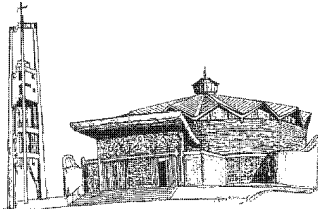


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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS / VISITORS

Please fill in our new Record Form, or if you move house within the parish please amend a new form.



Saturday 12th March

6.00 (Vigil Mass) E.B.C.

Sunday 13th March First Sunday of Lent

- 9.30 Presentation of Catechumen & Candidates for full reception / E J Whelan's intentions
- 11.00 The Parish/Rhoda & Frank Fletcher Wedding Anniversary

Monday 14th March

- 9.00 90th Birthday Intention
- 12.15 John Commons successful operation

Tuesday 15th March

- 8.00 With Schools Elizabeth Turner
- 12.15 Alan Donnelly Anniversary

Wednesday 16th March

- 9.00 Hilda and Paul Gent
- 12.15 Barbara Musgrave

Thursday 17th March St Patrick Patron of Ireland

- 8.00 (In Church) Cora Oddie
- 12.15 Elizabeth Kitching (Birthday Remembrance)



Friday 18th March CAFOD Lent fast day.

- 8.15 (High School) Lee Derbyshire
- 9.00 In thanksgiving for 28 years
- 11.30 Stations of the Cross in Church.
- 12.15 Gareth Bromley

Saturday 19th March

St Joseph (husband of Mary)

- 9.00 Francis Dever 80th Birthday Remembrance
- 12.00 Marriage of Paul Kenworthy and Amanda Ross
- 6.00 (Vigil Mass) Presentation Mass for Confirmation/ Confirmation Candidates Intentions



Sunday 20th March Second Sunday of Lent

- 9.30 E.B.C.
- 11.00 The Parish

Confessions Saturday 9.30 - 10.00 a.m. (or when they end) and c 5.15 - 6.00 p.m. Also

Confessions at any time.

Last Sunday: Offertory Loose Plate £648.72 Gift Aid £245.00

Many thanks!

For Gift Aid contact Gerry Brown 431002/John Baggaley 432683

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

The Congregation says: May this sacrament unite them with Christ and his Church and give them consolation and peace.

Adoration in the Special Chapel when you can come. Come and spend some time with the risen Lord in peace and quiet, hallowing God's name and praying for all.

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First Sunday of Lent P.73

Theme: Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.



THE PARISH FAMILY

BY BAPTISM WE WELCOME: Demi Marie

Bates, Declan Lee Golding, Jay Wallbank, Aaron Andrew Blacow, and Sophia Erin Woodman

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK Bishop Ambrose, Tony Lyonette, Keith Mayor, Wanda Brown, Betty Kelly (Maxine & Angela's Mum), Anne-Marie Ward, Marjorie Brady, Patricia Cross, Barbara Madigan, Fr David Morland OSB (Ampleforth), Fr. Bede Moore OSB (Belmont Abbey), John Mills, Derrick Fitzsimmons, Denis Chatburn (operation), Lily Sheeran, Lee Derbyshire, Gaynor Hilliard, Eric Woof, Lynn Hamer, Annie Kelly, Gordon Cottle, Patricia Thompson, Alan Newby, Vincent McFarlane, May Stromberg, Robert Williams, Joan Walmsley, Jimmy Doherty, Anne Smith, Henry Deacon, Sheila Latham, Kathleen Heywood, Maria Whitfield, Imogen Stafford (Primary School), Elle Miller (High School), John Southworth, John Kelly, Terry Donnelly, Steve Jones, Mary Magee, Mary Douglas, Tracey Anne Holly, Joe Breen, Jenny Finch, Paul Hewitt, Jim McKay, Dot Reynolds, Susan McCarthy, Walburga Hall, Danny Bonner, Gerald Ralphs, Graham Halstead, and all connected with us (*see long term sick on the boards if a name is not on this list*) Please let us have names by Thursday for the sick lists.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED: Especially Pam Mulhall, (former teacher St. Mary's Primary School) Mildred Walsh (mother of Susan Marsden) and Pauline Kirby (Ken Kirby's widow & former Club Manager) who died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: June Loring, Olive Read, Neil Lewis, Alan Donnelly, Agnes Brophy, Ron Hedley, Olive Pilkington, Margaret Waidson, Florence Lee, Harry Mawson, George Johnstone, Joan Goldsmith, Margaret Burke, Keith Owen McDonagh and Jack Muldowney.

THIS WEEK Today: First Sunday of Lent

Family Prayer: Leigh family, 8 Kirkham Close
Right of Election John Tucker, Alison and Lucy Clayton will be at the cathedral today with their sponsors and the Journey in faith group to celebrate the rite of election prior to their entry into full communion with us at Easter time. Rejoice and pray with John, Alison and Lucy, and for them.
Prayer meeting today in Church. All are welcome 3pm
No journey in Faith today Youth Group 7-9pm

Monday: Church cleaning 9 am Æo team
St Mary's 1st Reconciliation in Church 6.30 pm
Widows Welcome Club 7.30 pm

Tuesday: Candidates, Parents & Sponsors in Church 7 6 8.30 pm
S.V.P. Abbot H Room 8 pm

Wed-Fr. Ambrose on previous Sunday's readings 7pm (*see over*)



Thursday: St Anne's 1st Reconciliation in Church 6.30 pm
Home Rosary ó Pat Bibby, 1 Ribble Road,

Friday: Divine Mercy prayers 11.00 am in the Adoration Chapel.
Stations of the Cross 11.30 am
Fr. Stephen's Lenten Evening Prayer, stories, thoughts 7.30pm
Priory House.

