SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Monday 16 December
0900 St Richard,
Josie Clintworth

Tuesday 17 December
0900 St Francis
Dave Maitland

Wednesday 18 December
0900 St Mary
Michael Hess

Thursday 19 December
0915 Our Lady and All Saints
Deceased Sephton Family

Friday 20 December
0900 St Richard
Irene Smith

Sunday 22 December — 4th Sunday of Advent (A)
Vigil Saturday
1700 St Mary
1800 Our Lady and All Saints
Gerald and Cecelia Hitchen
Sunday
0900 St Richard
1030 Our Lady and All Saints
Mary Bernadette Anderson
1200 St Francis of Assisi

Please take this Newsletter home with you
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The Catholic Parishes of Our Lady and All Saints, Parbold and Saint Richard, Skelmersdale

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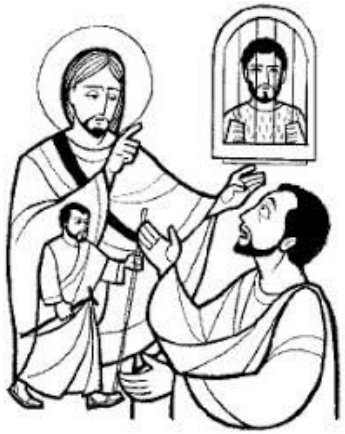

Sunday 15 December 2019
3rd Sunday of Advent (A)
Gaudete Sunday
Second Collection: SVP

VIGIL 1800 O'Connor and Taggart Families
SUNDAY 1030 Anthony, Agnes and Kitty Eccles

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:
George Jennings (Brother in Law of Dot Snead)
Brian Daley

Those who have died recently

Those whose anniversaries are this week
Thomas Emery
Mary Bernadette Anderson

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday	**Rosary Group**
2000	*85 Brandreth Drive*
Thursday	**SVP**
12 December	*Church Meeting Room*

OFFERTORY

Loose	£210.77
Envelopes	£133.00
Standing orders (est)	£252.00

MONTHLY SECOND COLLECTION
The Quarterly Collection for the SVP will take place this weekend.

CHRISTMAS MASSES
CHRISTMAS EVE:
St Mary 7pm Carols followed by Vigil Mass at 7.30pm
St Richard 11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY:
St Francis 9am Dawn Mass
Our Lady and All Saints 10.30am

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CAROL CONCERT
To be held in St Richard's Church **7.30pm on Tuesday 17 December** and will include a mixture of religious and secular music, and readings. There will be drinks and mince pies in the Presbytery afterwards. All welcome.

CONFIRMATIONS
If there are any Year 8's in non-Catholic Schools who would like to be confirmed this school year, they are invited to a Preparation Day 10am-1pm on **Saturday 29 February 2020** at Lowe House, St Helens.

They should sign up via Eventbrite (search Animate Youth Ministries).

Year 8 Pupils in Catholic Schools will be given the opportunity to be Confirmed through a specific Diocesan Confirmation website in the New Year.

Please see poster back of Church.

DOUGLAS VALLEY OUTREACH
The AGM and Social will be held **7.30pm on Monday 27 January** at Parbold Village Hall.
All welcome.

SYNOD 2020
Thank you to all those who attended the Second Themed Meeting last Sunday. We enjoyed lively discussion and sharing ideas.

Based on the suggestions, we will soon be submitting the Parish Proposals for this Theme and will display them on the Synod Board.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKYOU
To our volunteers Ian, Bernard, Jimmy, Malcolm, Paul and Steve who look after our grounds.

Their hard work has been recognised and awarded **Highly Commended** status in the Best Kept Village Competition 2019, Places of Worship Category.

The Certificate is displayed in the Porch.

CAFOD THANK YOU
CAFOD wish to thank
Our Lady and All Saints Church
for their donations during 2019, totalling £1057.60.

This will help CAFOD keep the Flame of Hope burning in some of the hardest to reach places in the World.

ROTA
We are very short of Volunteers in most areas. If you are not already involved, please think about whether you could help. Even a few more names would make a huge difference.

Please contact Jim on 462937 or email mellor.jim@gmail.com

LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE DIRECTORY
These are on sale at back of Church priced at £3.50.

CAFOD FUN RUN
Will take place on **27 December.**
Please see Poster back of Church.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE
Let us decorate our tree to remember someone who can't be with us this Christmas, or in remembrance of a loved one.

You are welcome to bring a small decoration from home and hang it on our tree.

APF
Mrs Gabrielle Hardman has taken over as Secretary of the APF.

We will collect the Red Boxes in March 2020, so please continue to use your box to deposit loose change. The last time the boxes were collected, in 2017 we raised £625. Every little helps.

If you have a query or would like a box, please contact Gabrielle on 462153.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
There is a Basket at the back of Church for Donations. Please give generously.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK

Priest: Let us pray for our Sick as our Eucharistic Ministers are sent out to give them the Sacrament of Christ's Body.

ALL: May this Sacrament unite them with Christ and his Church and give them consolation and peace.

Priest: Ministers, in the name of the Church gathered here, take the Body of the Lord to the Sick of this Parish.