

Day/Date	Time	Feast	Intention
Sat, 25 Mar	9.30am	Annunciation of The Lord	Clara Brierly
	6.00pm	Vigil	Joan Rodgers
Sun, 26 Mar	9.30am*	Fourth Sunday in Lent: Mothering Sunday	Kathleen Hartley & Deceased Members of The Hartley Family The Parishioners
	11.00am		
Mon, 27 Mar	9.30am		Jim Faulkner
Tue, 28 Mar	9.30am		Holy Souls
Wed, 29 Mar	10.15am*		Elsie Haymes
Thur, 30 Mar	8.15am		Jerry & Maria & Family
Fri, 31 Mar	11.00am	Requiem Mass	Leonard Porter
Sat, 1 Apr	9.30am		Fr John's Intentions
	6.00pm	Vigil	LMH
Sun, 2 Apr	9.30am*	Fifth Sunday in Lent	The Parishioners
	11.00am		Peggie Brown

* Denotes Services at St Martin de Porres, Carleton

Confessions at St John's every Saturday 10.00-11.00am; 5.15-5.45pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: every Saturday 10.00-11.00am at St John's

Please Pray For

Megan (aged 8), Andrew Sanderson, Louis Crowson Hannah Metcalf, Laura Patey, Cyril Thompson, Mary Robertson, Connie Ellwood, Pauline Cafferty, Roy Clarke, Kate Lingard, Maureen Johnson, Chris Taylor, Antonio Palmer, John Hawkins, Christopher Brown, John Vincent, Gerard Walsh, Fr Gerry Dunn, Canon John Watson and all the sick.

Lately Dead

Leonard Porter, Joe Walsh, David Hulse, Martin McGuinness, Frances Foulds. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; may they rest in peace.*

Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 26 March 2017

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Year A



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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 March
"Help Persecuted Christians": That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

A man once stood on a soap box at Hyde Park Corner pouring scorn on the Christian faith: "People tell me that God exists - but I can't see him. People tell me that there is life after death - but I can't see it. People tell me that there is a heaven and a hell - but I can't see them". A second man was helped on to the soap box and said: "People tell me that the grass is green - but I can't see it. People tell me that there is a blue sky above - but I can't see it. People tell me there are trees nearby - but I can't see them. You see, I'm blind." What is seen is temporary, what is unseen is eternal. God wants us to see with the eyes of faith.

Cafod Family Fast Day Envelopes

Please return any remaining CAFOD envelopes to Church as soon as possible. CAFOD have, in conjunction with the DEC, issued an urgent East Africa Emergency Appeal as 16 million people are at risk of starvation. Thank you.

Ready For New Life? An Easter Weekend Retreat For Young People

This retreat will take place from Thursday, 13 April to Monday, 16 April at Castlerigg Manor. It is open to all young people from Year 9 upwards. Cost is £70. For further details or to book a place, contact the Youth Team at Castlerigg:
tel: 01768 772711 or
email to team@castleriggmanor.co.uk or visit
www.castleriggmanor.co.uk.

Stations of The Cross will be held throughout Lent:

- on Sunday at St John's at 3.00pm
- on Wednesday at St Martin's at 12noon

This Week we pray for people living in Kingfisher Drive /The Bramblings, The Rowans & Kingfisher Mews.

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 need in the Fleetwood area.

Legacy: The Late Kathleen Hickey We have received a very generous bequest from the late Kathleen Hickey of £2,500 for Church upkeep and £500 to the SVP. Our sincerest thanks.

St Patrick's Night Ceilidh The Hall Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone who attended or bought tickets for the ceilidh. It was great night. After the band and supper had been paid for, we made a profit of £266 which will go towards refurbishment of the hall.

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.



St Martin's & St Hilda's Senior Drop-In Monday, 27 March at 1.30 till 3.30pm in the hall. Please just drop in for a chat. Also, Saturday, 8 April, 12noon til 2.30pm Bingo & Hot Pot.

Luncheon Club The next lunch will be on Monday, 3 April in the hall at 12.30pm. Please put your name on the list at the back of Church.

Christian Aid Lent Lunches No Lent Lunch this weekend due to Mothering Sunday.

300 Club Subscriptions Subscriptions are due. Quarterly £3.50; 6-monthly £7.00; annually £14.00. To become a member or renew membership, forms are available at the back of Church.

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 6.00-9.00pm) or via email: elainebrownwood@hotmail.com Please Note: Any information for the coming weekend needs to be forwarded to Elaine by Wednesday 9.00 pm at the latest.

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 available now.

Finance And Building Committee

The minutes of the latest meeting on 6 March are available on the website www.stjohnspoulton.org.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes 2017 Youth Section

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage celebrates its 90th anniversary this year. This is a great way for young people to get to know the story of Lourdes and to grow in faith through service, prayer, catechesis and time spent with other young Catholics. Open to young people in Year 11 and above. The Youth Section will be led by Fr Stephen Etienne. Cost (for coach travel) is £650. Departing Wednesday, 19 July and returning Saturday, 29 July. Details from: www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/yatm-events/lourdes-2017

Aid To The Church In Need: Syria

Each Sunday in Lent after 11.00am Mass, toast, crumpets, tea, coffee and a raffle. All money raised will be sent to ACN to assist in their work in war torn Syria. Please come along to support this cause, socialise with your friends and make new ones. If you can provide a raffle prize, contact Anne or Paul on 01253 890763.

A Message To All Parishioners: Gift Aid

We are approaching the end of the financial year and Gift Aid tax reclaim for the Diocese will be submitted to HMRC. Please notify me if you are no longer a tax payer or if you paid insufficient tax during the 2016/17 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations given under the Gift Aid to all charities during the year. At the present standard rate of tax of 20%, 25pence is reclaimed for every pound donated.

The new envelope donation boxes are now ready for collection. They commence on 9 April. Please let me know if you would like to donate to the Parish either by envelope or standing order and, more importantly, to Gift Aid your donation. I have the required forms. Many thanks.

Peter Nutter, Parish Gift Aid Officer (tel:891600)