



THE DREAM OF SAINT JOSEPH, BY PHILIPPE DE CHAMPAIGNE

1642 In today's Gospel, Matthew is describing how the angel appeared to St Joseph in a dream. Joseph, with his carpenter's tools at his feet, is fast asleep. Usually in art St Joseph is portrayed as an old man, so it is unusual to see him portrayed, perhaps more accurately, as a young man at the time he would have had his dream. The angel stretches the width of the painting and thus visually bridges the distance between Our Lady and St Joseph. The angel is gesturing towards both heaven (source of the light that is falling on the angel) and the Virgin Mary, confirming that Christ has been conceived through the Holy Spirit. Kneeling in front of an open bible, as Scripture will be fulfilled with the birth of her Son, Mary looks up to the angel, her arms crossed over her chest.

200 CLUB DECEMBER WINNER Congratulations to Paul Bleasdale, winner of £200.00 in this month's Draw.

LITTLE CHURCH Today will be the final Little Church before Christmas. It will restart after the break, on Sunday 8th January. Thank you to the catechists for their commitment to running Little Church.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS ROTA A rota is at the back of Church for Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please could you append your name if you are able to steward or read at either Mass. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH THIS CHRISTMAS A big thank you to the volunteers who have been working hard to prepare our Church for Christmas: erecting the crib and Christmas trees, installing the Christmas tree lights both inside and outside, and thank you in advance, to the flower volunteers who will be creating beautiful flower arrangements this week.

ICE AND SNOW HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDANCE Please note that we must all take personal responsibility in such conditions. When the temperature drops below 3° the sacristan or steward, on their arrival at Church, will salt the steps of the main porch. However, you are advised to wear suitable footwear and use the handrail when entering and leaving Church as a precaution. Due to lack of manpower and the expense of subcontracting it is not possible to grit the paths or carpark, so please take care.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
18th December 2022

Celebration of Holy Mass

18 th Sunday	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10:30 am Pro populo
19 th Monday	Weekday of Advent	7:00 pm Keane & Norman Families
20 th Tuesday	Weekday of Advent	7:00 pm Mary Bernadette Anderson
21 st Wednesday	Weekday of Advent	7:00 pm Lancashire Infirm Clergy
22 nd Thursday	Weekday of Advent	11:30 am Ellen McParlin
23 th Friday	Weekday of Advent	9:30 am Kathleen Barker
24 th Saturday	Carols and Readings Of the Nativity	10:00 pm 10:30 pm Denis Whittle
25 th Sunday	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	10:30 am Maisie McNeil Carol Woods Clare Crossan Jessie Killoran Mavis Golden

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE This will be held at 6:00pm this evening (Sunday) in Church. There will be a basket at the back of church for donations to Douglas Valley Outreach. Please do try and come!

CONFESSIONS Will be held before Monday and Tuesday evening Mass.

ROSARY The Rosary will be prayed from 6.35pm on Tuesday in Church, before Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Sheila Jennings, Sandra and Bill Marston, Denise Fletcher, Richard D'Alton, Joe Charnock

ANNIVERSARIES Margaret Gibson, Thomas Emery, Carol Moss

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION Loose £176.00, Envelopes £88.00, SOs £444.00. Thank you for your offerings.

MONTHLY SECOND COLLECTION This will be for St Vincent de Paul.