

St Marie's & St Patrick's

Good News Letter



Walking in His Light -together

Third Sunday of Advent Year C 16th December 2018

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday.

Gaudete is Latin for “Rejoice” and it’s a reminder that as Christians, we are to be joyful people. The overwhelming message in today’s liturgy is about joy. **He will exult with joy over you. He will dance with shouts of joy for you.** Imagine that? The Lord God dancing and rejoicing over you with gladness, to renew you in his love! Does that make you happy? St Paul tells us in today’s second reading to ...**‘Be happy at all times’**. This may seem a tall order as very few of us could claim to be happy all the time! St Paul was aware of this, but was trying to encourage the people to develop a heart that looks for good... and rejoices in it! If we live with a sense of gratitude – recognising all the things around us are gifts from God... then just like Mary we will be able to sing...**my soul rejoices in the Lord my God!** We will still face problems – but if we allow the Spirit within us to inspire and refresh us, we will find a deeper joy and peace. Jesus is waiting to meet us particularly in the Eucharist which is a celebration of joy. Our faith...our hope dances around the joy of having a oneness with the Lord Himself. Praise Him!!

Rejoice!

Céad Míle Fáilte – 100,000 welcomes!

ACKNOWLEDGED WITH THANKS

Last Week's combined offertory: £ 1,538.31

This Week's Retiring Collection: SVP

St Marie's Church Boiler Fund: £50

St Patrick's Church decoration Fund: £50



*We hold in prayer all who are sick in body,
mind or spirit and those who care for them,
also those who have died recently... ..*

*Patricia Williams (Requiem Mass at St Patrick's
on Wednesday 1.30p.m.), **Anne Fairhurst***

*(Requiem Mass at St Patrick's 10a.m. on
Thursday.)....**Sheila Blundell****Joan Forshaw***

*(Requiem Mass at St Marie's at 12 noon on
Friday)*

*..... May those who grieve their passing come
to experience the peace of the Risen Christ.*

LITURGICAL WEEK

Today – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Friday – St Peter Canisius

Sunday – 4th Sunday of Advent (Day of Prayer for
expectant Mothers)

PONDER



Message of the Christmas Tree: Life Is "Ever Green"

St. John Paul II

The traditional "Christmas tree" is a very ancient custom which exalts the value of life, as in winter the evergreen becomes a sign of undying life. In general, the tree is decorated and Christmas gifts are placed under it. The symbol is also eloquent from a typically Christian point of view: It reminds us of the "tree of life" (see Genesis 2:9), representation of Christ, God's supreme gift to humanity. The message of the Christmas tree, therefore, is that life is "ever green" if one gives: not so much material things, but of oneself: in friendship and sincere affection, and fraternal help and forgiveness, in shared time and listening.

Some Special Gifts

Here are a few suggestions for special gifts this Advent:

- a firm handshake to a shaky soul,
- a kind word to a lonely person,
- a warm smile to the disheartened,
- a sincere concern for someone troubled,
- a feeling of compassion for the neglected,
- a comforting thought for the bereaved,
- a respect for the dignity of others,
- a word of witness to help a seeking soul,

*Thank you
from the
bottom
of my
heart*

BEATRICE GIBB

Beatrice and her mum Bernie would like to thank parishioners for their cards, prayer and kind wishes for Beatrice's birthday. As requested instead of presents money was given to Marian Care. Thank you!

PRAYER CENTRE

Do you have some spare time and would like to help in the peaceful atmosphere of a Retreat Centre?

*Please contact St Joseph's, Freshfield on
01704 875850 or*

email: theprayercentre.stj@psmgs.org.uk

Your generosity would be much appreciated.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all those who helped with the Children's Christmas party. Thank you to the Children's Liturgy Group, who take the time to explain the Word of God to our little ones week after week! How blest we are!





PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS

Our Novena Cross will remain by the statue of the Sacred Heart in St Marie's Church for the next few weeks as a focal point for our prayer for all those who have been hurt by anyone who is part of our Church - and as a sign of our prayerful support for Pope Francis as he tries to lead the whole Church into becoming the best of witness' in how we love and care for one another

THINKING FAITH

Boarbank Hall Cumbria

A holiday with a difference

Are you Catholic? 20s-40s

Enjoy walking

Shared Prayer

Community and Friendship

Stay in lovely surroundings in our comfortable Guest House

Enjoy the hospitality of an Augustinian community

This year's theme: Pilgrimage:

Walks and Talks

for more info contact Sr Margaret

Margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk

www.boarbankhall.org.uk

*Christmas is a gift of love wrapped in human flesh
and tied securely with the strong promises of God.*

St Marie's Mass Times and Intentions

Week commencing 16th December

Sunday	8.30am 10.00am	Agnes Kilcoin John Clarke
Monday	12 Noon	Service of The Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday	12 Noon	Andrew Nicholson
Wednesday	12 Noon	John O' Neill
Thursday	12 Noon	Eddie Mc Guire
Friday	12 Noon	REQUIEM Joan Forshaw
Saturday	12 Noon	Anthony Grimley
Sunday	8.30am 10.00am	Francis Conlan Andrew Stevenson

Tea/Coffee in the Marian Centre after the 10am Mass

Mass in Polish – is celebrated at St Marie's on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the month at 3pm.

The Rosary will be prayed on Mon after the Service of The Word & Holy Communion Tues - Sat after 12 00 Noon Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tues - Sat 11.30 to 12.00 noon (or by appointment with Father John)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday to Saturday 11.30 to 12.00 noon
Service of The Word & Holy Communion Mon 12 Noon
Followed by the Rosary

Marian Centre for Evangelisation For more info.

