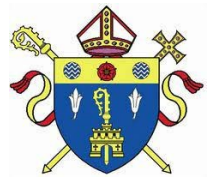




The Holy Family (Year B)

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Parish News & Events

Key: SM = St Mary, SG = St Gregory, OLSM = Our Lady & St Michael,

- Sat 30 Dec 2023 Vigil: The Holy Family**
- 17.45 SM Confessions
- 18.00 SM Mass (Betty Sheard & Family)
- Sun 31 Dec The Holy Family**
- 09.15 SG Confessions
- 09.30 SG Mass (Margaret Pattinson)
- 10.30 OLSM Mass (McKenna & McCourt Families)
- 12.00 OLSM Baptism - Daisy Hunter
- 18.00 OLSM Mass (People of the Parish)
- Mon 1 Jan 2024 Mary, Mother of God**
- 10.00 OLSM Mass (Vytialingam & Dawson Families)
- 18.00 OLSM Evening Prayer
- Tues 2 Jan St Basil & St Gregory Nazianzen**
- 09.30 SM Adoration
- 10.00 SM Mass (Rita Hamilton)
- 18.00 OLSM Evening Prayer
- Wed 3 Jan Most Holy Name of Jesus**
- 11.30 SG Lectio Divina
- 12.00 SG Mass (Very Special Intention)
- 18.00 OLSM Evening Prayer
- 18.30 OLSM Mass (Edmund & Margaret Hansen)
- Thur 4 Jan Thursday of Christmas Season**
- 10.00 SM Mass (Howard Mothersill)
- 18.00 OLSM Evening Prayer
- Fri 5 Jan Friday of Christmas Season**
- 11.30 SG Adoration
- 12.00 SG Mass (Dorothy & Mark James)
- 18.00 OLSM Evening Prayer
- Sat 6 Jan Saturday of Christmas Season**
- 10.00 OLSM Mass (Peter Westmancoat)
- 10.30 OLSM Confession, Adoration & Rosary
- Sat 6 Jan Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord**
- 17.45 SM Confessions
- 18.00 SM Mass (The Doran Family)
- Sun 7 Jan The Epiphany of the Lord**
- 09.15 SG Confessions
- 09.30 SG Mass (People of the Parish)
- 10.30 OLSM Mass (Malcolm Kelly)
- 11.00 SM Baptism - Jules Easterbrook
- 18.00 OLSM Mass (Pauline Parker)

Sanctuary Lamps (week beginning 31.12.23)

OLSM: Parish Volunteers

Lady Altar: Priests and Religious

SG: People of the Parish

SM: Forgotten Souls

Sacred Heart Altar: World Peace

Please remember in your prayers the sick & housebound: Catherine Wilson, Mabel Tognarelli, Doreen Doran, Fletcher Ditchburn, Anne Braniff, Dennis & Susan Castleton, Jack Gullen, Veronica Tubman, Joan Rodgers, Margaret McAleavey, Ibrahim Tobbya Shsha, Maureen Dolan, Brendan McManus, Donald Pettitt, Linda Tallentire, Mary Cronolly, Gilbert Carruthers, Marie Blair, Mary Murphy, Jim Cunningham, Geoff Williamson and Helen Bailey. **And those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** John Curwen Snr, Mary Murphy, Anne Torley, Maurice Hoban, Alan Muldrew, Jeannie Curwen, Kenneth May, Lynn Davies, Angus Walton, John Bechelli, Joan McKenna, Robert Carr and Mary Rea.

Thank you for last week's Offering £649.07. Details for online banking: Account - LRC DTR Christ the Good Shepherd. Sort Code: 40-27-02. Account No. 91752146.

Thank You! Fr Philip and Canon John would like to thank everyone who made the Christmas celebrations so special. All of the churches were beautifully decorated and the Liturgy was celebrated with great dignity. On behalf of the whole parish, our gratitude goes out to our sacristans, altar servers, choirs, musicians, cleaners, polishers, flower arrangers, welcomers, collectors, those who assembled the cribs, and decorated the churches, and many others who contribute in so many other ways to the life of the parish. The clergy would also like to thank you for all your Christmas cards, gifts and best wishes, and of course, your continuing prayers and all the support given along the way through the course of the year.

Thinking of becoming Catholic, or maybe you know someone who is interested? We will be beginning our journey of faith programme in the early New Year for those who want to find out more about the Catholic faith and would like to become full members of the Church. Please see one of the priests or contact the parish office.

Crib Offerings. This year Bishop Paul would like the Crib Offerings to be used for the Friends of the Holy Land. The story of Christmas takes place in Bethlehem and should beg the question what has happened to those first Christian communities founded in the place where our Hope was born. Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) help the most deprived Christian families, especially those living around Bethlehem, in Gaza, Israel and Jordan. FHL is committed to helping these families, it remains the only registered UK Charity with its own office, staff and volunteers in the City of Christ's birth. Further information on FHL is available on their website www.friendsoftheholylord.org.uk

Memory Tree in Our Lady & St Michael's. An opportunity to write down the names of loved ones who have died and place them on the Christmas tree in Our Lady's side chapel. If you would like to make a donation, we are raising money for the charity, *Mary's Meals*. *Mary's Meals* feed 2.4 million children across the world in their place of education, enabling them to escape the poverty trap and build a better future. It costs just £19.15 to feed one child for a whole year, and the Government is match-funding all donations to this charity before 22 January; all donations will be doubled.

Poinsettia - Thank you to all those who donated a Poinsettia in memory of a loved one. **Next Sunday 7 January you are invited to take them home.**

Wanted. Has anyone got any second-hand bikes that would be suitable for teenagers? Please see one of the priests.

Our thanks to Susan Marr who has been arranging flowers for 26 years at St Gregory's. Susan is stepping down from this role but would be delighted to help to train up a new budding generation of flower arrangers. If you would like to join the team please see Susan.

Open Door. St. Gregory's church restarts on Monday 8 January at 9am & Our Lady & St Michael's restarts on Friday 5 January at 10.30am. St Mary's church hall, Harrington, Thursdays, 10.30am.

2024 Lancaster Diocesan Directories are available from our Piety stalls - £6.00

Altar Servers Retreat at Castlerigg Manor, Keswick, from 5pm on Friday 12 January - 2pm on Saturday 13 January. Please contact Paul Briers if you would like to go. **There will be a second collection** for the Altar Servers next weekend (7/8 January) to support those who cannot afford the full cost of the retreat. Please place your donation in an envelope and mark for 'Altar Servers'.

White Flower Appeal 2024. The *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* will be holding it's appeal on the weekend of 13/14 January, helping to protect the sanctity of life from the womb to the tomb.

Other News and Events

Diocese of Lancaster Lourdes Pilgrimage, 23-30 July, led by Bishop Swarbrick. Please contact info@joewalshstours.co.uk or 0808 189 0468 for details. There is also a coach for youth which will include a day of sightseeing in Paris, for more information go to: youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk

*Come, Holy Spirit!
Give us the grace today to rise up,
to open wide the doors,
to go out of ourselves so as to
draw others to Christ,
to be disciples and to make
disciples, that we may walk in your
ways joyfully and build up Your
Church across West Cumbria.
We make this prayer through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*