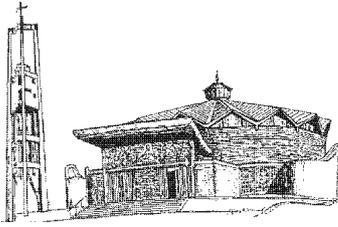


The Year of Faith

OCTOBER 11 2012
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Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity

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 20th April

6.00 (Vigil Mass) Fr Abbot's intentions

Sunday 21st April 4th Sunday of Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

9.30 The Parish
11.00 E.B.C.

Monday 22nd April

9.00 Sister Mary Camillus Finn
12.15 John Rigby (L & C)



Tuesday 23rd April St George

8.00 (With Schools) Paul Minihan
12.15 Stan Joseph Waterworth anniversary

Wednesday 24th April

9.00 Berna Banks
12.15 Fr Geoffrey Lynch
2.00pm Funeral service for Thomas Hardy



Thursday 25th April St Mark

8.00 (Alverna) David
12.15 Frank Loftus
2.30 Funeral service for Doris Abram

Friday 26th April

9.00 Marian Kirk
12.15 Fowler family

Saturday 27th April

9.00 Donald Bond
12.00 Nuptial Mass
for Matthew Holmes and Sharon Dewhurst
6.00 (Vigil Mass) The Parish / Doris Abram RIP

Sunday 28th April 5th Sunday of Easter

9.30 E.B.C. / Thomas Hardy RIP
11.00 E J Whelan's intentions

Confessions Saturday 9.30 - 10.00 am (or when they end) and c 5.15 - 6.00 pm. Also Confessions at any time. Ring for a mutually convenient time with one of the priests.

Last Sunday: Offertory Loose Plate £403.28 Gift Aid £559.60
Many thanks!

For Gift Aid contact 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.

New numbered & named envelopes are on the tables in the ambulatory. Un-numbered envelopes are also there. Thanks to the organisers

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4th Sunday of Easter 2013

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Theme: I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me

THE PARISH FAMILY

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK Doris Abraham, Catherine Lomas, Bridget Whelan, Marie Farrer, Tom Watson, Muara Whitfield, Frances Hart, Margaret Morhpew, Jack Hardwick, Ken Knight, Tommy Bellamy, Mary Commons, Jenny Campbell, Rita Bleasedale, Martin Glancy, Pat Clensey, John Mallon, Frank Loftus, Peter Gleave, Gail Kelly, Baby Holly, Kathleen Walsh, Alan Williams, Mary Pemberton, Sarah Latham, Dale Zaporowski, Terry Donnelly, Simon Brown, Sr Susan FMSJ, Jackie Holly, Len Rice, Frank Calderbank, Kath Heywood, Gerry Heywood, Georgia Martin, Sandra Parsons, Maree Coan, Miller girls, Margaret Miller, Tracey Anne Holly, Danny Bonner, and connected with us, Gillian Sergeant, Kit Halliwell, Baby Isla Jones, Michael Morgan, Victor Hill, Sandra Harrison, Ann Easton, Agnes Salisbury, Jack Madigan, Lilian Heyes, Rose Marie Foster, Maureen & Andrew Liddell.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED:

Especially Fr George Russell (Liverpool) and Thomas Hardy; continue to pray for Kelly Webster and Lauren Thornton who died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Ethel Colleran, Michael Lord, Francis Worthington, Margaret Varey, Mary Donaldson, Paul Simon Cotterell, Elizabeth McCarthy, Sheila Mackenzie, Mary Frances Parker, Peggy Holland, Winifred Henry and Velda Libreri.

THIS WEEK Today: 4th Sunday of Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

1.30 pm South Ribble St George's Day Parade

Youth Group 7 pm

Family Rota of Prayer: Barron family, 28 Pasturefield

Monday: Church cleaning 9 am 'A' team
Widows Welcome 7.30 pm

Tuesday: Catechists meeting 6pm to plan the next session.

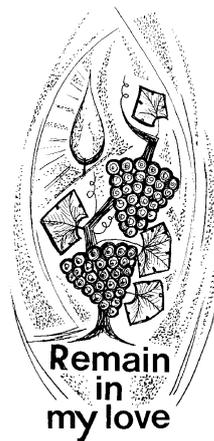
S.V.P. Abbot H Room 8 pm

Wednesday: Prayer Group following 9 am Mass

Friday: Divine Mercy prayers 11.00 am in the Adoration Chapel. Everyone welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY: 5th Sunday of Easter

Journey in Faith 5-6pm. Youth Group 7 pm
If anyone is interested in exploring the Catholic Faith with a view to discern if God wants them to enter it contact Fr. Jonathan



500 CLUB CONGRATULATIONS!

£100 Winner G Cummings Week 14 No. 282 Agent E Ellison

AFRICAN NIGHT II to raise funds for the Church heating. Saturday 4th May at 7.30 pm in the Priory Club. It will be a wonderful evening. Please see Mel or Ethel Singo, Gerry Snape, Catherine Sullivan or Mark Todd for more information. Tickets on sale after mass.

