



Our Lady of Lourdes
St Joseph & St Teresa

TOGETHER

BIRKDALE CATHOLICS 18 November 2018
33 Sunday in Ordinary Time + Year B + Week Year II

Masses this Week	Our Lady of Lourdes	St Joseph	St Teresa
Saturday Vigil	5.30pm Bill Parker A	7pm Pious Lists	
Sunday	11am Leo McKenna LD	9.30am Peter King A	9.45am Violet (Jo) Upton A 6pm Joan Diggle A
Mon		10am Mike Kenny A	
Tues	11am Requiem Mass Patricia Brennan	10am Pious Lists	
Wed <i>Presentation of Our Lady</i>		10am Fr Brian Lawlor Birthday Remembrance	
Thurs <i>St Cecilia</i>		10am Geoff Stott	
Fri		10am Gerry Moffatt A	11.30am Requiem Mass Norah Pearson
Sat Saturday Vigil	5.30pm Pious Lists	7pm Frank Oliver	10am Pious Lists
Sunday	11am Parishioners	9.30am Special Int (AD)	9.45am Green family 6pm Pious Lists

Christmas Raffle will be drawn in the first week of Advent.
List of Prizes on the Notice Board.

Next Sunday Feast of Christ the King the children from St Teresa's School will take active part at the 9.45am Mass.



Christmas Gift Tree this year we have been asked for 185 presents for people in long term care locally or housebound. Please take one of the Gift Tags at the back of church. The present you buy should be gift wrapped and returned with the label visible on the outside no later than 9 Dec.

Can you help us get the gifts to Our Lady of Lourdes after Sunday Mass at St Teresa and St Joseph? Please speak to Fr Atli

Synod 2020 our parish is asked to nominate two representatives for the Synod. Please take the leaflet explaining what being a delegate entails and the commitment required. If you know someone that would be a good delegate please let us know no later than 30 November.

Something to think and pray about

Nothing is more significant in Jesus' parables than his appeal to Common Sense. What a pity that this term has been abused to mean no more than sweet reasonableness or, worse, public opinion. Rightly understood, it means the deep awareness that all have in common and from which anything sensible must flow. We could even say that Common Sense is God's Holy Spirit in the human heart. And here Jesus differs from the prophets. They appealed to the authority of God as standing behind them — 'Thus speaks the Lord God. ...' Jesus, in contrast, appeals to Common Sense, to the authority of God in the hearts of his hearers. No wonder the people felt empowered. 'This man speaks with authority,' they said, and they added, 'not like the Scribes' (Mark 1:22), not like the authorities of cultural religion. ... As the very opposite to conventional thinking, Common Sense was, and still is, subversive to authoritarian structures and intolerable to their religious as well as political representatives.

Br. David Steindl-Rast, *Deeper Than Words: Living the Apostles' Creed*

We Pray for the Sick

Canon Bert Shaw, Mgr Austin Hunt, Jack Rogan, Anne Dutch, Pat Mills, Nola Nelson, Dorothy Gibb, Robyn Goodman, Margaret Swift, Catherine (young mum) Michael (28), Muriel Appleton, Joyce Mounford, Pauline Irvine, Ciara Lee, Maisie Kearney, Anne Dodgson, Megan Borthwick, Elvira McLay, Emma Whittaker, Sid Geoghegan, Gordon Lindsay, Jemima Jenkins, Minna Moffatt, Kathleen Jenkinson, Mary Stanton, Kathryn Harding, Henry Kennedy-Skipton, Michael & Dorothy Brady

The Lately Dead

Patricia Brennan, Mary-Lou White, Jean Taylor, Louis Gottfreund, Norah Pearson, Bernard Ballentyne

Anniversaries

Bill Parker, Marion Stevenson, Violet (Jo) Upton, Peter King, Joan Diggle, Mike Kenny, Gerry Moffatt
To add a name to the lists please contact the parish office.

Funerals

Bernard Ballentyne 22 November
2.40pm Southport Crematorium
Mary Louise White 28 November
2.30pm West Lancashire Crem

Baptisms

Michael John Hall—St Joseph
Congratulations.



