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## **SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER 2017**

## **4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **MINISTERIES**

**"Stay with us, Lord on our journey"** Week beginning **Monday 25th December**

**Cleaning** Christmas Cleaning **Readers Sat** Chris Riding **Sun** Trish Wiggins

**Eucharistic Ministers Sat** Cath Kippax, Tom Holt, Felix Ododu, Janet Moxham **Sun** Cath Hughes-Gooding, Ann Brown, Agnes Corban, Chris Bolton. **Offertory Sat**

**Sun**

**Children Liturgy Holidays Flowers** All arrangers **Music 1st Sunday**

**SERVICES THIS WEEK** Mass Mon 10.00am, Tue 10.00am, Wed 10.00am, Thu 10.00am (E.S.), Fri. 10.00am, Mass Sat. 6.00pm, Sun 9.30am. **Confessions** Sat. 10.30 - 11.00am

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION. 10th** December 2017 Gift Aid £ 410 Loose £ 275 Total £ 685. Thank you.

**MASS INTENTIONS** Kenneth Dawber, Stanislaus Szczapanacyk, Richard & Monica Bailey, Deceased Smith and Bolton Families, Christine Laycock, Brian Bolton, Speedy recovery For Fr. Price.

**BLACKBURN FOOD BANK.** The request this week is for tins of meat and veg, coffee plus the usual items. The box is in the church porch. Thank you.

**EXPLORE THE SCRIPTURES** in the meeting room after Mass each Tuesday and Thursday (after holidays).

**MEDITATION GROUP** in church on Wednesday morning after Mass. (after the holidays)

**MASS TIMES** Are now **Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 9.30am and 11.00am at Osbaldeston.**

**POSSADA** Thanks to the families who hosted the figures of Joseph and Mary as they journeyed around the parish. They arrive back at church tonight as we celebrated the birth of the Lord.

**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** was a great success. Thanks to all who helped organise the event.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** We now have the 5 ministers we need for the Vigil. We need 4 for Christmas morning.

**READERS ROTA** now available in the church porch. Thank you for your services.

**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.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all of you here and at Osbaldeston for adapting to the new Mass times on Sunday morning. Both church had packed houses. To those who arrived late forgetting the change in time your card has been stamped.....

A happy Christmas to you and those you hold dear. Thanks to all who worked hard to clean and prepare the church and arrange the flowers for Christmas. Thanks to all who took part in the services and gave their time and their talents to make our liturgical celebrations so memorable.

**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 Dorran, 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, William King, Janet Morgan We pray for Fr. Michael Fraher Christine Laycock, Kenneth Dawber, Brian Bolton who died recently. We remember Fr. Peter Birmingham, Maureen Baker, Mary Cooper, Helen Jameson, Tom Kennedy, Gerard Littler, Stanislaus Szczapanacyk, Richard Birch, Josie Maher and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.