

# *Our Lady*

## *Help of Christians*



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### 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT 3 DECEMBER 2017

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#### MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Baby Grace Goulding
	10.30am	Monica Kelly
Monday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	7.00pm	Private Intention
Wednesday	9.00am	Richard Ashcroft
Thursday	9.00am	Ann Boughby
Friday	7.00pm	Bernadette Anderson

#### MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Vincent Jackman
Sunday	9.00am	Anne Casey
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Novena No novena this week

Confessions No confessions until further notice

Meditation Saturday at 10.15am

**Counters team next Sunday - Team A**

**Sue & John Murray Paul Toole Martin Kernick**

#### CHRISTMAS MASSES

How anyone could come away from last weekend Masses thinking that we are hiring a marquee for Christmas is beyond me. Yet even the most unlikely did just that. I must be losing my touch. No, thanks to our Anglican brothers and sisters we will use St Matthew's Church on St Matthews Grove, the continuation of Broadway which is 0.8 of a mile from here. I will celebrate Mass there on Saturday evening at 6.30pm. I will celebrate one Mass at 10.00am on Christmas Eve morning and two Masses on Christmas Eve at 6.00 and 8.00pm for which you will need tickets

#### PORTICO FUNDRAISERS

The Portico fundraisers plant/wreath order forms will be collected after each mass next weekend 2/3rd December, if anyone is able to help with the orders and sales on Saturday 9th please let whoever is there collecting orders know. Thank you.

#### JUSTICE & PEACE FILL THE MANGER CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL 2017

Please bring your donations to the PARISH HOUSE 30 mins before mass on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December where members of the Justice & Peace group will be there to accept your parcels. They will be distributed to the charities on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

#### ACT IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. The Prime Minister has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and had promised previously to abandon it. Now the Government may decide to keep this discriminatory policy in place instead of removing it. We need you to tell the Government not to discriminate against Catholics and to remove the admissions cap on new faith-based schools. Visit <http://catholicnews.rog.uk/education-cap> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

#### HOLY LAND CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards to the Holy Land: Sunday 3rd December is the last day for posting cards in the red post box near the altar. Thank you.

#### CAROL SERVICE

Our service of reflection, prayer, readings and carols with our brothers and sisters at St. James' with St Matthew's, will take place in St James' Gaudate Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30. If you are willing to be a reader or help with clearing up after the refreshments, please sign the sheet in the entrance by the hymn books. Thank you.

#### CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – 1pm at St. Julie's, Eccleston. Our Portico Group will be joining St. Julie's Carers to form a joint Support Group. We will be meeting in the Presbytery at St. Julie's, Howards Lane, Eccleston until we are once again able to meet in the Parish Hall at Portico. It is hoped that once we are able to use the Parish Hall again we will alternate between the two venues. Carers are more than welcome to bring along the person they care for. Do you care for, or have cared for someone with memory problems, then come along, you will be very welcome. For further information please contact Joan O'Hanlon on 07984 735 590

**NEXT J&P MEETING-7.30pm on Thurs 7th Dec in St Luke's Presbytery.**