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5th February 2017 THE NEWSLETTER for the 5th Sunday of the Year (A)

Parish Masses for the 5th Week of the Year

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sa 4 th	5.30pm St P's	Kathleen Rae L	Vigil of the 5 th Sunday of the Year
Su 5 th	8.30am St P's	For the parish	5 th Sunday of the Year
Su 5 th	10.00am St J's	Priest's Intention	5 th Sunday of the Year
M 6 th	7.55am	Geraldine Ashley A	St Paul Miki SJ and Comps. Mm
T 7 th	8.00am	Ken Mason L	Weekday
W 8 th	8.00am	Mollie Bailey R	Weekday
Th 9 th	7.55am	Lucy Wilkinson A	Weekday
F 10 th	8.00am	Special Intention (JW)	St Scholastica V

L = Lately Dead, A = Anniversary of Death, R = Remembrance M = Martyr, V = Virgin, B = Bishop, Pp = Pope
P = Personal Intention, S = Sick, B = Birthday D = Doctor, P = Priest, R = Religious

Please pray for the following, the anniversaries of whose deaths occur at this time:

Cyril Snape, Janet Bailey, Joseph Melling, Hubert Wells, Adrian Holden, John Holden, William Bailey, Lucy Wilkinson, George Moon, Hubert Wilcock, Monica Mary Wilson.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Readings at Mass	5 th Sunday of the Year	6 th Sunday of the Year
First Reading	Isaiah 58:7-10	Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
Second Reading	I Corinthians 2:1-5	1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Gospel	Matthew 5:13-16	Matthew 5:17-37

Collections: Very many thanks for your weekly donations for 28th/29th January

Vigil	£ 43.80	8.30am	£ 79.20	10.00 am	£ 63.57	TOTAL	£ 186.57
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The Collection for 'Caritas' = £207.38

Things to think about and do.

1. 'Generation Hope' is a film about the work of Mary's Meals, which I'm sure needs no introduction to you. The film is being shown at the Grand Venue in Clitheroe on Wednesday, 8th February at 7.30pm. Admission is by donation, the proceeds of which go to Mary's Meals.

To book, make your own personal booking via the following e-mail addresses:

louise.England@the-grand.org.uk or geraldine.woodworth@the-grand.org.uk

Your children may have seen the film via their school in the afternoon.

The Grand at Clitheroe is situated at 18 York Street, Clitheroe.

2. The Stonyhurst Holy Week Retreat, 2017

This annual, much sought-after, event takes place this year from 13th – 16th April. Once again, as well as attending the usual Holy Week Services in St Peter's Church, parishioners are invited to take part in the talks and presentations which are part and parcel of this spiritual experience. You do not have to book to attend the regular Holy Week and Easter services, but attending the rest of the retreat, either on a day-basis or residentially, requires booking in advance. I have booking forms for anyone interested. For a non-resident adult participant, the cost is £88.00.

Fr Peter Griffiths SJ

The Jesuit Pastoral Conference

8th – 10th June 2017

In 2017, a meeting is planned in the Conference Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire.

The dates and times are from **5.00pm on Thursday, June 8th** until after lunch on **Saturday, June 10th.**

The theme of the meeting is a study of the three encyclicals issued by Pope Francis since he became Pope. They are:

Evangelii Gaudium - The Joy of the Gospel

Laudato Si – Care of Planet Earth

Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Married Love.

Each Jesuit Parish – and we are one – is invited to send up to 12 people. There are still vacancies to be filled from our parish.

In order to prepare for the gathering, there will be the opportunity to have guided instructions on each of the three encyclicals. This will take place on Saturday, February 11th from 9.30am until 3.00pm. with lunch provided. It will be led by Brian Purfield from the Mount Street Centre in London.

I recommend this opportunity very highly. Pope Francis has taken his responsibilities very seriously indeed and we need as a parish to take on board his wishes for the Church of today.

A Programme for Lent 2017

March 1st – Ash Wednesday

8.00am Mass with blessing and distribution of ashes in St Peter's.

10.00am Mass with blessing of ashes etc. in St Joseph's School. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Tuesday's 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March

'A Prophet for Our Day'

Talks, discussion and prayer on our role as prophets for our generation.

7.30pm to 8.30pm in St Joseph's School.

Sunday, April 2nd at 3.00pm - **A Mass with Anointing of the Sick** followed by refreshments in St Joseph's Chapel and School. More news and information later.

Wednesday's of Lent at 7.00pm (not Ash Wednesday) **Stations of the Cross** in St Joseph's Chapel.

Saturday, 25th March.

2.00 – 4.00pm **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** with **confessions** available.

Praying with the Pope in February, 2017

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

Look at www.ThePopeVideo.org for more information.

Knowing the Faith.

'Classes' on various aspects of Catholic teaching.

Venue: The Parish Priest's office. Enter by the stepped entrance at the side of the church.

Time: 7.30pm.

Next Meeting: February 6th 2017

Topic: Scripture & Tradition

Alison Cowdall writes:

"Blackburn Food Bank have asked me to thank all the members of our parishes who have contributed so generously to the Food Bank over the last twelve months. We have donated over 3000 kgs of food which has provided nearly 800 meals for people in crisis in the area. They are incredibly grateful for all our efforts. As a reminder they are happy to receive any long life food items which can be brought to our church and will be collected and taken to the Food Bank. Further details are on the notice-board at the back of St Peter's Church. Many thanks for all of your efforts."

Deanery Mass for Vocations in St Joseph's Church, Blackburn at 7.30pm on Wednesday, March 8th.

You will know by now that vocations to the priesthood and religious life have fallen in recent years. This Deanery Mass is our response to the need for vocations in this Diocese and the Church in general in this part of the world.

I do hope many members of our congregation will be able to attend the mass and pray for this urgent need. Fr Griffiths.