

**Confessions** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 5.00 – 5.45pm (J). Also Confessions at any time. Ring to arrange. No confessions in the morning.

Last Sunday: **Offertory Loose Plate £401.70**  
For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683

**Gift Aid £389.34**  
**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 W Smith**  
**£100 Winner 338 Week 34 Agent E Ellison**

**Prayer for the National Eucharistic Congress and Synod 2020** (cards available this week: help yourself) 'Come Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with wisdom, love and courage. Make us more like Christ in our words and actions. Bless the work of your Church. Renew us all in the desire to make Christ known and loved in the world today. Bless the work of our parish. Guide all that we do so that our Church is a place of mercy and service for all who are seeking you. Deepen our love for the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and guide us in prayer and action as we journey towards Synod 2020 to become the Church you are calling us to be. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.'

**St. Mary's @ 60 Re-Union** For ex pupils who attended from 1969 - 1974 (this one year group only!) On Saturday 22nd September 7.30 pm – 12 midnight at St Mary's Priory Club. Licensed bar, buffet and music, cost £10 pay on the door. See poster for more details.

**Mary's Meals Parish Dance** to raise money Saturday October 13th at 7.30pm in Parish Centre. Tickets £10 available soon.

**Mary's Meals Back Pack Project** in preparation for this please collect towels, rucksacks, children's flip flops or sandals and dessert spoons. Hand in to the Priory where they will be stored until needed. Thank you.

**NUGENT** Events to celebrate diversity including a music evening on 7th September, a 'Fun Day' for those with disabilities, 'Food for the Hungry, and Welcome the Stranger' all on 8th September. See poster and letter for details.

**Parish retreat at Ampleforth** 1 to 3 March 2019. You can still book on the list in the Narthex. To prepare for this important retreat we want to explore the Benedictine Charism as contained in the Rule of St Benedict. We begin this Thursday 6 September at 7:15pm in the Priory house. All are welcome even if you cannot come on the retreat in March. We will arrange other meetings later with those who attend.

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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

6.00 (Vigil) Fr Jonathan's intentions

**Sunday 2nd Sept 22nd Sunday in ordinary time (B)**

10am Watson family intentions /

**Monday 3rd Sept St. Gregory The Great**

08.30 Staff Mass in the High School at a New School Year. All welcome

12.15 Service of Communion & Word.

**Tuesday 4th Sept 7.50 No Mass**

12.15 Fr Philip Inch's intentions

**Wednesday 5th Sept 9.00 No Mass**

12.15 Bob Robinson RIP

**Thursday 6th Sept 8.00 (Alverna) No Mass**

12.15 Roland Sampson RIP

2.30pm Funeral Service at Charnock Richard for Robert Butterworth

**THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS BEGINS IN LIVERPOOL**

**Friday 7th Sept 9.00 No Mass**

**9.30 Start of the year Mass at St Anne's Primary School**

/ (Parishioners welcome)

12.15 **No Mass**

7.15 The recently bereaved

**Saturday 8th September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.00 Richard Harrington (sick)

6.00 (Vigil) Michael O'Brien (sick) / English Benedictine Congregation

**Sunday 9th September 23rd Sunday in ordinary time (B)**

10am The White family intentions / The Parish

/ Bob Butterworth recently died.

**THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ENDS**

Flowers on the altar this weekend are to celebrate of the Golden Wedding of George and Brenda Prescoe