NEXT SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Lent

Journey in Faith 5-6pm Youth Group Indoor games 7-9pm

Confirmations We have over 90 confirmation candidates to be confirmed on Sunday 27th March at mass at 5pm with Bishop Tom Williams. There are two more sessions before the day.

- Tuesday 15th March this week 7pm a meeting in Church for Candidates, Parents and Sponsors for a final practical and spiritual preparation before Confirmation.
- Saturday next 19th March 6pm mass Presentation mass of all candidates to the Parish before their confirmation.

Please pray for the candidates and their families and sponsors.

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday in Lent at 11.30 am. All are most welcome.



Special for Lent -

- There will be a joint reflection led by Fr Ambrose on the previous Sunday's readings on each Wednesday of Lent at 7.00pm in the Priory house starting this Wednesday on 16th March.
- Fr. Stephen's Lenten Evenings Prayer, stories and Lenten thoughts on Fridays in Lent at 7.30pm Priory House.

Lenten Alms Box This is marked in the Narthex for anyone wishing to help Christians in the Holy Land.

Easter Update - The closing date for sending in articles for inclusion in the magazine is Sunday, 13 March. You must act now - and by no later than this weekend to make your contribution to its pages. Thank you to all who have sent in material - hopefully it will all help towards the production of a very interesting and informative issue. The Editor.

Alice in Wonderland will be performed by our High School on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week (16, 17, 18th) 7.30pm. It is a semi professional production. Tickets from School (421909) Adults £5.50. Children and senior citizens £4 & family ticket £15.50 (two adults two children).

Mission Boxes - these will be emptied during the next two weeks. The Foreign Missions say thank you to all concerned.

HELP - we are short of two more Church cleaners to sweep and polish. The work is not too hard, we are a friendly bunch and it is only once a fortnight. Perhaps you could take it on as a Lenten task and enjoy the company. We stop for a cup of tea and a chat. If you are considering it, come along on a Monday morning at 9 am and meet our friendly bunch.



Lourdes Treasurers will be in the Library after 9.30 am Mass
NEXT Sunday (20th)

CAFOD Lent Fast Day and give it up! Friday 18th March. Lent is a time for transformation. CAFOD is asking us to create amazing transformations in the lives of some of the world's poorest families. You will read about Amparo, a mother from Columbia, in her troubles from the envelopes. To help many in need, please give what you can at Fast Day. Thank you!

19th Annual United in Prayer Day - Sat 19th March 10.30 am - 4 pm at the Tabor Retreat Centre, Preston. Please see poster.

Ampleforth ladies Retreat 20 -22 May. Those wishing to go please contact Kate Jordan (Tel 435721) asap.

500 CLUB CONGRATULATIONS!

£100 Winner C & A Leigh Week 8 No. 339 Agent E Ellison

The Green Cottage Informal talk Monday 21st March at URC Hough Lane 7pm by Andy Hunt whose terraced house is "green". He is the sustainability manager at Trafford Council, and he has transformed his house. It may help any to take some steps to make their dwelling more environmentally friendly. See poster.

West of Preston Churches evening discussion series on Wednesday 23rd March at 7 pm - A brief history of Islam in Britain. Please see poster

Chorley & District Choral Society presents 'Saturday Night's Music Night' on 26th March, 7.30 pm in Chorley Town Hall. Please see the poster

Power and Love weekend - 25 - 27 March. Cor et Lumen Christ. Wigton Old Convent with Fr Pat Collins & Andrew Fava. Donation only - accommodation available. Contact Fr Stephen on 455955



Please give blood Thursday 31st march 2 - 4 pm and 5 - 7.30 pm at SRBC please see poster.

CTL presents the One Voice Choir April 1st 2011. You'd be a fool to miss this! The One Voice Choir in concert St. Andrew's Church at 7.30pm. Programme includes music by Handel, Rutter, Mendelssohn, and of course "All on an April Evening". Tickets from choir members £5 (suggested donation) including refreshments or ask your CTL rep (Agnes Chester, Lesley Raven) Proceeds to cover costs of CTL which is short of funds!! Hope to see you there.



Beginning Experience Weekend 1 - 3 April @ St Joseph's Formby for those who have suffered loss & pain. See poster.

South Ribble Transition Towns - 'raising awareness to help create a thriving, sustainable community in the face of rising oil prices and climate change.' Meeting on Tuesday 5th April at 4 pm at the United Reformed Church, Hough Lane. Please see poster.

Celebrate Weekend 30th April - 1st May 2011 The Easter week Celebrate conference is a wonderful experience through which very many whole families have grown up in their faith, but it is in Devon and cannot be held this year because of the late date of Easter. This non-residential weekend is in Macclesfield and so easily accessible from here and much less costly. It will provide faith and fun for the whole family so why not try it! Highly recommended by Fr Ambrose. Application forms available after Mass. See also the poster.

WORD OF LIFE

Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word (Lk 1:38)

The will of God is a golden thread, a divine pattern woven through the whole of our earthly life and beyond. It is a plan that starts from eternity and goes to eternity. At first it is in the mind of God, then on this earth and, in the end, in Paradise. But in order for God's design to be completely fulfilled, God asks for my assent, for your assent, as he did with Mary. This is the only way to fulfil the word that God has uttered about me, about you. So we too, like Mary, are asked to say: Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.

Copies of the full text are on the table in front of the Piety Shop.

Please help yourself