

Confessions Saturday 24th February 9.30 - 10 am (P) (or when they end) and 5 - 6 pm (J). Also Confessions at any time. Ring to arrange.

Last Sunday: Offertory Loose Plate £511.89 Gift Aid £623.60

For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683 **Many thanks!**

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 Church. St. Joseph's Adoration Chapel

You are welcome to pop in any time.

500 CLUB' CONGRATULATIONS TO M Stuart

£100 Winner 303 Week 6 Agent M Giles

Prayer in preparation for the National Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for the Archdiocesan Synod 2020

We thank you Father for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son. Keep us grateful each day for the blessings that surround us. As we are fed by you, so now send us out to share what we have received with our hungry brothers and sisters. We humbly ask your help to become the Church that you are calling us to be: a community that listens, that trusts, that lives with courage and that puts out its nets into new waters. May the gentle presence of Christ in our hearts be a source of healing, of new life and of a deeper trust in you. We ask this in faith through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Mariapolis Preparation afternoon Next Sunday in the Priory house from 14:30 - 16:00 the local Focolare Community will be preparing for the forthcoming Mariapolis to be held at Ampleforth 4th -8th April in Easter week. All ages, all denominations (the majority are Catholic), all religions, people of no religious convictions, Anyone who may be curious or interested could come next Sunday to find out more. We will have a crèche for the youngest ones and activities for older young ones. For adults sharing about the Mariapolis, and an introduction and a short Gospel passage shared reflection. At the Mariapolis the young ones are catered for with a special programme that leaves parents free. Even if you are not able to attend the Mariapolis you may like to come and glean something of what goes on from those who have been there already.

The **Knights of St. Columba** invite you to a **Darts and Trivia Quiz** at their **KSC Club, Fleetwood St. Leyland**. Teams of 3, entry £1 per team member, prizes for winning team and best darter and more. Come along have fun and help raise funds for charitable causes **8.30pm Monday 19th Feb.**



Divorced and Separated Catholics The next course begins 21st Feb. See the poster for details and contact number as booking is essential.

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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.

MASS TIMINGS

Saturday 6.00 (Vigil Mass) The Parish / Benefactors of Newman fund

Sunday 18th February 1st Sunday Lent (B)

09.30 Dewhurst & Heffron families intentions / E. B. C.

11.00 Richard Humphreys (sick)

Monday 19th February

12.15 McLaughlin family intentions
/ Leonard Almond RIP (J&EB)

Tuesday 20th February

07.50 (with schools) Mary & Patrick Hilliard Anniversary

12.15 Alan Maclachlan RIP

Wednesday 21st February

12.15 Kate Kelly RIP

Thursday 22nd February

Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

12.15 David O'Hanlon RIP

/ Kathryn Boulton's intentions

2pm Funeral Service Mandy Brewer

Friday 23rd February Family Fast Day

12.15 Ken Newton RIP/ Barrie Cox RIP (PR)

Saturday 24th February

09.00 Brian Holden RIP

6.00 (Vigil Mass) The Parish

/ Beatty family

Sunday 25th February 2nd Sunday of Lent (B)

9.30 Speedy & full recovery Bernadette Shields

11.00 English Benedictine Congregation / Mandy Brewer died recently

Fr Jonathan is away on a retreat / conference this week. With Fr Stephen out of action there will be 1 mass most days. There are 2 intentions at each mass and Fr Jonathan will cover the 2nd intention each day.

Pope Francis is calling for a World-Wide day of Prayer and Fasting on Friday 23 February which is also CAFOD Lent Fast day. We will have a soup lunch in our Priory dining room at 1.00pm followed by midday prayer in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel with Adoration until 14:30 for those who can stay.

THE PARISH FAMILY: BY BAPTISM we welcome Michael James Tully and Theo Peter Jenkins