Praying with the Pope in November

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

<http://thepopevideo.org>

Email birkdalecatholics@gmail.com saying "Bulletin" to receive our newsletter "Together" in your inbox each week.

Quiz Night Thursday 22 Nov 7.45pm in St Teresa's school hall.

Adults £3 Students £2. Refreshments included. *Pilgrimage Group*.

Lourdes 2019 provisional dates 27 July to 1 August. For information or to express interest call: 565034 / 568595.

SVP Christmas Day Dinner St Patrick's Church Hall 1 pm until 3.30pm. Anyone who wants company is welcome (single or couples). Transport can be provided. To book a place please call 07562378873. **Can you help Christmas Eve/Day?** A meeting for helpers 3 Dec. 7pm in St Patrick's Church Hall.

Catholic Chaplaincy at Southport Hospital You have to request a visit so we can see you when in hospital. For **Holy Communion** / non urgent pastoral care ask the ward staff / call St Joseph's 01704 568313.

Emergencies Ask the ward staff to contact the priest on call.

Please do not hesitate when sick to ask for the ministry of your Church!

Piety Stall Christmas Cards and cribs; Traditional Advent Calendars, Greeting and Mass Cards.

Craft Group Monday 26 November 6.30pm at the Notre Dame Convent, Weld Road. All welcome.

LOL School Christmas Fair Saturday 24 November 12 Noon–2.30pm. Raffles, tombola, decorate an Elf door, refreshments, a Christmas Singer will close the fair a Christmas singer and much more.

Knights of St Columba will be singing **Carols with Banks Brass Band** on Lord Street Sat 27 November from 12 noon. They are also holding a **Christmas Bingo** at Sacred Heart Friday 7th Dec. Doors open 7pm. Great prizes. Proceeds to their Charities. All the family is welcome.

Christmas Magazine we are looking for articles, stories, poems, etc. for the next addition of the Magazine deadline 16 Dec. Please email Peter Gowland with your contribution: peter.gowland43@gmail.com

This week we received the **Gift Aid Tax Refund** for 2017/2018, which came to **£22,753.93**. If you pay tax please consider joining the Gift Aid scheme. Sincere thanks to all our generous parishioners.



DURING ADVENT

House Group Tuesdays at the home of Hilary and David Barton 6 The Swallows, 42 York Road, 562868. Café Video: *Let it Be* on the Life of Mary. Tuesdays 20 Nov; 27 Nov; 4 Dec; 11 Dec; 18 Dec. Please let the hosts know you are coming. All welcome.

Joint Penance Service St Teresa Monday 17 December at 7pm.

Evening Prayer and Benediction Sundays 3.30pm at St Joseph

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

V Sunday Preface
II Eucharistic Prayer

Children's Liturgy

Sunday Morning

Coffee after Mass

St Teresa and Our Lady

Church Cleaning

St Teresa Wednesday 9am

Our Lady Thursday 9am

St Joseph Friday 10.30am

Could you lend a helping hand weekly, monthly, occasionally?

Rosary at St Joseph 9.40am before Mass Mon, Wed, Fri.

Confessions

St Joseph Fri 10.30am

St Teresa Sat 10.30am

LOL Sat 5pm

Other times upon request.

Silent Meditation Saturdays 10-10.30am St Joseph.

LOL Meeting Rooms

Tuesday Bridge Club

1.30pm-4.30pm,

Eve Houghton Tel. 538579.

Chair Exercises with Jenny

Thursdays 11am -12 noon.

Cost £4 per session.

Jenny: 07814834065

Art Group Thursday 1-3pm

Marie Simmons tel. 550706.

To hire the Meeting Rooms call Sheila Ball 567788

Collection last Sunday

Envelopes £ 1,371.93

Loose plate £ 635.86

Total £ 2,007.79

Received with thanks!

NEXT Sunday retiring collection *Animate Youth*

Parish Priest Fr Atli Jónsson, Fr Hjalti Thorkelsson (in residence)

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