**PARISH FAMILY BY BAPTISM WE WELCOME** Freya Anne Loughlin and Finley Cooke.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Frank King, Vanda Brown, Pat McMahon, Bernadette Thompson, Matthew Cox, Tony Loftus, Eileen Standidge, Pat Clensey, Maurice Green, Sharon Seddon, Margaret Evans, Declan Brewer, Allen Withnell, Carol Parkinson, Christine Hayes, Marjorie Parr, Margaret Booth, Rebecca Coates, Vi Gardner, Joan Sullivan, Pauline Robinson, Philip Watson, Derek Taylor, Catherine Breen, Glenda Kelly, Eileen Hilliard, Peter Beatty, and connected with us, Elaine Brown, Michael O'Brien & Bernadette O'Brien (Sr Veronica's brother & sister) Malcolm Wright, Anthony McMahon, Chris Berry, Peter Keane, William Gardner, Kevin Barnes, and for all sick people known to parishioners.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED** those who have died recently Slawomir Przyjemski, and all others, especially through violence or suffering and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Mary Pemberton, Mary Edna Glading, Joan Hookens, Emily Teresa Glover.

**THIS WEEK Today: September 2nd 22nd Sunday in ordinary time B**  
**Tickets on Sale** Parish dinner on Fri 28 Sept £25 Golf Club Leyland.

**Prayer cards to help us prepare for the Eucharistic Congress and Synod 2020** are available. Please help yourself.

**Youth group** 7-9pm Priory House

**Family Rota of Prayer** Helme family, 9 Windsor Road.

**Monday Church Cleaning** 9am 'A' team

**Tuesday Knit and Natter** 2pm Library      **Baptism programme** 8pm

**Thursday** Holy hour 7 - 8pm led by Eucharistic Ministers

**Friday Divine Mercy** Prayers 11am Adoration chapel. All welcome

**NEXT SUNDAY : September 9th 23rd Sunday in ordinary time B**

**Open Day for Churches** church will be open today for visitors 2 - 4pm

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**Journey In Faith** If anyone is interested in exploring the Catholic faith please contact Fr Jonathan on his mobile 07977469331

**MISSIO Red Box** these will be collected in the next few weeks. Thank you to all supporters and collectors. If you are able to help emptying red boxes twice a year please contact Teresa on 452745. Mass will be said for all supporters and collectors on 15th September.

**Catholic Papers** Please note price rise on 7th September **The Catholic Universe and The Catholic Times both will be £1.50**

**OUR WAY OF LIFE** The Old Testament prepares the people of God for the New Testament. The problem with the Old Testament was that nobody could achieve the keeping of the law on their own. At the first Council of the Church as described in chapter 15 of the Acts of the Apostles St Peter says: "the law was a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear".

**A Reflection:** In the Gospel today Jesus explains in a practical way the inner meaning of the New Testament that completely changes the Old. It is a pure mind, heart and spirit that God makes available to humankind after his conquest of sin and death on the cross. It is that pure inner spirit, God's gift to us that we must nurture that brings a person peace and joy and the ability to love God and our neighbour. The keeping of the external laws cannot purify the inner person and the Word of Life below confirms this point.

**WORD OF LIFE** *Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls (James 1:21).* The word of life for this month comes from a text attributed to the disciple James who was a prominent figure in the Church in Jerusalem. He exhorted Christians saying there should be coherence between what they believed and what they did.

The first paragraph of the letter highlights an essential condition that makes this possible. Christians needed to be free from all wickedness in order to welcome God's word and be guided by it on the journey towards the fulfilment of their Christian vocation.

The word of God has a creative power that produces fruits of goodness in both the individual and in the community. It builds relationships founded on love between each of us and God and among us all.

James says this word has already been "planted" in us.

*The Word of Life is available in full from the Priory house and the website*

**Liverpool Adoremus National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress 2018**

Friday 7, Saturday 8 Sunday 9 September. There are pamphlets explaining the different programmes in the Narthex. Notice the dates above: Events are marked Friday, Saturday or Sunday. The Concert at 8pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> might be a good moment for some.

**Fr Oliver Onah** left us on Thursday last. He sends his good wishes and greetings to everyone. Thanks to him Fr Jonathan had a wonderful holiday in Scotland. The good news is that Fr Bernard McNulty OSB from Ampleforth is coming to help us this week. He will arrive more permanently after his retreat about 20 September. Please make him welcome when he arrives both now and later.