

**SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK**

**Monday 9 December—THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

0900 St Richard  
Sr Bernadette Naughton  
1430 Our Lady and All Saints  
Jane and William Gleeson

**Tuesday 10 December – St Francis Xavier**

0900 St Francis  
Patricia Cassidy

**Wednesday 11 December**

0900 St Mary  
Irene Smith  
1900 St Teresa's Upholland  
Reconciliation Service and Confessions

**Thursday 12 December—St Gordian and St Epimachus**

0915 Our Lady and All Saints  
Private Intention

**Friday 13 December—St Lucy**

0900 St Richard  
Stokes Family

**Sunday 15 December — 3rd Sunday of Advent (A)**

*Gaudete Sunday*

**Vigil Saturday**

1700 St Mary  
1800 Our Lady and All Saints  
O'Connor and Taggart Families

**Sunday**

0900 St Richard  
1030 Our Lady and All Saints  
Anthony, Agnes and Kitty Eccles  
1200 St Francis of Assisi

*Please take this Newsletter home with you*

*A Parish in the Upholland Pastoral Area of the Archdiocese of Liverpool*

**The Catholic Parishes of  
Our Lady and All Saints, Parbold  
and Saint Richard, Skelmersdale  
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**Sunday 8 December 2019  
2nd Sunday of Advent (A)**

**VIGIL 1800 Frank and Mandy Cunningham**  
**SUNDAY 1030 Jim and Nicola Lyon,**  
**and Terry Gorman**

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

George Jennings (Brother in Law of Dot Snead)

**Those who have died recently**

**Those whose anniversaries are this week**

Catherine Hastie, Michael Golden  
William McComish

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday**      **Rosary Group**  
2000            5 Burnside

**Thursday**    **SVP**  
12 December Church Meeting Room

**OFFERTORY**

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

**SECOND COLLETON**

Thank you for £114.38 collected for Animate—Catholic Youth last weekend.

**FR GORDON ADDRESS**

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Hamilton  
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Please address the envelope to  
**G. Beattie OSB**

**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

**CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION SERVICE WITH CONFESSIONS**

This is for the Pastoral Area and will be held at St. Teresa's Upholland **7pm Wednesday 11 December.** There will be a number of Priests present giving the opportunity for individual confessions.

**GAUDETE SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER**

The Children will be introducing the Mass and bringing their Shoe Boxes for Refugees.

They will also bring in the Baby Jesus at the Offertory.

Fr Michael has asked all Parishioners to join with the Children and bring their own Baby Jesus from their Family Crib to be blessed on the Altar.

**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

**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.

**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.

The Certificate is displayed in the Porch.

**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.

**OLAS BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

The last session this term will be on **Tuesday 10 December.** There will be a Special Visitor and Party Food.

All Parents/Grandparents with Babies/Toddlers are welcome. We will restart on Tuesday 14 January.

**SYNOD 2020**

Our second Synod Theme is: **Sharing the Mission of Jesus.**

You are invited once again, to an open meeting at the Priory **11.30am Sunday 8 December.**

You are welcome to attend Open Meetings throughout the Pastoral Area at other times and dates: please see Poster on Synod Board.

We have submitted the Parish Proposals for Theme One. These are also displayed on the Synod Board

**DECEMBER 200 CLUB WINNER**

Congratulations to Rachel Patel who won £200 in the December Draw.

**LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE DIRECTORY**

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

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Please pay and take and not take and pay.

**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.