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK Andrew Noblett, Tony Loftus, Michael Waite, Max, Eileen Standidge, Pat Clensey, Maurice Green, May Ward, Norah Platt, Harry Embrey, Sharon Seddon, Margaret Evans, Declan Brewer, Allen Withnell, Carol Parkinson, Christine Hayes, Marjorie Parr, Mary Newsham, Margaret Booth, Rebecca Coates, Vi Gardner, Joan Sullivan, Bernadette Thompson, Pauline Robinson, Philip Watson, Carol Bagwell, Derek Taylor, Catherine Breen, Glenda Kelly, Eileen Hilliard, Peter Beatty, Eileen Whelan, and connected with us, Chris Berry, Peter Keane, William Gardner, Tom Halliwell, Tony Campbell, Molly Byrnes, Kevin Barnes, Elizabeth Garcia, Mary Cobham, and for all sick people known to parishioners.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED: All who have died recently, and connected with us Phyllis Leyland and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Jane McKinley Broome, Doris Pickering, James O'Carroll, Edward Ronald Bleasdale, Elaine Baxter, Michael Fadden, Rosina Mary Cottam, Juri Ratsep, Teresa Glover, Terence Albert Castle, Ken Parker, Joan Bamber, Norman Grayston.

THIS WEEK Today: 18th February

At each Mass our CAFOD representative Eileen McNamara will speak about Cafod, family fast day and the World Wide day of Prayer for Peace on Friday.

NO Journey in Faith Today at the 09:30 mass there will be the presentation to the parish of Andrew Jones (Catechumen), Joanne Poulter (candidate) and Audrey McDermott asking for confirmation. These and some of the Journey in Faith helpers attend the Rite of Election in the Cathedral this afternoon.

Youth Group 7 -9 pm Priory House

Family Rota of Prayer Jones family 11 Parkgate Drive

Monday Church Cleaning 9am 'A' team

Give Blood 13.45-15.45 & 16.45-19.15 Civic Centre, West Paddock

Wednesday Introduction to Mindfulness 11.00 – 12 noon Priory Library

Thursday Introduction to Mindfulness 7 – 8 pm Priory Library.

Friday Family Fast Day and Worldwide day of Prayer for peace. See the front page for details of soup lunch and prayer.

Divine Mercy Prayers 11am Adoration Chapel all welcome

Stations of the Cross: 11:30 in Church.

Alverna Lent Scripture group 7.30 – 8.30pm

NEXT SUNDAY : 25th February 2nd Sunday of Lent

Family Rota of Prayer Meldrum family 14 crofters Meadow

Mariapolis Preparation Priory house: 2.30 – 4pm (See over)

Journey in Faith 5-6pm

Youth Group 7 -9 pm Priory House

OUR WAY OF LIFE Lent has just begun and it is a privileged time for us to rediscover that the Kingdom of God is close to each person. Jesus' presence in the life of each person is the Kingdom of God. When this wonderful gift is ours and we are aware of it, he is also among us, leading us on and guiding us amid all the daily challenges of life.

A REFLECTION There is a battle going on within each person and within the communities we belong to between good and evil. Jesus prayed before he died; *"I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one"*. We can have confidence because Jesus in heaven is praying for us to protect us from the devil and Jesus prays in us when we pray for each other.

WORD OF LIFE *To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.* (Apoc 21: 6)

Perhaps we are thirsting for acceptance, for a place in society, for our plans to work out... These aspirations, although legitimate in themselves, can push us towards the polluted wells of selfishness and towards an attitude of self-interest and even oppression of the weak. Populations suffering a shortage of fresh water wells are acutely aware of the disastrous effects of the lack of this resource, which is indispensable for life and health. Yet, going deeper into our hearts, we find another kind of thirst that God himself has put there; the thirst to live our life as a gift we have received, and that must be shared. Let us then draw from the pure source of the Gospel, freeing ourselves from all the debris that may cover it, and allow ourselves to be transformed into fountains of generous, welcoming and freely given love for all, without stopping at the inevitable difficulties along the way.

The Word of Life available in full in front of the piety shop (New City), & the website.

Will Gift If when you are drawing up your will you could consider leaving a legacy to the Parish, this would be a wonderful help to future generations. Our present circumstances with big repair costs highlight the issue.

The Introductions to Mindfulness Meeting as proposed by Ken Townsend last Sunday take place Wed Feb 28 @ 11-12am OR Thurs March 1 @ 7-8pm Both meetings will take place in the Library in the Priory. Anyone remotely interested is most welcome to attend to find out what's involved.'

Our Youth Group involved with Faith in Action want to raise money for CAFOD during Lent. They will be giving out the CAFOD envelopes at mass: they have CAFOD boxes to hand out that will be collected on Easter Day, and they will run a raffle on Sunday 18 March. These young people are aiming to raise £200, which will provide a couple of new toilet facilities with wash basins and a goat or chickens for a community in Africa.