

Holy Family Little Church

“A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, “I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

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Do the Next Right Thing

“What should we do?” The question in today’s gospel strikes at the very core of our being. It comes to us in many different ways. Regardless of how it comes about, that question brings us to a crossroads. It is a place of discernment and decision and ultimately a place of metanoia (i.e. change of mind and heart). We must begin looking for a new direction for our life.

Many years ago a dear friend and mentor pointed out to me some hard truths about my life. I remember asking him, “So what should I do now?” He looked at me and simply said, “Go do the next right thing.” That was not an answer that I either understood or wanted. As our discussion continued I realised he was not telling me to go fix my life all at once. He was only asking me to take the first step in a new direction. “What should I do after that,” I asked him. His answer was the same. “Go do the next right thing. And after that go do the next right thing.” He set me on a path of metanoia. These small and simple, though not necessarily easy steps would become life changing behaviour.

That is exactly what John the Baptist tells those who ask him, “What should we do?” It is asked three times – by the crowds, the tax collectors, and the soldiers. He told them to go and do the next right thing. John did not tell any of them to go and be something different. Instead he called them to be who they are but in a different way. He did not tell the tax collectors to go find an honest living. He asked of them honest tax collecting. He did not tell the soldiers to stop being soldiers but to be soldiers who respected others and understood the danger of power. He called the crowds to remember that their life is bound up in their neighbour’s life and there is no room for indifference, complacency, or miserly giving.

Metanoia is not just about us. It is connected to and happens in relationship with God and our neighbour. It always restores, enhances, and gives life. It is not about escaping the circumstances of our life but about engaging those circumstances in a new and different way – God’s way. Metanoia opens us to see ourselves and each other as we really are in God.

Michael Marsh

Third Sunday of Advent Year C

16th December 2018

Eucharistic Prayer: 1

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 15th December 2018

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	For our parish	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Leonard Stevens Bernard Moore	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>Holy Family</i>	Jo Counsell	
Tue 2.00pm	<i>St Anthony</i>	<i>FUNERAL:</i> Andrew Roe	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	Irene Hamilton	
Thur 9.15am	<i>Holy Family</i>	Private Intention	
Fri 9.15am 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Harry Thompson	<i>Exposition & Holy Communion</i>
Sat: 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	William Norman Hartley	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Dec. m Fitzgerald/Williams For our parish	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance 82 Offertory: £140. Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week:

Juliet Marianne Aitken, Margaret Burscough, Joe Holmes, Fr. G. Dunn, Edmund Machholz, William Devereux, Gerry Allen, Francis Vincent Machin.

Monday 'Surgery'

Fr. Peter will be in Holy Family Church from 5.30-6.30pm this Monday evening especially for anyone who wants a word about baptisms, weddings, Sacrament of Reconciliation etc.

Lost keys?

A small bunch of house keys was found outside church a couple of weeks ago. There was a 'rosary ring' on the key ring so they probably belong to one of our parishioners. See Fr. P.

Please remember in your prayers

Bill O'Shaughnessy, Malaya, Ray Mannion, Bob Blacoe, Rhoda Case, Bill York, Lawrence Dunnagan, Trevor Hughes, Claire, Rowland Eyre;

those who have died recently: Joseph Holmes, Frank Machin, Andrew Roe;

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Pauline Daly, Elizabeth Waterfield, Edward Walsh, Margaret Southworth, Sheila Hill, Agnes Riley, Kathleen (Babs) Marshall, Louis Baron, Lena Cragg, Helena Hodgson, Henry Hearne, Michael McCann.
May they rest in peace.

Lancashire Sings Christmas with Joe Wilson

Radio Lancashire are broadcasting this annual event THIS Thursday 20th December from 7 - 8 pm. This year the theme is Poverty and Hope and it will feature the ecumenical Share IT! project of the churches in Ingol. It will come from Holy Family Pastoral Centre with Sister Eileen. We need a good crowd on the night to create a good community atmosphere."

Holy Family Carols By Candlelight - Tomorrow

Monday 17th December in Holy Family Church at 7pm. Enjoy many traditional carols as well as a few surprises. Mince pies and hot drinks will be served after the service.

Service of Reconciliation

As in previous years we will be joining St. Gregory's parish for a Service of Reconciliation. This year it is on Thursday 20th December in St. Gregory's church.

St. Anthony's & Holy Family Christmas Concert

Thanks to all involved in the Carols Service & Concert last Sunday—the singers from St. Anthony's and Holy Family, the Readers, and those who organised the refreshments and Raffle. The combined total raised from the concert, raffle, refreshments and singalong was just over £190. Rather than just putting the money in the CAFOD account we will instead buy a 'Marvellous Moo Cow' (£150) and an emergency 'Shelter Pack' (£40), both from the CAFOD World Gifts catalogue.

Tea and Toast after Mass

If anyone is interested in joining the tea and toast rota for Sundays after mass, either as a group or as individuals to make a team, please see Margaret or Jane.

Conscrit Party 2019

The annual noughties party is provisionally booked for Friday the 8th February. If any one has a birthday that ends in a 0 next year then please can you check that you are in the book with Jane or Caroline. So if your birth year ends in a 9, that means you!!! Everyone is welcome to come, so get planning your act.

Free TV Licence?

The Government's backing for the free TV licence for over 75's ends in 2020, leaving the BBC with a potential huge shortfall if they take up funding it. They have opened a consultation with several options, including stopping it completely. If you are an elderly person living on a very low income, possibly using the local food bank, a TV licence could be something you could not afford. If you have an opinion, and would like to share it with those doing the national survey for the BBC, please look at bbc.co.uk/yoursay, or ring 0800 232 1382 for paper information and quote Your Say.

Share-It Food Bank (at Holy Family)

Thank you for the donations of food throughout the year. For the next few weeks we'd be grateful for any **festive food treat** for our Christmas parcels. For example:

Shower gel (male/Female)	Deodorant (m/f)	socks
Woolly hat	tissues	nail brush
Bar of chocolate	Razors	packet chocolate swiss rolls

Thank you for your generous giving.