Tel: [07544768483](tel:07544768483) email: contact@mariancentre.org.uk,

website: www.mariancentre.org.uk

The Parish House is open from 10.00am to 12.00 noon and from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm Mon- Fri for general enquiries, e.g. Mass Cards, and to feed the homeless and those in need.



St Patrick's Mass Times and Intentions

Week commencing 16th December

Saturday 6pm	Philomena McKenna
Sunday 11.30am	Maureen O' Brien
Tuesday 10am	Dorothy Mc Guire
Wednesday 1.30pm	REQUIEM Patricia Williams
Thursday 10am	REQUIEM Anne Fairhurst
Saturday 6pm	Peter Roberts
Sunday 11.30am	Philomena Mc Kenna

Mass for the people of our Parishes and St Patrick's Guild will be celebrated on Fr John's day-off

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30pm – 6pm
(or by appointment with Fr John)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday & Thursday 8.45 -9.15am

The Parish Office is open as often as possible on weekdays for general enquiries, The Parish Office – 01704 228943 to enquire about the Church Hall contact 07544768483 or email: church.hall@stpatrickssouthport.org.uk
The Parish Centre (Club) Contact 07377341996

The Sanctuary Lamps this week will burn for

	ST MARIE'S	ST PATRICK'S
Sat	Malaysia	Murphy Family
Sun	Smartt Family Pohan Davies	Uju & Elliot
Mon	Andrew Nicholson	Ivy Smyth Ferguson Birthday
Tues	Jack and Jessie Simpson	Ted Evans & Bridget Taylors Family
Wed	Peggy Timpson	Ecuador
Thur	Peace of Mind	Tony Rushton
Fri	Anthony Grimley	Anne Hulton
Sat	Ken Hughes	Leo Leamon
Sun	Katherine Harrison Margaret 80 th Birthday	For the Lapsed to come home for Christmas





Christmas Mass Times

Christmas begins with Midnight Mass and ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Mass will be at Midnight in both Parishes (carols from 11.30pm)

Christmas Day

St Marie's 9.30am

St Patrick's 11am Sunday

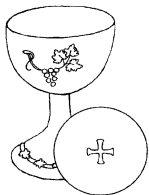
(Note the Mass time changes)

SCHOOL NATIVITY CONCERT

In St Patrick's Church on Monday 2p.m.....all welcome to this time of joy!



One day St. Teresa of Avila heard someone say: "If only I had lived at the time of Jesus... If only I had seen Jesus..... If only I had talked with Jesus..." To this she responded: "But we have in the Eucharist the living, true and real Jesus present before us? Why look for more?"



**ST MARIE'S MINISTERS OF THE
EUCCHARIST**

*The new rota is available for collection from the
Sacristy.*

**ST PATRICK'S MINISTERS OF THE
WORD**

*The new rota is available for collection from
the Narthex.*



CAFOD - THANK YOU

Since our first match funded appeal in 2012, the generous

donations CAFOD has received, which have then been matched by the UK Government, have transformed the lives of millions of people across the world. The money raised so far has enabled us to:
Bring clean, safe drinking water to 400,000 people.

Support 11,000 families to grow new types of crops, making them less susceptible to the impact of pests and disease.

Provide toilets for 166,000 people.

Help 174,000 people improve their hygiene and sanitation.

Provide weather forecasts to 99,000 families, helping them prepare for extreme conditions in advance.

Help 35,000 farmers to change their farming techniques to be more adaptable and resilient to climate change.

Thank you for continuing to pray, fast and give during our Lent Family Fast Day appeals. Your generosity helps us make the most of DFID's matched funding offer, and enables us to continue having double the impact on the lives of those people most in need.



ADVENT TALKS

'Come to the Manger through the Gospels' last of 3 talks with Fr Richard at St Patrick's on the 21st Dec 1-2p.m. with refreshments from 12.30p.m. Treat yourself to this gift this Advent!

CHURCH CHUCKLES

According to hospital regulations, patients are required to be escorted out in a wheelchair when being discharged. A student nurse was having some trouble with an elderly gentleman who insisted that he did not need a wheelchair. After some discussion about rules being rules, he reluctantly agreed. As she was wheeling him out, the student nurse asked the man if his wife was going to pick him up. "I don't know," he replied. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

CHILDRENS CHUCKLES

What happened to the thief who stole a Christmas calendar?
He got 12 months

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?
A Christmas Quacker!

What does Santa do with fat elves?
He sends them to an Elf Farm!

What's on at St Patrick's

<i>Monday</i>	<i>1.30pm - 2.30pm Strength and Balance</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>9.15am - 11.15am St Patrick's Baby and Toddler Group</i> <i>1.30am - 12.30pm Keep Fit</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>1.30pm - 3.30pm St Patrick's & St Marie's Friendship Group</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>2pm - 4pm Scripture Group</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>12.30pm Fr Richards Advent talk</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Tea/Coffee before 11.30am Mass</i> <i>7.30pm Emmaus Prayer Group</i>

What's on at St Marie's

<i>Monday</i>	<i>U3A Arts and Craft Group 10am-12noon</i> <i>1st and 3rd Monday of the month</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Dancers 2pm - 4pm</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Mothers Prayers 1.30pm - 2.30pm</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Gospel Joy 1pm</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Parish Tea/Coffee after 10am Mass</i>

You will be my witnesses (Act 1:8)

If you were given £1 for every kind word you say and had to pay 50p for every unkind one, would you be rich or poor?

Pope Francis Prayer intention for December - *That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.*

The Pastoral Area of Southport

St Marie's & St Patrick's	Fr John Heneghan	Tel: 531229
Holy Family	Fr Patsy Foley	Tel: 532613
St Joseph & Our Lady of Lourdes St Teresa's	Fr Atli Jonsson (Dean & Hospital Chaplain)	Tel: 568313
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into the world to proclaim the Good News to the whole of
Creation"*

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