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9th July 2017 THE NEWSLETTER for 14th Sunday of the Year (A)
 Masses for this week.

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sa 8 th	5.30pm St P's	Alice Bowman L	Vigil of 14 th Sunday of the Year
Su 9 th	8.30am St P's	For the Parish	14 th Sunday of the Year
Su 9 th	10.00am St J's	Priest's Intention	14 th Sunday of the Year
M 10 th	7.55am	Priest's Intention	Weekday
T 11 th	8.00am	Priest's Intention	St Benedict, Abbott
W 12 th	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Weekday
Th 13 th	7.55am	Priest's Intention	Weekday
F 14 th	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:

Winefride Brown, Elizabeth Layton,
 Mary Josephine Wilcock, Joan Mary Holden
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Readings at Mass

	14 th Sunday	15 th Sunday
First	Zechariah 9:9-10	Isaiah 55:10-11
Second	Romans 8:9.11-13	Romans 8:18-23
Gospel	Matthew 11:25-30	Matthew 13:1-23

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 31st, subscribe using the link below to receive 31 prayer-centered e-mails every day this coming July.

www.pathwaystogod.org/31-days-st-ignatius

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 for more information.

Collections: Very many thanks for your weekly donations for 1st/2nd July

Vigil	8.30am	10.00 am	TOTAL
£ 108.70	£ 73.55	£141.37	£323.62

This Week, Special Collection for the Apostleship of the Sea.

Feast of St Ignatius – Monday, July 31st 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.

Was it Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman who said that to live is to change, and to live well is to change often?

Bob Dylan, in our day, observed, 'The times they are a'changin'. We should listen to the elderly in our midst who have lived in Hurst Green, or very near it, all their lives, some being born here. I think they will say that sixty, fifty, forty years ago, the village was very different to what it is today. Things have changed. I suspect that, in the old days, the main source of work here were the farms, but Stonyhurst College was also a leading employer and quite a few young girls in the village were employed in the College, their numbers augmented by those who came over from Ireland looking for work in the thirties and perhaps earlier and later. Life was different then. There were few cars, and the village shop or shops would have sufficed for most people for their provisions.

Hurst Green as a 'dormitory' for big cities like Bolton, Blackburn, Manchester etc. would have been unheard of. I suspect that the overall pace of life was far slower than it is today, and social life, including church worship would have been very different with the church taking a much more central role in people's lives.

Life has changed, but perhaps it has changed too quickly for many of us.

Even I can remember in the sixties and seventies, when the Jesuit community in Stonyhurst College and its surrounding satellites of St Mary's Hall and Hodder House with their resident Jesuits was the largest collection of Jesuit priests and brothers of any house in the English Province, as we called it then, and that includes the then missions of Guyana, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

Times have changed. As I write, there are two Jesuits on the campus. Soon there will be just one. Even when the Jesuits arrived at Stonyhurst after their perilous wandering on the European continent in 1794, they began the work here with six Jesuits.

Because the make-up of the village has changed so dramatically in terms of long-term residents and because the number of Jesuit clergy available to provide hither-to accepted ways of devotion and mass-provision has dwindled, changes have to be made. What form this will take will be the consideration of the Parish Pastoral Council and other interested parties in the months ahead, but remember what Cardinal Newman said, 'To have lived well is to have changed often.' Who knows but that the changes we make now may well be the growth points for generations yet to come.

Please feel free to contribute to the debate, correcting any information I may have omitted or got wrong and preferably by letter addressed to me, personally. Your thoughts and views will be valued.

Fr Peter Griffiths SJ