



St Teresa's Church, Cleveleys

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SATURDAY, 17 DECEMBER

6.30 pm Mary Weldon (A)

SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.00 am Arnie Holt (LD) 10.30 am Jimmy Franklin (LD)

MONDAY, 19 DECEMBER

9.30 am John Marsh (A) and Teresa Ashdown (A)

TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER

10.00 am Funeral Mass: Agnes Doherty

WEDNESDAY, 21 DECEMBER

9.30 am Deceased members of the Monaghan & Murphy families

THURSDAY, 22 DECEMBER

9.30 am Jayne Holmes (A)

FRIDAY, 23 DECEMBER

9.30 am Peter Fish (LD)

SATURDAY, 24 DECEMBER

9.30 am Marjorie Wolsley (A) & Keith Lyon (A)

6.30 pm Curtis Williams, Pat Holland (A)

Midnight : Parish

SUNDAY, 25 DECEMBER – Christmas Day

9.00 am Jimmy & Florence Welsh 10.30 am Paul Smith (A)

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday 10.30-11.30 am and 6.00-6.20 pm

Attendance last Sunday: 300

Church Collection: £788.30 received with thanks

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS Arnie Holt whose Funeral was last week, and Agnes Doherty of Luton Road whose Funeral Mass is on Tuesday, 20 December at 10.00 am. We remember them and their families, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in God's peace.

WE ALSO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS all our parishioners who are ill, especially Alastair Law, Tim Wadland, Francis McGarva, Monica Cole, Thomas McShane, Charlie Jordan, Christina Wadland, Jan Risely, Emily Richardson, Marian Waters, Rita Griffiths, Tony Petty, Mark Preston, Mavis McQuillen, Pat Killeen and all those who receive Holy Communion at home.

OUR SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION in preparation for Christmas, is this Monday, 19 December at 7 pm in church. All are very welcome at this Service, which has always been so warm-hearted and well received.

THE LAST OF OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN'S NATIVITIES are being performed in the Parish Hall by Years 2, 3 and 5, this Tuesday, 20 December at 2 pm and 6 pm.

STAMPS: With the increased amount of mail coming through our doors at this time of year, please remember that we collect used stamps for our Missions. Please place them in the box in the church porch.

CHRISTMAS AT ST TERESA'S

Saturday, 24 December - 6.30 pm Vigil Mass of Christmas (A Family Celebration)
12.00 pm Midnight Mass (preceded by Carols at 11.40 pm)

Sunday, 25 December - Christmas Day - Mass at 9.00, and 10.30 am (with Children's Liturgy)

THE DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES for 2017 are now on sale in the Church Shop, priced £3.50.

A BIG THANK YOU

- From the SVP for the £179 which was kindly given in their collection "for the needy" last weekend
- For two generous donations given to the Parish this week – one of £400 from the Ladies of the Wednesday Afternoon Group, and one of £176 from the Anchorsholme Singers, being the proceeds of the raffle they had at their lovely Christmas Concert last Sunday. Again these are very helpful for our church organ renovation work (a brand new motor) which has been undertaken this week. For that a big thank you too, to Peter our Organist for coordinating the project – just in time for Christmas.

"CAFOD LANCASTER IS RECRUITING SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS who will promote her work in their local parish schools or areas. Training and support will be given to those who would like to join our team of volunteers. You do not necessarily need to have worked in a school environment but this role is particularly suitable for anyone retiring from the teaching profession and wishing to offer a limited amount of time promoting CAFOD and thereby supporting young people in the developing world to reach their potential. All volunteers must receive CAFOD's "Safeguarding" training and have a "D.B.S" in accordance with CAFOD's safeguarding policy.

If you are interested please call Patrick Gardner on 01772 733310."

A PRAYER FOR THE FINAL SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Eternal God, in the psalms of David, in the words of the prophets, in the dream of Joseph your promise is spoken. At last, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, your Word takes flesh.

Teach us to welcome Jesus, the promised Emmanuel, and to preach the good news of his coming, that every age may know him as the source of redemption and grace.

Grant this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.