

THIS WEEKEND	Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord		Year C
Sat 25th Dec	8.30am	St O	Parishioners, past + present
Christmas Day Nativity of the Lord	9.30am	St T	Parishioners, past + present
	8:30am	St O	Damian Bunce B'Day Remembrance
Sun 26th Dec Feast of the Holy Family	9.30am	St T	Vera Conway (RIP)
	11.00am	St MM	Fr Cotter, Deceased Hardman members
	<b>Divine Office Week 1</b>		
Mon 27th Dec <i>Feast of St John</i>	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
Tues 28th Dec <i>Feast of Holy Innocents</i>	9.15am	St T	Repose of the Soul of John Brownwood (LD)
	9.30am	St O	Frances Duignan, Roy Tilling
Wed 29th Dec <i>Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury</i>	9.30am	St MM	Kevin Slater
Thu 30th Dec	9.30am	St O	Priest's Intention
	7.00pm	St T	Priest's Intention
Fri 31st Dec	9.15am	St T	Memory of Shelia Williams + Arthur Holmes
	9.30am	St O	Hunt & Eccles Family DFM
NEXT WEEKEND	2nd Sunday after Christmas		Year C
Sat 1st Jan Mary Mother of God	5.00pm	St O	Roy Allen
	6.30pm	St T	Harry Eyles (A)
Sun 2nd Jan	8:30am	St O	Parishioners
	9.30am	St T	Paul Lloyd (RIP)
	11.00am	St MM	Parishioners



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## 4th Sunday of Advent:

### 19th December 2021

Christ is coming! God's promise through Micah is fulfilled in the encounter between Mary and Elizabeth, and their faith. In the **First Reading**, Micah proclaims that the Messiah will come from Bethlehem and lead his flock back to their land in peace. The **Psalm** is a plea to the Shepherd of Israel for this return, and for the sending of the Messiah, the chosen one. The **Second Reading** from the Letter to the Hebrews emphasizes the fact that the Christ who redeemed us took on a human body, like ours. The **Gospel** helps us gather all these themes: obedience to God's will; faith in his promises; and especially faith in the Incarnation – Jesus our Saviour, already becoming flesh in Mary's womb. May we journey through these last days of Advent in Mary's company, so that Christ may be born in us.



## Feast of the Holy Family:

### 26th December 2021

As an example for us to follow, the Holy Family can seem a little too perfect: when we consider the more dramatic events of the Christmas and Easter story, it can seem so far removed from us. And yet, as today's Gospel reminds us there were also the so-called hidden years - the many years of family life in Nazareth, spent in ordinary things. During that time, we hear how Jesus grew and matured, and in the glimpse of that family life we see our example.

Our celebration of this feast announces that there is a lasting value in the ideals of family life, and the relationship between husband, wife, parents and children. Whatever the changing details of each age, honour, understanding and love always remain the recipe for the perfect, and holy, human family. It is love that we put on over all the other clothes of changing cultures and places, to guarantee the life of the family in imitation of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. So whatever the shape and size of your family today is for you.

Please adhere to guidelines when entering and leaving the church.

\*Face coverings will remain mandatory for all those coming to a church service. (Exemptions for medical reasons excluded.)

\* Hand sanitising will remain in place as people arrive.

\*Weddings, funerals and baptisms guests will be limited by the capacity of each building.

**Primary School Admissions 2021/22:** The closing date for September 2021 admission applications is 15th January 2022 Apply online :[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

**Synod Support Group:** Leading on from a suggestion put forward to the group we now provide clipboards, colouring sheets( linked to the Sunday Gospel) and crayons for any children attending mass. There are also junior mass sheets for older children and a box of books and quiet toys. More chairs have been placed on Lady Altar side of church as this is favoured by many young families as there is more room for children and buggies. This has proved a popular move. However we still desperately need volunteer catechists so we can restart Children's Liturgy. Full training given. Please contact Fr Roy.

**The SVP** would like to thank the kind person who made a donation of £100. The money will be used in order to facilitate the work of the SVP in the parish.

### Christmas Prayer

Dear Infant Jesus in a short time You will come to visit us and Your Holy, Divine coming is full of peace, joy and love for me and everyone. Our hearts are full of Your love in our daily life. Dear Jesus please help all people around the world. Thank you, my dear Lord. **Amen**

*Fr Roy & Fr Michael, wish you and your families the peace and joy of the Christmas season. We are truly blessed to be the parish priests in our two wonderful parishes at this time. Thank you to everyone who has helped us in any way to celebrate the great feast of Christmas. It is certainly encouraging to see so many who give of their time and their gifts.*

***A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.***



THIS WEEKEND	4th Sunday of Advent	Year C	
Sat 18th December	5.00pm	St O	Winifred, Frank & Terry Jones
	6.30pm	St T	Francis Michael Ferns, V Holian (A), Special Intention
Sun 19th December	8:30am	St O	Mrs Worthington LD
	9.30am	St T	Parishioners
	11.00am	St MM	Kath Evans, Parishioners
<b>Divine Office Week 4</b>			
Mon 20th December	9.30am	St O	John Fiddler B'Day Remembrance
Tues 21st December	9.15 am	St T	Joseph Tipping (A)
	9.30am	ST O	James & Philomena Mellows, Robert Michael McClellan
	11.30am	ST T	Requiem Mass: Kevin Fellows
Wed 22nd December	9.30am	St MM	Martha Airey (A), Denis Slater
	2.00pm	St T	Requiem Mass: Peter Moran
Thurs 23rd December	9.30am	St O	Jennifer Wild (LD)
	7.00pm	St T	Deceased members of the Gould + Phipps Families
Fri 24th December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4.00pm	St MM	Parishioners, past + present
	5.00pm	St O	Parishioners, past + present
	5.30pm	St MM	Parishioners, past + present
	7.00pm	St O	Parishioners, past + present
	7.30pm	St T	Parishioners, past + present
	10.00pm	St T	Parishioners, past + present



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