' & ST. JOSEPH'S

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Feast of the Baptism of The Lord (Year C) 10th January 2016

Servant of God

Today's first reading is part of those passages in Isaiah where the prophet looks forward to the coming of the Messiah. Unlike the general expectations of the Jews, Isaiah describes the future Messiah not in terms of grandeur and glory, but as a chosen servant of God who with patience and humility would lead his people back to God and whose mission of reconciliation would involve great suffering.

Today's feast marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry as the chosen servant of God. His mission will be one of service to others, leading to suffering and death. At his baptism, too, we have a picture of the strength given to him at this moment in his life. Like the servant in Isaiah, Jesus is chosen by God, loved by God, and assured of his favour.

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	9th January	6:00pm	Wendy Sheil
Sunday	10th January	9:30am	People of the Parish
Monday	11th January	9:30am	Georgina Murray
Thursday	14th January	9:30am	Alan Cumberbatch

N.B Thursday 14th Mass in school. All are welcome

Saturday	16th January	6:00pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	17th January	9:30am	Thomas Mc Guirk

Neighbourhood Prayer

This week you are asked to pray for all those living in Hall Lane.

Mission Intention for January is:

That through dialogue, fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

Holy Communion to the sick and housebound

Appley Bridge. Starting next Friday at 10am

CAFOD LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Winning No. 13 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.

Rota for cleaning church

Please can Group 2 clean the church this week i.e.

Sheila Woods & Denise Mullarky.

Red Boxes

Missio

Thank you to all who have handed in their "Red Boxes" this year. We will let you have the total for the year 2015 when all monies have been banked. Please continue to fill your 'Red Boxes' and return them regularly to the back of church. They don't have to be full before you return them.

CAFOD FUN RUN

Joe has now completed his "Fun Run" and would like to thank all who sponsored him. Please will you let him have any outstanding sponsorship money and then we can give you the full total of his endeavours!!

Proceeds this year are for the Syrian Refugee crisis.

St. Joseph's School

Congratulations to our staff and pupils at Saint Joseph's on achieving the Gold Standard Lancashire Behaviour Quality Mark. This is an external accreditation that provides schools with an evidenced benchmark of their schools performance in all aspects of behaviour in school. Well Done!!

Nugent Care

Nugent care is a charitable organisation which offers a diverse range of support to adults and children across Liverpool and throughout the North West of England. The origins of Nugent Care date back to the 1800's and the pioneering work of Fr. James Nugent in relation to child welfare, relief from poverty and social reform. The work of Fr. Nugent had a dramatic impact on the lives of thousands of vulnerable people and his work continues to this day through Nugent Care.

For more information about any of the services or to get involved with fundraising events please contact Nugent Care on 0151 261 2000 or e-mail: info@nugentcare.org

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

On Wednesday 13th January at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall there will be a meeting for anyone interested in working together as a group to organise a 'Spring Fair'. As you know we did not have a Christmas Fair in December and if we are to make our Parish Hall a working reality to maintain its upkeep we need to raise funds to pay for its restoration and refurbishment. We have a small committed group but we do need more help and ideas so please come along and give us your support, any small offering of time or expertise is very, very welcome. It is in every parishioners interest to support the needs of the parish. Fr. Gerry needs our help and support, be positive and pro-active do something instead of leaving it to the few!!

Quote: If the questions don't make sense, neither will the answers.