

**TODAY'S MASS: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmade of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

**TODAY'S MASS: Feast of the Holy Family - 31<sup>st</sup> December**

**Responsorial Psalm:** He, the Lord, is our God.

He remembers his covenant for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past and in various ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Our God appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

**Calendar**

24 <sup>th</sup> December	5.30pm	Christmas Eve Children's Mass at Holy Family.
25 <sup>th</sup> December	10.45am	Christmas Day Mass in lieu of 9.00am Mass.
18 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	7.00pm	Holy Family Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
25 <sup>th</sup> January	2.00pm	Afternoon Tea in the Hall

**Every Sunday: Coffee in the house after the 10.45am Mass. All Welcome.**

***500 Club***

Anyone wishing to join the 500 club for 2018 or to pay their annual membership subscription of £20 will be able to do so in the Hall after each of the Masses on **Sat/Sun (13/14)** or **Sat/Sun (20/21)** of January.

Thank you to all for your continued support and we wish you good fortune in the 2018 monthly draws.



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**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**24<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Mass Times & Intentions at Holy Family

Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.30pm	+John Edward & Rose Ann Slinger
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	+Sick & Housebound Parishioners
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	+Fr Kevin
Tues 26 <sup>h</sup>	7.00pm	+Mick King
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	+Wilfred & Bell Cartmell
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	+Holy Souls
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	5.55pm – 6.55pm	Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate in the Diocese.
	7.00pm	+Elizabeth Ann Slinger

**THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	+People of the Parish
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.45am	+Josie Catterall
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	+Fr Kevin
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00pm	+Mick King
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	+Mary Ann McGuver
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	+Tom Griffin (Intentions & Wellbeing)
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	5.55pm – 6.55pm	Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate in the Diocese.
	7.00pm	+John Wilson
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	+Special Intentions of Teresa Barker
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	+People of the Parish

**Confessions:**

- Friday 6.30pm – 6.55pm.
- Saturday 5.30pm – 6.00pm.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

- Friday 5.55pm – 6.55pm

**Last weeks Offerings:**

17 December  
 Gift Aid envelopes/loose  
 £263.74  
 £135.00 (Standing Orders)  
 Total 398.74

**Many thanks**

Please pray for all those who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:**

George Ritchie, Michael Holt, William Glasswell, James Mahon, Marie Garner, Joseph Morris, Eileen Barlow, Margaret McCabe, John Fayk, Joseph Bernard Morris, Winifred Connolly, Irene Milner, William Patrick Glasswell. George Lee Ritchie, Alan Thornton, James Mahan, John Ainsworth, Matthew Taaffe, Vera Ellis, Winifred Baines, William McLoughlin, May Atherton, Louise Eccles, Anne Clarkson, Paul Wadsworth, Arthur Wray, John McLaughlin, Marie Eccles, Dennis Vickers, Richard Beck, Reece Holly, Ella and Jordan Smith, Frances Moss, Lillian Catterall, Joseph Norman Kneen, Christine Ashton, Eileen Joan Stevens, John Milner, Hilda Hodgson, Bernard Bergin

Please pray for those who are sick, housebound and hospitalised, especially:

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| Margaret De Santi     | Marie Foster     |
| Margaret Morris       | Alice Gibson     |
| Joe Ashton            | Margaret Foster  |
| Jeanie Forster        | Jean Turner      |
| Arthur Bunce          | Cath Smith       |
| Catriona King         | Margaret Harling |
| Frances Courtney      | Mgr. Hook        |
| Fran & Tony Cartlidge | Peter Stout      |

and all our friends and relatives who are ill.



**Prayer for the new Bishop**  
 Almighty God, Eternal shepherd and guide. In your love for us, grant to the Catholic Diocese of Lancaster a shepherd who will lead us to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
 Meets in the house at 7.00pm on Thursday, 18 January. You are all invited and welcome to come along as we look to our parishes' future.

The Lancaster Directory 2018 is available in the porch at £3. Please put money in the wall box at the back of church, marked for Papers (Universe) and Directories.

**ROTAS FOR READERS AND OFFERTORY ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY.**

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Please bring your cards for Jerusalem, Israel and Bethlehem for Caroline and Linda to send. Prisoners of conscience please send off yourself. Do support this initiative.

**THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS GIVING = CAFOD WORLD GIFTS**

Please take a catalogue and you will see a range of special gifts that share + reflect God's love for each & every one of us. Each gift is an example of the work CAFOD is doing right now, to change the lives of the poorest members of our global family.

**Perhaps our Advent reflection could be Pope Francis' exhortation for us to love not with words but deeds...**

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**  
 Donations please in the box at the back of church.

**The Knights of St. Columba posters are a reminder to all of the Nativity. Please take one and place it in a**

Please take a Christmas Card from Churches in Freckleton. It gives times of services.