

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 19 February 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Day/Date	Time	Feast	Intention
Sat, 18 Feb	9.30am		Fr John's Intentions
	6.00pm	Vigil	LMH
Sun, 19 Feb	9.30am*	7th Sunday in Ordinary	Tha Parishioners
	11.00am	Time	Peggie Brown
Mon, 20 Feb	9.30am		Clare McGovern
Tue, 21 Feb	9.30am		Holy Souls
Wed, 22 Feb	9.30am*	Chair of St Peter	Hannah Hunt
Thur, 23 Feb	9.30am	St Polycarp	Margaret & Ellen Kennedy
Fri, 24 Feb	9.30am		John & Delia Flood
Sat, 25 Feb	9.30am		Fr John's Intentions
	6.00pm	Vigil	The Beard Family
Sun, 26 Feb	9.30am*	8th Sunday of the Year	The Clark Family
	11.00am		The Parishioners

* Denotes Services at St Martin de Porres, Carleton

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession every Saturday morning at St John's from 10.00am to 11.00am. A time for reflection and thanksgiving.

Please Pray For

Megan (aged 8), Andrew Sanderson, Leonard Porter, Cyril Thompson, Anita Montero, Canon John Watson, Connie Ellwood, Louis Crowson, Laura Patey, Pauline Cafferty, Roy Clarke, Kate Lingard, Maureen Johnson, Patrick Kelly, Chris Taylor, Antonio Palmer, John Hawkins, Christopher Brown, John Vincent... and all the sick.

Anniversaries About This Time

Peter John McCarthy, Anastasia Booth, Robin Fishwick, Clare McGovern, Anna Baran

Lately Dead

Barbara Leigh (Service at St John's on Friday, 3 March at 10.45am). *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord; may she rest in peace.*



Love your enemies and pray
for those who persecute you.
Matthew 5: 38-48

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A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors to our Mass today and throughout the week

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For February

"Welcome the Needy": That all those afflicted, especially the poor, refugees and the marginalised, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

The Sermon on The Mount

The desire for revenge is deeply rooted and finds resonance in the Old Testament: "an eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth" (*Exodus 21:24*). Every conflict - whether personal, national or international - is rooted in the idea of revenge, recrimination, striking back. Jesus' teaching about not resisting evil, turning the other cheek, going the extra mile, jars a little with us; it goes against the grain. We may feel it is frankly beyond us. However, Jesus' teaching is not aimed at our human nature but at the new humanity - the new creation born in us through baptism. When we feel that Jesus' teaching is beyond us, it is then that we realise is God's power and grace that gives us the strength to forgive, to let go of resentment, not to seek revenge and to bless rather than curse.

Season Of Lent

Wednesday, 1 March is Ash Wednesday - a day when we should not eat meat or meat products (Fasting and Abstinence). Ashes will be blessed & distributed at a 9.30am Mass at St John's & a 7.00pm Mass at St Martin's. Station of the cross will take place at 3.00pm every Sunday during Lent.

This week we pray for the people living in Hadleigh Rd, Hardhorn Rd, Hardhorn Way & Harewood Close.

The Food Bank Box Please keep up your donations to the Food Bank - they are much appreciated. Donations of warm clothing and blankets would also be appreciated. The container in the porch is there to receive your items. These will be distributed to families in the Fleetwood area who lack the bare necessities of life.

Christian Aid Barn Dance Thank you to all who contributed in any way. The sum raised for Christian Aid was £391.90p.

Production Of The Newsletter

If you have any information you would like to be included in the newsletter, please contact Elaine on 01253 886219 (evenings between 6:00-9:00 pm) or email the information to Elaine at: elainebrownwood@hotmail.com

Health & Safety Notices

- Please be aware that the Church Hall is closed until further notice while some essential work is being carried out.
 - The Choir loft in the Church is to be locked apart from Mass times, when it will be opened in good time. We politely request that no children go up into the choir unless they are supervised.
- Thank You.

The Ecumenical Choir Rehearsals are again taking place on Fridays at 7.00pm at St Martin's & St Hilda's. We are rehearsing for the Palm Sunday afternoon Joint Service & also for a concert in April with the German friends of St Hilda's from Flothe (a long-standing collaboration). We invite you to join us. All are welcome. You don't need to be a great singer.

Gentle Exercise If you find you are getting a bit stiff in the joints, and want to keep yourself mobile, why not come and join in some gentle activities at St. Martin's & St Hilda's Church Hall? Sessions are held on Friday's from 1.00-2.00pm under the guidance of a community sport leader from Fleetwood Football Club. No pressure; work at your own level; have fun; we laugh a lot! The sessions are organised by Age Concern & cost £3.

Catholic Papers please see Fr Walsh if you would like to order a Sunday newspaper.

Tea and Coffee is served every Sunday after the 11.00am Mass at St John's and after the 9.30am Mass at St Martin's every second Sunday of the month.



ANNUAL PARISH LUNCH - A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Faith and Justice group are happy to say that the Annual Parish Lunch will take place on Sunday, 30 April at Singleton Lodge at 2.30pm. Full details menu and order forms will be made available in early March.

Calling Young People Aged 18+

Castlerigg Manor are looking for young volunteers to join the gap-year team from now to summer 2017. This is a life changing opportunity to live in community and work with young people, transforming their lives through encounter with Christ. They are looking for young people aged 18+ with commitment to their faith and a desire to share this with other young people. If you are interested, see www.castleriggmanor.co.uk or send an email to team@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Ecumenical Parish Weekend (St Martin's, St Hilda's, St John's, St Chad's, St Anne's)

Our bi-annual weekend away at Abbot Hall Hotel, Grange over Sands, will be on Friday-Sunday, 15/17 September 2017. Cost (Full Board) is £145 per person. We have booked 20 places - so first come, first served. Great place, great weekend. There are information sheets at the back of church. For further information please ring Elizabeth Harrison 884131 or speak to Bill. Booking must be completed before the end of February.

Annual Lenten Discussion Groups

The Ecumenical Discussion Groups will run for 5 weeks commencing in the week of March 5th with sessions on Tuesday or Wednesday or Thursday at various locations. The theme this year is "Receiving Christ". All sessions are usually stimulating and enjoyable. Please consider joining us this year. There is an information sheet at the back of church or speak to Bill (394744).