

# St Joseph's and St Patrick's

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## CHRISTMAS TIME

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sacrament of Penance Sixth Day of the Octave of Christmas	9.15 a.m. (St.J's) 10.00 a.m.	E & MM
	Vigil of the Feast of the Holy Family	6.45 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Feast of the Holy Family	9.00 a.m. (St. Pat's) 10.30 a.m.	Holy Souls Kath Altham
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	<b>Rosary &amp; Benediction Mary the Mother of God</b>	<b>9.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m.</b>	Susan Edmonson & Janet Nutter
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ss..Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	7.00 p.m.	Peggy
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rosary & Benediction The Most Holy Name of Jesus	9.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Janet Therese Nixon
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Rosary & Benediction Weekday of Christmastide	9.30 a.m. (St Pat's) 10.00 a.m.	Paul Sefton (LD)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Divine Mercy Chaplet Weekday of Christmastide	9.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Harry Clarkson (LD)
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sacrament of Penance Weekday of Christmastide	9.15 a.m. 10.00 a.m.	Magdalena Lis
	Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord	6.45 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	The Epiphany of the Lord	9.00 a.m. (St Pat's) 10.30 a.m. (St. J's)	Holy Souls Pauline Perraton (LD)

**St Joseph's Primary School Admission for September 2024:** Please apply if you would like to have your child at St Joseph's, if they have a fourth birthday between 1st Sept '23 – 31st Aug '24. Apply to: [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://lancashire.gov.uk/schools). Complete the SIF form which you can collect from school. Arrange to have your child's baptismal certificate to hand also, which is required for admission. DEADLINE 15 January 2024.

**Many thanks:** I would like to thank you for your very generous Christmas offering in the collection, and also the cards and gifts I received. I wish you all a continued happy Christmas and New Year.

**St Joseph's Music Group and Choir:** After many years of service to the parish, the group have decided to step down from this liturgical role and go into retirement. They have been playing for 30 years here and so have contributed greatly to the liturgical celebrations at Christmas, Easter and throughout the liturgical year. They have served the parish and its priests in contributing to our Masses and services most beautifully. I would like to congratulate them on their retirement after so many years. Please do extend a word of thanks to them for yourself also. We all need to be complimented for the work we do, especially as it is a voluntary role here for the music group.

**Christmas Crib:** As is a great tradition, the crib will remain in place until the feast of The Presentation of the Lord on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Twelve days after this, we begin the season of Lent! Easter is very early this year.

**Spiritual Accompaniment:** Fr Phillip is available for direction and accompaniment in the spiritual life specialising in prayerfulness, personal faith exploration, overcoming spiritual trials and difficulties. Please do speak to him for advice and an appointment. Please be aware this is not 'counselling in psychiatric/therapeutic methods'.

**Offertory Envelopes:** The next boxes have been ordered. However, they will not begin until the new financial year in April. There will be two months of no envelopes therefore, as your current box ends on last week of January. Instead, please put your offerings on the collection plate. You do not need to provide envelopes yourselves. The two-month hiatus is to align our boxes with the financial year which runs April- April. This makes Parish auditing and administration run more smoothly.

**Ampleforth Abbey 2024 Retreats:** A programme of retreats throughout the year is available to book. Please see the leaflet at the back of church.

**Christmas Crib and Friends of the Holy Land:** This is a charity that supports Christians in the Holy Land. The war in the Holy Land has had devastating effects on the Christians there. 80% of the residents of Bethlehem and 5000 in Jerusalem depend on tourism to survive. I visited the Holy Land last year and saw for myself the effects CV-19 had on the poorest. FHL £70,000 has been given to help Gaza's Christian community and the diocese of Jerusalem. Please do consider giving a gift to the crib offering for these people.

#### **Saints we celebrate this week:**

**Saint Basil the Great** was born around 330 AD. He was outstanding in learning and virtue. He was appointed the bishop of Caesarea in 370 AD. He spoke against the Arian Heresy that was prevalent at the time. Arianism was a heresy that denied that Jesus was both true God and true man - something we now affirm in our Creed. His Rule which he wrote for monasteries is still followed by monks in the Eastern Church today.

**St Gregory Nazianzen:** was born in 330 AD and a friend of St Basil. In 381 AD he became the bishop of Constantinople (modern day Istanbul, Turkey) which was a major centre for Christianity in the East. He returned to his home at Nazianzen where he died around 390 AD. Along with St Gregory of Nyssa, both Gregory and Basil are known in theology as the Cappadocian Fathers. This is the area in Turkey where they came from.

**Most Holy Name of Jesus:** was promoted by St Bernadine of Siena to encourage the devotion to the name of Jesus. Jesus means "God Saves": our salvation comes through Christ alone. The monogram of the Holy Name is something we are familiar with. "IHS" which we see in many churches and is the Christogram for Jesus Christ in Greek. One to remember for the pub quiz!

**First Confession Enrolment forms:** please collect an enrolment form for children who are currently in year 3. They are at the back of church.

**Catholic Care:** for the latest vacancies and volunteering opportunities tel 0113 3885400  
<http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit.../latest-vacancies>

#### **Special Prayers**

Jennie Hendley – Marie & Bob Fletcher – Margaret DeVito – Phyllis Kirrage – Val Kaynell – Mark Hoare – Dale McLaughlin – Marie Keating – Max Hudson – Peter Catley – Stan Nelson – Paul Wood – Tony Atherton – Pat Maloney – Mandy McLaughlan – Vincent Reeves – Alfred Atherton – Gladys Maloney – Paul McLaughlan – Kay Hudson – Frederick & Annie Shaw – Marjorie Higgins – Jo Walton – Jose Kelly – Margaret Rundle – Kath Chew – Marie Fee – Gus Nixon – Maureen Murgatroyd – Rex Perraton – Mary Fenwick – Jean O'Hara – David Clark – Valerie Ashworth – Kim Fawcett – Mgr Peter Grant (LD)

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.

**Parish Centre:** For enquiries regarding bookings and events in the Parish Centre, please contact Jayne Brignall on 07988528597 Email: [jaynebrignall100@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jaynebrignall100@hotmail.co.uk)

#### **Your Parish Giving:**

**Offertory Collection:** Weekend 24.12.23 - £546.80 Many thanks

Christmas Card Flower Collection: £31.20

**200 Club - 1st:- 2 2<sup>nd</sup> – 33 3<sup>rd</sup> - 150**

**Offertory Envelopes:** If you do not pay by Standing Order, we have spare Offertory Envelopes, Standing Order forms and Gift Aid forms are also available.

#### **For internet Banking or setting up a Standing Order:**

Name: Diocese of Leeds St Joseph's Church Barnoldswick

Sort Code: 40-27-15 Account No: 61016709 Many thanks for your generosity

The parish has benefitted directly in the past from generous parishioners who have bequeathed to the parish in their wills. Of your charity, would you please consider leaving something of your estate for the benefit of our parish. Please indicate by adding for the sole and exclusive use of St Joseph's or St Patrick's church.

**Airedale Hospital Chaplain:** If you require Fr Michael McLaughlin, please phone 01535 653 153 or contact the Chaplaincy 01535 294 088 or Mr Vince Curran 01535 661897

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