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SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2017

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MINISTERIES

"Stay with us, Lord on our journey" Week beginning **Monday 4th December**

Cleaning Maureen Lofthouse, Evelyn Punchard **Readers** **Sat** Noel Stack **Sun** Catherine Gunn

Eucharistic Ministers **Sat** Margaret Smith, Marie Wilson, Sarah Doolan, Janet Moxham **Sun** Julie Singleton, Ann Brown, Cath Hughes-Gooding, Jenny Hall

Offertory **Sat** Emily & Mum **Sun** Uniformed Groups **Children**

Liturgy Joanna **Flowers** Margaret & Veronica **Music** 1st Wee 10..00am Folk Group

SERVICES THIS WEEK Euch Services Mon 9.00am, **Tue 10.45am(Requiem)**, Wed 9.00am, Thu 9.00am, Fri 9..00am Mass Sat. 6.00pm, Sun 10.00am. No Confessions

OFFERTORY COLLECTION. 26th November 2017 Gift Aid £ 360 Loose £ 301 Total £ 661. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS Sr. Mary Clare, Tony Wright (7 inc parish), Bill Williams (birthday), Joseph Carr, John Logan

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.

EXPLORE 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. 2 courses £19.50. Inquires Sylvia Griffin 245801. Please can you play this weekend. Cheques should be made payable to "The Ribchester Arms" or cash in an envelope with you name on the front.

CHRISTMAS FAIR Thanks to all who donated goods, bought raffle tickets and supported the fair. Thanks to the parish workers and the school staff and parents for their hard work. And a special remembrance for Tony Wright whose inspirational guidance over many years ensured successful fairs.

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

CHRISTMAS CARDS on sale in the church porch. This is the last weekend for the cards.

A WARM WELCOME to Fr. Michael Coleman who is celebrating the Masses this weekend. As you may have heard I suffered another setback last Friday when I was admitted to hospital for an emergence operation for an abscess on my back. I am now well on the road to recovery.....hopefully.....

THE COLLECTION for the Retired Clergy raised £370. Thank you for your generosity.

WELCOME to Hugh Zachary Nelson who was baptised here this Saturday and to Padraig Paul Ainsworth who is to be baptised this Sunday.

CHURCH PARADE and ANNUAL TOY COLLECTION for the Salvation Army on Sunday 10th December. Toy collection at both Masses, Church parade at 10.00am. New or good second hand toys and books very welcome.

200 CLUB DRAW and COFFEE MORNING this Sunday after the 10.00am Mass in the parish centre. "Boiling the Kettle" are volunteers. . Proceeds in aid of "LANGHO IN BLOOM"

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.

K.I.T. GROUP meeting in the parish room on Wednesday 6th December at 9.20am.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS on FRIDAY 8th December at 9.30am. All welcome.

CONDOLENCES to Olive Wright, Sarah and family on the death of Tony one of our most loyal and supportive parishioners. A very willing worker for this parish and the Catholic community in Blackburn. Requiem Mass here on Tuesday at 10.45am followed by committal at Pleasington Crematorium.

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 Dorrn, 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.

We remember Tony Wright, Martin Gooden, Joseph Carr, Sr. Mary Clare all who died recently. We pray also for **Father Michael Walsh, Tom Calderbank, John Logan, Janet Andrews, Joan Taylor, Norman Bolton, Joseph Dewhurst**. and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.