

<b>THIS WEEKEND</b>	<b>Feast of the Holy Family</b>		<b>Year C</b>
Sat 29th December  St Thomas of Canterbury	<b>5.00pm</b>	St O	Mary Teresa Heatley
	<b>6.30pm</b>	St T	Kevin + Denis Slater & Lily Grant
Sun 30th December  Feast of the Holy Family	<b>8:30am</b>	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>
	<b>8:30am</b>	St O	Brigid Cooper
	<b>9.30am</b>	St T	Norma + Neville Barlow & Parishioners
	<b>11.00am</b>	St MM	Mary Conlon, Liam Turner Ian Taylor
<b>Divine Office Week 1</b>			
Mon 31st December	<b>9.30am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	St O St T	Priest's Intention Henry Eyles, Shelia Williams, Arthur Holmes
Tues 1st January	<b>9.30am</b>	St O	Priest's Intention
Wed 2nd January	<b>9.30am</b>	St MM	Private Intention Get Well Gohn Huggins
Thu 3rd January	<b>9.30am</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	St O St T	Priest's Intention Joe Holmes, Sid Simpson
Fri 4th January	<b>9.15am</b> <b>9.30am</b>	St T St O	Ann Allen Priest's Intention
<b>NEXT WEEKEND</b>	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>		<b>Year C</b>
Sat 5th January	<b>10.00am</b>	St T	Confessions
	<b>5.00pm</b>	St O	Priest's Intention
	<b>6.30pm</b>	St T	Frank Pilkington
6th January  Epiphany of the Lord	<b>8:30am</b>	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>
	<b>8:30am</b>	St O	Parishioners
	<b>9.30am</b>	St T	Brenda Sturrock & Parishioners
	<b>11.00am</b>	St MM	Cecelia Goode, James Hardacre


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**Confessions** 1st (St T) and 2nd (St O) Sat at 10.00am

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## 4th Sunday of Advent: 23rd December 2018

**Christmas is God's response to the drama of humanity in search of true peace' (Benedict XVI)**

As we leave the season of Advent and step into the celebration of Christmas, we are given a liturgy filled with promise and hope. In his Gospel, St Luke shows how salvation dawns through the meeting of two women. The Father's promise for humanity is fulfilled in Mary, the "most blessed of all women". Elizabeth recognises this through the movement of her own child within. This week, let's pray that God's life and strength, rooted ever deeper in our hearts, may give rise to a new and hopeful way of worship through self-giving love.

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## Feast of the Holy Family: 30th December 2018

Our celebration of this feast announces that there is a lasting value in the ideals of family life, and the relationship between husband, wife, parents and children. Whatever the changing details of each age, honour, understanding and love always remain the recipe for the perfect, and holy, human family. It is love that we put on over all the other clothes of changing cultures and places, to guarantee the life of the family in imitation of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. So whatever the shape and size of your family, even if your family is just you, today is for you.



**The Romero Room this week:**

**Sundays:** At 9.30am Mass: Children's Liturgy. **After Mass** tea and coffee.

**Bereavement Tea and Chat:** The next afternoon will be Sunday 30th December 3.00pm-4.00pm St Teresa's Church in the Romero Room. Please invite those who would find it helpful, all are welcome.

**St Teresa:** No Knit-a-Bit or SVP meetings on Monday 24th and 31st December, recommence on Monday 7th January 2019 at usual times.

**St Teresa:** No Friday exercise classes on 21st Dec, 28th Dec, 4th Jan. Classes resume 11th Jan 2019.

**The SVP** would like to thank all those who attended the recent carol concert where the collection raised £300. This will be spent locally by the SVP helping those in need. Thank you very much.

**Primary School Admissions 2019/20:** The closing date for September 2019 admission applications is Tuesday 15th January 2019. Apply online [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

**Fr Roy & Fr Michael, wish you and your families the peace and joy of the Christmas season. We are truly blessed to be the parish priests in our two wonderful parishes at this time. Thank you to everyone who has helped us in any way to celebrate the great feast of Christmas. It is certainly encouraging to see so many who give of their time and their gifts. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to you all.**

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Sat 22nd December	5.00pm	St O	Deceased members of the Pooley & Mellows Family, Frances Duignan + Roy Tilling
	6.30pm	St T	Mary Eland, Kathleen Hatsell, Atheron, Coleman + Swarbrick Families RIP & Parishioners
Sun 23rd December	8:30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>
	8:30am	St O	Mary Curtis, Brian Miller
	9.30am	St T	Margaret + Don Goodwin Deceased of the Stuart Family
	11.00am	St MM	John Conlon, Martha Airey

Divine Office Week 4			
Mon 24th December	5.00pm	St MM	Fr T Cotter, Deceased Relatives of the Hardman family
Christmas Eve	5.00pm	St T	Parishioners
	7.00pm	St O	James and Philomena Mellows Robert and Michael McClellan Maureen and Eric Sarginson Freda and Ernie Moore
	10.00pm	ST T	Frank and Stella Melling Julie Finch
Tues 25th December	8.30am	St MM	<i>Latin Extraordinary Form Mass</i>
Christmas Day	8.30am	St O	Parishioners Intentions
	10.00am	St T	Joseph Tipping & Parishioners
Wed 26th Dec			No Mass
St Stephen			
Thurs 27th December	9.30am	St O	Nancy Pope
St John the Evangelist	10.00am	St MM	Marjorie May and Family
Fri 28th December	9.30am	St O	Roy Tilling
The Holy Innocents	10.00am	St T	Brenda Sturrock
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