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12th February 2017 THE NEWSLETTER for the 6th Sunday of the Year (A)
Parish Masses for the 6th Week of the Year

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sa 11 th	5.30pm St P's	Priest's Intention	Vigil of the 6 th Sunday of the Year
Su 12 th	8.30am St P's	For the parish	6 th Sunday of the Year
Su 12 th	10.00am St J's	Andrew Gilbert A	6 th Sunday of the Year
M 13 th	7.55am	Members of the Wells & Nicholson families	Weekday
T 14 th	8.00am	Melling family deceased R	Ss Cyril & Methodius Bb
W 15 th	8.00am	Priest's Intention	St Claude de la Colombiere SJ P
Th 16 th	7.55am	Priest's Intention	Weekday
F 17 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 anniversaries of whose deaths occur at this time:

James Doyle, John Francis Melling, Michael John Ahearne, Harry Wilkinson, Fr Charles Higham SJ.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Readings at Mass	6 th Sunday of the Year	7 th Sunday of the Year
First Reading	Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20	Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18
Second Reading	I Corinthians 2:6-10	1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Gospel	Matthew 5:17-37	Matthew 5:38-48

Collections: Very many thanks for your weekly donations for 4th/5th February

Vigil	£88.45	8.30am	£ 53.56	10.00 am	£ 132.53	TOTAL	£274.54
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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

'A Prophet for our Day' - Lenten Talks and Discussions - 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th March 2017

From Fr Griffiths:

Each year since I have been here, I have suggested and conducted a four-session talk and discussion programme during each Lent. Lent, this year, 2017, is no exception and I am suggesting four sessions on the theme of **prophecy**. Why? Immediately after our baptism, our heads were anointed with Chrism, a special oil, and we were anointed into the Kingly, (or Queenly), Priestly and Prophetic roles of Christ. The authority role and priestly role of our calling is often accepted and understood, but perhaps we lack clarity as to how we can be prophets in our day.

The four sessions will help us to consider this role. The need for the prophetic voice is acute at this moment of our history!! More news later.

Fr Joseph Wareing SJ

Fr Joe Wareing died on Tuesday, February 7th at about 2.00pm. He had been ill since last summer and began a series of hospitalisations from mid-September 2016. In recent weeks, he seemed to be settling a little and had taken up residence in the Jesuit house in Winckley Square, Preston where he could receive the nursing care he never-the-less required. However, a recent collapse of health revealed that very little further could be done for him other than palliative treatment. Please pray for him, his sister and her family, and especially for the good parishioners of St Michael and St John's to whom he remained especially close, as well as ourselves here in Stonyhurst. May he rest in peace. Funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

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.

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 13th 2017

Topic: Confession & Anointing

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.

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.