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**SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER 2017 'Gaudete Sunday' 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**MINISTERIES** "Stay with us, Lord on our journey" Week beginning **Monday 18th December**  
**Cleaning** Christmas Cleaning **Readers Sat** Christmas Rota **Sun** Christmas Rota  
**Eucharistic Ministers Sat** Andy Dineen, Celia Dineen, Julie Brookes, Helen Brett **Sun** Catherine Gunn, Francis Hindle, James Hughes-Gooding, Chris Bolton. **Offertory Sat** Warwick Family **Sun** Burton Family  
**Children Liturgy** Holidays **Flowers** All arrangers **Music 6.00pm** Thomas Muir

**SERVICES THIS WEEK** Mass Mon 9.00am, Tue 9.00am, Wed 9.00am, **Reconciliation Service 7.30pm**,  
Thu 9.00am, **Carol Service 9.30am**, Fri. 9.00pm, **Mass Sat. 6.00pm, Sun 9.30am.**  
Confessions Sat. 10.30 - 11.00am

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION.** 10th December 2017 Gift Aid £ 375 Loose £ 290 Total £ 665. Thank you.  
The donations made at Tony Wright's funeral totalled £605. This is now divided between the two charities dear to Tony and the family The Cystic Fibrosis Trust and the Neuro Foundation. Thank you for your generosity.  
**MASS INTENTIONS** Kevin O'Hara, Filbin & Atherton Families, Susan Carr, Janet Morgan.

**BLACKBURN FOOD BANK.** The request this week is for tins of meat and suitable items for Christmas plus the usual items. The box is in the church porch. Thank you. **EX-**

**PLORE THE SCRIPTURES** in the meeting room after Mass each Tuesday and Thursday.

**MEDITATION GROUP** in church on Wednesday morning after Mass. Why not come along and see.....

**PILATES** on Monday evenings from 6.15 - 7.15pm **TAI CHI** every Friday from 1.30 - 2.30pm. All welcome.

**ST. MARY'S RAMBLERS CHRISTMAS LUNCH** Thursday 21st December at 1.00pm in the Ribchester Arms.

**MASS TIMES** As and from this weekend **16th/17th December** Masses will be **Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 9.30am** and **11.00am at Osbaldeston.**

**POSSADA** The figures of Joseph and Mary travel around the parish before ending back at church on Christmas Eve. If you would like to host the figures for one night then please sign the list in the church porch. The person on the list before you will deliver the figures to you and then you take them to the person on the list after you.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** Saturday 23rd December Mass 6.00pm Langho.

Sunday 24th December 9.30am Langho, 11.00am Osbaldeston.

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve 6.00pm Langho ( Mass for and with the children).

Monday 25th December Christmas Day 9.30am Langho, 11.00am Osbaldeston.

**ST. MARY'S FAMILIES CHRISTMAS PARTY this** Sunday in the parish centre from 3.00pm -5.00pm. Jacobs Join, Father Christmas and family fun games.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** Wednesday 20th December at 7.30pm. Usual format.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** New rota now available in church porch. Thank you for your services.

**FLOWER ARRANGERS** for Christmas on Tuesday 19th December from 9.30am in church. The flower arrangers are really struggling at the moment. They have only 2 active members. Is there anyone who could help them prepare the church this Christmas on Tuesday 19th? If you are available can you please contact Yvonne White on 01254 249921.

**APF / RED BOXES** This year £1,250 has been raised through the Red Boxes. Thanks to all the collectors and the Red Box Holders. Your generosity is a great help to the missions and thanks to Patrick Walsh for his organisational skills.

**PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAYS ON YORK LANE OR ST. MARY'S DRIVE. PLEASE PARK WITH CONSIDERATION FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS.**

We pray for Father Norman Arkwright, Canon Dorrán, Father Mick Fraher, Jean Wilson, Joan Robson, Margaret Whip, Raymond Marsh, Kathleen Gooden, Jenny Kenny, Joe Kemp, Steven Grimes, Nafees Bhatti, Rani Bhatti,, James Murphy,, Joseph Smith, Michael Lupton, Harry Tomlinson, Rita Tomlinson, Anne Cunliffe, Laura Andrews, Sandro Barnowski, Sharon Plunkett, Mark Tomlinson, Larry McHugh, Janet Morgan. We remember John Duerden, Susan Carr and all who died recently. We pray also for Kevin O'Hara, Fr. Peter Knowles, Lexley Islay, George Warden, Thomas Warden, Stanislaus Szezepanczyk, Terence Birtwistle, Louise Fry, .and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.