

St Joseph's and St Patrick's

Diocese of Leeds Registered Charity No. 249404

Barnoldswick, Earby and District

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

20th December 2020

If you have Corona Virus Symptoms:

High temperature and new continuous cough, a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, take a test and stay at home. (NHS Advice)

It is now compulsory to wear a face mask in church.

Please sign your name and the number in your group, on entry to Church.

Times of Masses:

Saturday 19 th	Vigil	5.30 p.m.	Jenny Nixon
Sunday 20 th	4 th Sunday Of Advent	9.00 a.m. (St Pat's) 10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish Teresa Nazaruk (LD)
Monday 21 st	Weekday	9.00 a.m.	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 22 nd	Weekday	7.30 p.m.	Refugees
Wednesday 23 rd	Weekday	10.00 a.m.	Hilda & James Marshall
Thursday 24 th	Christmas Eve	4.00 p.m. 5.30 p.m. 11.00 p.m. (St Pat's)	Michael James Reeves (LD) Eddie Murgatroyd (LD) Emmanuel Pyne (LD)
Friday 25 th	Christmas Day	9.00 a.m. (St Pat's) 10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish Malcolm Geldard
Saturday 26 th	St Stephen Vigil	10.00 a.m. 5.30 p.m.	Susan Edmondson & Janet Nutter Patrick Borman
Sunday 20 th	The Holy Family	9.00 a.m. (St Pat's) 10.30 a.m.	John Calder (100 th B'day Rem) People of the Parish

Confessions: Saturday 9.30 – 10.00 a.m. and 4.45 – 5.15 p.m. In the Sacristy.

This weekend 7 more children will be receiving the Sacrament of Forgiveness for the first time.

Mass Intentions Received: Malcolm Geldard; Susan Edmondson & Janet Nutter; Emmanuel Pyne (LD); Jane & Jenny Nixon; Patrick Borman; John Calder (B'day Rem); Michael James Reeves (LD).

Congratulations to Lyla Rae Green who was baptised last Sunday, and her parents Peter and Amanda Green.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: There will be extra Masses because of the increase in numbers which are likely. **YOU WILL NEED TO TELEPHONE** Fr. Firth (01282 812204) to book a seat(s).

St Joseph's - Mass will be celebrated at 4.00 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve and at 10.30 a.m. on Christmas Day.

St Patrick's - Mass will be at 11.00 p.m. – nearly midnight – and 9.00 a.m. on Christmas morning.

Stewards: We need 3 stewards at each of the three Christmas Masses at St Joseph's, otherwise the Masses will not be safe and we cannot do without them. HELP!

Readers for the Christmas Masses – please sign your name on the list in the porch this weekend.

The Folk Group will be playing and singing at the two vigil Masses at St Joseph's and there will be singers and an organist at St Patrick's.

Space is limited for the Christmas Masses and the places are nearly all booked at the 4.00 p.m. and the 5.30 p.m. Masses. If you cannot get a place, there are **12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS** – come at the weekend instead.

Weekly Offerings: Whilst we understand that this is a time of great anxiety for all parishioners and that some people may not be in a position to continue supporting the parish financially at this time, some of you have been asking how they can continue with their weekly contributions.

There are now three ways that you may consider:

- **Standing Order.** You can set up a regular Standing Order with your bank. This can be cancelled whenever you want, or you may wish to continue donating this way once things get back to normal. If you would like to set this up please contact Anne Wood either via email aeswood@aol.com or by phoning 07882831159
- **Text Giving.** The diocese has set up a way of donating by text. To contribute £5 to the parish offertory please text CHURCHBARLICK to 70500. You can text as often or as little as you like. The amount will be added to your Mobile Phone bill.
- **Online Donations.** You can visit the Leeds Diocese Website www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk and click on Online Parish Offertory and then search for St Joseph's Barnoldswick.

Of course, you may just wish to bring in your weekly envelopes to church when it is open, or through Fr's letterbox. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

Weekly Offerings Received: £678.45 Many thanks.
The Christmas Collection is your gift to the parish priest.

Christmas-Card Board at St Joseph's near the shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Instead of handing cards to folks who come to Mass, why not sign and place a card on the board and perhaps make a donation towards the Christmas flowers.

Diocesan Directories for 2021 with mountains of information, with ring binding, are on sale at the back of church for £4.00.

Living Faith Booklets (Daily reflections and prayers Jan-March) available at the back of church for £1.50.

RECONCILIATION

Over the last couple of weeks ten children have made their first Act of Reconciliation (Confession) These children should have done this in March, but circumstances made that impossible. After Christmas, a new group of about 10 children will start their preparation for making their first Act of Reconciliation. All this has been done or will be done on-line. The children have adapted well, given the circumstances, and we ask the parish to pray for those who have just made their First Act of Reconciliation and those who will start preparing after Christmas. Congratulations to them all and may God bless them throughout their lives.

If your child does not attend St Joseph's but is part of the Parish and would like to join the programme, please speak with Fr Firth directly.

Thank you from your parish priest for all the lovely cards. He is too mean to respond with cards. Definition of a Yorkshireman : Like a Scotsman but with all the generosity squeezed out!!

We wish all our Readers, Parishioners and everyone a happy, safe and holy 12 Days of Christmas.

Special Prayers

Lillian Price – Jennie Hendley – Jim Kelly – Marie & Bob Fletcher – Mary Posiko – Margaret DeVito – Phyllis Kिरrage – Val Kaynell – Mark Hoare – Dale McLaughlin – Marie Keating – Max Hudson – Peter Catley – Stan Nelson – Paul Wood – Tony Atherton - Jennifer Purcell – Pat Maloney – Clifford Ball - Mandy McLaughlan – Vincent Reeves - Marion Wilson – John Dwyer – Fr. Geoffrey Parfitt (Broughton Hall).

Please pray for these and for the comfort of anyone suffering in any way. Please also remember the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Airedale Hospital Chaplain: If you require Fr Michael McLaughlin please phone 01535 653153