Our Parishes Newsletter

4th Sunday of Advent 18th December 2016

This Week's Readings

First Reading	Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm	Ps. 23: 1-6.R.Cf.vv7.10
Second Reading	Romans 1:1-7
Gospel	Matthew 1:18-24

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading
Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm
Ps. 97:1-6.R.v3.

Second Reading
Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel
John 1:1-18

REFLECTION

Listening to today's Gospel, we can imagine Joseph's serious dilemma and shock when he learned that Mary, his betrothed, was "with child" But Joseph was no ordinary person. He was a "righteous man", and he must have seen in Mary more than an ordinary person, too. He did not wish to expose Mary openly. To do so would have made her liable to the severest punishment. Joseph was a good man. He always had a storehouse of trust in God's love - and he did not experience this storehouse as broken into and entered, shattered or pulled to pieces. Instead, it would appear that Joseph discerned his dream as coming from God. It contained a quiet certainty of the presence of God. No doubt followed it. Joseph's dream was like the voice of a close friend. The message he received fitted right into the design of Joseph's life with God, and his love of Mary. What is our internal sense of the Christmas story? Is the birth of God impossible - reserved for children? Or do we find the roots of trust within ourselves - as Joseph and Mary did?

PSALM

Let the Lord enter!
He is the King of glory

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God -is -with -us'.
Alleluia

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

Today we light our Fourth Advent Candle: The Candle of Love

ALL PARISHES

Christmas Mass Times

Please make sure that you take a red sheet with you, it has all the Mass times over the Christmas weekend. You will receive one with your Newsletter and there will be spare copies available at the back of church. Could you please take some for any neighbours or friends you think might like to see one.

All Saints Bidding Prayers

18th Anita Hewitt - 25th The Moley family

You can find a complete list from December until next March on the noticeboard at the back of church or on the Three Parishes website at http://ourparishes.church/bidding-prayers-all-saints

All Saints Flowers in Church

Many thanks to those who have contributed towards the cost of the flowers for Christmas. It really is appreciated. The flowers will be arranged on Friday, 23rd December at 11:30am. It would be most helpful if as many team members as possible could come along to help. The new rota for next year is now available from the Sacristy. If anyone would like to join any of the teams, please feel free to come along. You will be more than welcome.

Our Lady of Lourdes - Mini Christmas Fair

Thank you to each and every one who worked, donated and attended the Mini Christmas Fair last week. The total raised was an amazing £1226.48. This will cover the cost of a Defibrillator. This is a vital piece of equipment to have in our church, it could save someone's life one day. We will order the Defibrillator and hopefully it will be fitted early January. Thank you again.

Huge Thank You

We would like to express our sincere thanks to each and every one of you who are working so hard in all areas (too many to name), to prepare all three churches for Christmas. Your involvement is so needed and very much appreciated.

		St. Margaret Ward		All Saints		Our Lady of Lourdes
4th Sunday of Advent						
Sat 17th	5.30pm	Jim Law				
Sun 18th			9.30am	Arthur Vincent Upton	11.00 am	Stanley & Angela Robe Anthony Robe
Sun 18th			5.00pm	Brenda Williams		
Mon 19th	9.15am	Eucharistic Service	9.15am	Eucharistic Service		No service
Tues 20th	9.15am	Eucharistic Service		No Service	7.30pm	John O'Connell
Wed 21st	9.15.am	Eucharistic Service	7.30pm	Anne & Tom	12.15pm	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 22nd	7.30pm	Chad Woodhams		No Service		No Service
Fri 23rd	9.15am	Eucharistic Service	9.15am	Thanksgiving	12 .15pm	Gorman Family
Christmas Day						
Christmas Eve	6.30pm	Eileen McCann	6.30pm	Dorothy , Joseph & Hannah	8.30pm	B.P.M Intention
Christmas Day			9.30am	Tim & Terry	11.00 am	Chrissie Power
St Stephens Day			12.00 noon	Martin Tarpey		