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2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 THE NEWSLETTER for 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (A)  
 Masses for this week.

| Date               | Time           | Intention          | Feast  |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|--|
| Sa 1 <sup>st</sup> | 5.30pm St P's  | Priest's Intention | Vigil of 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year |
| Su 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 8.30am St P's  | For the Parish     | 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year          |
| Su 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 10.00am St J's | Priest's Intention | 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year          |
| M 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 7.55am         | Muriel Dean A      | St Thomas, Apostle                           |
| T 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.00am         | Priest's Intention | St Elizabeth of Portugal                     |
| W 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.00am         | Priest's Intention | St Anthony Mary Zaccaria P                   |
| Th 6 <sup>th</sup> | 7.55am         | Priest's Intention | St Maria Goretti VM                          |
| F 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.00am         | Priest's Intention | Weekday                                      |

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 anniversary of whose deaths occur at this time:**

Elise Marie Hardwick, John Ignatius Hayhurst,  
 Mary Catherine Grayson, Robert Hunt  
*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**Readings at Mass**

|        | 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday | 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday |
|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| First  | 2 Kings 4:8-11.14-16    | Zechariah 9:9-10        |
| Second | Romans 6:3-4.8-11       | Romans 8:9.11-13        |
| Gospel | Matthew 10:37-42        | Matthew 11:25-30        |

**31 days of St Ignatius**

If you would like to join a series of 31 days of Ignatian inspiration and reflection throughout the month of July concluding on his feast day, July 31<sup>st</sup>, subscribe using the link below to receive 31 prayer-centered e-mails every day this coming July.

[www.pathwaystogod.org/31-days-st-ignatius](http://www.pathwaystogod.org/31-days-st-ignatius)

**Congratulations to the children of St Mary's Hall who today receive Our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion. We promise you our prayers.**

**Praying with the Pope in July, 2017**

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayers and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of Christian life.

Look at [www.ThePopeVideo.org](http://www.ThePopeVideo.org) for more information.

**Collections:** Very many thanks for your weekly donations for 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> June

| Vigil   | 8.30am  | 10.00 am | TOTAL   |
|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| £ 58.45 | £ 71.77 | £176.23  | £306.45 |

**Special Collection for Peter's Pence = £164.56**  
**Next Week, Special Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea.**

**Feast of St Ignatius – Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> 2017**

This year, the Jesuit community hosting the Northern Jesuit Works annual gathering for the feast of St Ignatius is St Wilfrid's, Preston. Mass will be offered at 7.00pm. We are invited and if those intending to go to the mass and refreshments afterwards let me know, I can inform Preston the number of us going and make suitable arrangements for travel.

Fr PG SJ

## **To the future**

A personal point of view.

Following on from my announcement about the future priestly staffing of the apostolates here in the Parish of St Peter's and the 'Chapel of Ease' in St Joseph's, it may be worth thinking now about how we practice our faith and what it means to us.

In the early 1970's, Michael Winter wrote a book entitled, 'Mission or Maintenance?' asking the question – are we a Church concerned mainly with maintenance or are we a Church which is missionary?

A Church which is concerned with maintenance is concerned chiefly about how to keep things going, 'things' like mass, and the sacraments, and where appropriate and possible, the traditional devotions of the Church like public recitation of the rosary, Benediction, Stations of the Cross in Lent etc. etc. Keeping the mass and sacraments going is clearly essential. Where there is a demand for all the other traditional devotions of the church, these, too, should be encouraged and kept going, but a leading consideration of a maintenance-Church is that it is primarily concerned with its present members.

A missionary Church, however, honours all that the Church has been doing over many years, locally and nationally, but at the same time looks to encounter all people where-ever they are, whether they have faith or not, or whether they have a faith which is very different from ours. Where the love and mercy of God is experienced by the regulars who attend mass and the sacraments in their local church every Sunday etc., the missionary Church seeks to share this experience with those who live around us but who never go to church, either because they no longer see the need to go to church, or because the Catholic Church has let them down in the past, or because they are not Christian but Muslim, Hindu, Sikh or whatever. There are many other reasons, too, why people do not go to church.

The recent communal expressions of grief caused by the Manchester bombing, the Grenfell Tower disaster and terrorist attacks in London shows the need that so many in our society have to show sympathy and love to those who have been killed or hurt in some way. A missionary Church is there with those people and that is just one example of a Church that shows God's love and compassion but outside the walls of a church building as well as inside.

Fr Peter Griffiths SJ

(To be continued)