

NEWS FROM ST JOSEPH'S RC CHURCH PENKETH



Shelter at Christmas 2021

This year 'Shelter' is inviting us to spread some joy with their Christmas e-cards to support their fight for the homeless. Send your best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with Shelter's online greeting cards. Choose from Shelter's range of traditional or religious designs. Just pick which one you like, add your message, donate, and send. It's easy. Visit the page at www.england.shelter.org.uk/support_us/ecards

In looking to support the homeless at Christmas you can also visit.
www.crisis.org.uk

Be A Christmas Foodbank Hero

We've become accustomed to the foodbanks in the doorways of our supermarkets. We've become accustomed to foodbank volunteers handing out leaflets at the bottom of the supermarket escalators. We've become so accustomed to the sight that it has blended into our 'wallpaper mindset'. But what we must try to remember is that in 2020/21 approximately 2.5 million people used a food bank in the United Kingdom, over 600 thousand more than the previous year. Throughout the provided time the number of food bank users has increased in every year, from just under 26 thousand in 2008/09. At Christmas more than ever we are asked to donate one or two simple items each time we visit the supermarket.

Care for Our Common Home Plant a Tree This Christmas **20 million trees by 2030**

Plant a tree this Christmas and you'll be helping to support the National Trust's aim of planting and establishing 20 million trees by 2030.

You can plant a tree for yourself, as a gift to someone special or in memory of a loved one. Whichever you choose, you'll help nature to thrive so that future generations can enjoy spending time in the shade of these beautiful giants. Donate £5 or more and you'll also receive a digital certificate by email, which you can keep for yourself or send to someone else.

Whilst the trust will do its best to personalise and email your certificate in time for Christmas, dedications made after 17 December cannot be guaranteed.

The suggested minimum donation amount is £5 as this is what it costs to plant one new sapling. No matter what the size of your gift, your donation to the trust's plant a tree fund will help create beautiful green spaces for people and wildlife to thrive.

St Joseph's Advent Services

In addition to the normal mass times, additional celebrations will be held in the church and the Loreto Room as a way of preparing ourselves for Christmas. All are welcome across the St Gregory's Deanery and further afield. The events in the third week of advent (13/12 to 17/12) will be as follows:

3rd Week of Advent

Monday & Friday 9.00 am Morning Prayer followed by 9:30am Mass

Wednesday 15th Dec 6.00pm Mass 6.30 pm "And the Word became flesh" (Jn 1: 14). Advent Reflection in the Loreto Room. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

Thursday 16th Dec 9.00 is till 12 noon - Exposition and Benediction.

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Update on Fr. Malcolm Prince

Fr Malcolm Prince can now be visited at Nazareth House, Liverpool Road, Great Crosby, L23 0QT. Visits are by appointment only because of the need for a Covid test (nose) before entering and a wait of 20 minutes and the number to call is 0151 928 3254 to book in. Fr Malcolm does have a direct line on 0151 928 4729 but his speech can be difficult to understand at times so the line is best used for short calls only.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ



Exciting News!! The world famous **St. Joseph's Christmas Quiz** will return on **Sunday, 19th December**. Prompt start at **9pm** lots of prizes to be won and all proceeds will go to St. Joseph's Family Centre. If anyone would like to donate a prize - please drop it off at the Presbytery. Thank you.