Liverpool Justice and Peace – an evening with Mark Lister 23rd May at 7.30 pm, St Michael's Liverpool. See poster

Liturgical Matters and reverence



In Church the way we conduct ourselves affects each other. We priests are frequently very encouraged when we see parishioners "wrapped up in the things of God" as they pray. Reverence is caught and not taught. When a priest

observes strong belief and love in a person, - it may be praying or in other ways - it can help him be a better priest! Hopefully vice-versa also!

The Vatican Council teaches that the mass is the source and summit of our Christian life. The purpose of Mass or the Eucharist is that we become one with God and with each other. Our unity with God and each other is nothing we can manufacture on our own. Rather it is a gift of God. Therefore for us all to be able to receive such a great gift our focus has to be on God, not so much on our neighbour.



In a round Church it is easy to be distracted by the people across the Church who you see from the front so to speak. I (Fr. Jonathan) find that when I am praying it is helpful for me to close my eyes, shut out the

distractions, and be present to God himself through the words I hear and the feelings I have. I have noticed that others in the congregation do the same. I rejoice when I see it. If I am united with God, then I am united with my neighbour who is united with God. My neighbour is present in the right way to me.

Holy Communion is a moment when we achieve consuming union with God: a moment for great reverence. My faith is often strengthened by the devotion of parishioners receiving Holy Communion. The Pastoral Councillors have discussed reverence as we go to Holy Communion in our Church on two occasions and we want to strengthen and build on our present practice. There is no sense of coercion or "must" about it.

As we come down to Holy Communion it is important we should be recollected within. Those who would like could make an act of external reverence to show their internal belief and love of Our Lord. We already do this as the reply we say to the minister's "The Body of Christ" or "The Blood of Christ" is AMEN. That amen is important and shows our belief in the real presence of Jesus, and our belonging to the Body of Christ.

There are perhaps three other ways to do this but without any ostentation or showing off:

1. we could make a solemn bow before we receive the sacred host;
2. we could make a reverent and not a slap dash sign of the cross before we receive;
3. we could genuflect beforehand if we want to do so.

The Church offers the option to receive on the hand or on the tongue. Both are reverent ways, as in the early Church they were taught to make a throne for God, normally left hand over right but at least one over the other, not hands together palm to palm; this way to receive is less prone to spread germs. To receive in the mouth has happened for hundreds of years. Whatever way we receive is good, as long as it is fitting and acceptable. May we all help each other on our Holy Journey to God. We hope things will develop in a natural and unforced way for the benefit of all and the glory of God.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholic singles.org.uk or email info@catholic singles.org.uk

Our Heating System For more information on our heating system please go to last week's bulletin on the website. Your generosity continues and the money saved has risen last week from £59K to £63.5K. Any left over money will be used for the now second phase, that will make our heating system "eco-friendly" in 2014 our Golden Jubilee year.

We have produced giving envelopes for people to divide up the costs of bigger items into more manageable units.

- Rycroft Buffer vessel: £5,730.00
 - Pipe work heating, gas and drainage £4,220.00
- Received £220.00
- Specialist Valves and Ancillaries: £4,200.00

Please continue to fund raise; any ideas appreciated; every donation however small or large will be welcome. Many thanks to all parishioners for all you do to support us.

Confirmations and First Communions of children. On Sundays 12th (St. Mary's) and 19th May (St. Anne's) will be the Confirmations and First Communions with a single morning Mass at 10.00am. A letter will be going out to all involved as soon as possible.

High School confirmations: Thursday 9th May at 7pm. If anyone wishes to be confirmed who is not confirmed already, please contact Church to make the arrangements for another occasion.



Garden Party 9th June

We are starting to collect items for the Garden Party stalls, particularly **tombola prizes, jewellery and good condition toys**. In due course we will be requiring filled jars and good quality bric-a-brac (not jumble). If you can help, please leave items at the Priory House. Thank you. Many new ideas this year: and as before one morning mass at 10.30am

Mariapolis invitations are in Narthex: At Cefn Lee, Wales 29th July - 2nd August. Our experience of the family party after Easter Sunday morning mass is a bit like the Mariapolis: there is a lot shared and learnt by all, and a lot of fun. The group *hope* to be able to offer some financial assistance to those who cannot afford the whole cost.

WORD OF LIFE

Beloved, do not grumble against one another (James 5:9)

But even though all these more or less serious contradictions and inconsistencies stem from a faith that is not always enlightened and a love of God and neighbour that is still very imperfect, as

Christians our first reaction should not be impatience and inflexibility but what Jesus taught. He tells us to wait patiently, be understanding and merciful, which helps develop that seed of goodness sown in us, as explained in the parable of weeds among the wheat (Mt 13:24-30; 36-43)

Copies of the full text are on the table in front of the Piety Shop or on the website. Please help yourself