## Chorley St. Laurence - Prayers and Notices 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Services Please remember in your prayers: Our church community: 19. Standish Stitchers, 20. St. Laurence's School, 21. St. I ministry group & Prayer Circle, 23. Shop Team, 24. Art Example Against Poverty (CAP), 26. Alpha and study courses

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Parish Streets:	Vine St, Walgarth Drive, Warton Place, Water St, Waterloo St	
In Chorley:	All who represent the town in sport	
Schools:	We pray for our local schools and this week especially for Buckshaw Primary School	
For The Sick:	Doris Smethurst, Joyce Purcell, Katherine Glover, Dorothy Treadwell, Sarah and Dan Proctor & family, Helga Griffiths, Brian Clarke, Sarah and Leslie Barraclough, John Smith, Gavin Roberts.	
RIP:	Thelma Warburton	
Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:	Doreen McCann, Stanley Charlton, James Tattersall, Alexander Coulton, Phyllis Catherine Talbot, Margaret Thersby, Pamela Parry	

If you have any specific requests for prayer, please contact Joan Hayward 07500 776195 and these will be passed on to our Healing Prayer Group. Confidentiality is assured.

## **Service Times**

## Sunday 21st December at 11.00am

Sung Eucharist with Sermon (at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church)

followed by Festive Jacobs Join in St Mary's Parish Centre (the bar will be open)

Please note there are no services in Buckshaw Primary School this weekend, they will resume on Saturday 10 January

Please note that St. Mary's will be holding their own service 9.30am until 10.30am so please do not arrive before 10.30am.

**Special Prayer**: Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Christmas Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.

Readings: Romans 1.1-7, Matthew 1.18-25 Christmas Eve: Titus 2.11-14, John 1.1-4 Christmas Day: Hebrews 1.1-6, Luke 2.1-14

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER** – Sign up to our weekly newsletter where you can find up to date information about all aspects of church life from upcoming events, Wellness Hub activities and building work updates. Sign up using the QR codes in church or follow the website link under What's On

**REST DAY** - Fr Neil 's rest days next week is **Monday**, Fr Cornelius' rest day next week is **Tuesday** 

CHRISTMAS SERVICES- you're invited to join us at the following services:

9 Lessons and Carols on Sunday 21st December at 6.3opm in St George's Church, St George's Street

Christmas Eve Crib Service on 24th December at 5pm in St Peter's, Harpers Lane

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass on 24th December at 11.30pm in St Peter's, Harpers Lane

Christmas Day Eucharist with Carols on 25th December at 10am in St Peter's, Harpers Lane

Christmas Communion. If illness prevents you from coming to the Christmas Services, and you would like to receive Holy Communion at home on Christmas Day, or the days following Christmas, please contact Fr. Neil on 07980 872203 and he will be only too pleased to bring Communion to you.