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19th February 2017 THE NEWSLETTER for the 7th Sunday of the Year (A)
Parish Masses for the 7th Week of the Year

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sa 18 th	5.30pm St P's	Priest's Intention	Vigil of the 7 th Sunday of the Year
Su 19 th	8.30am St P's	For the parish	7 th Sunday of the Year
Su 19 th	10.00am St J's	Priest's Intention	7 th Sunday of the Year
M 20 th	7.55am	Mary Traynor L	Weekday
T 21 st	8.00am	Ken Mason L	Weekday
W 22 nd	8.00am	Fr Joseph Wareing SJ L	Chair of St Peter, Apostle
Th 23 rd	7.55am	Priest's Intention	St Polycarp BM
F 24 th	8.00am	No mass today	-

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:

Andrew Turner, James Holden, Ann Wilkinson, Ronald Joseph Myerscough, Bridget Livesey, Elizabeth Seed
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Readings at Mass	7 th Sunday of the Year	8 th Sunday of the Year
First Reading	Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18	Isaiah 49:14-15
Second Reading	I Corinthians 3:16-23	1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Gospel	Matthew 5:38-48	Matthew 6:24-34

Collections: Very many thanks for your weekly donations for 11th/12th February

Vigil	£ 55.27	8.30am	£ 63.40	10.00 am	£ 40.77	TOTAL	£ 159.44
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'A Prophet for our Day' - Lenten Talks and Discussions - 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th March 2017 in St Joseph's School.

From Fr Griffiths:

Four sessions on the theme of **prophecy**. 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!!

Other events in Lent.

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.

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.

Fr Joseph Wareing SJ

Funeral Arrangements:

Fr Wareing's body will be taken into St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe on Tuesday, February 21st at 7.30pm followed by Mass.

As a large congregation is expected at the Requiem Mass, some may wish to attend this mass on the Tuesday to pray for the repose of his soul.

His funeral will take place the next day, Wednesday 22nd February at 12.30pm in St Michael & St John's followed by interment in Clitheroe Cemetery.

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.

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.

If you would like to attend, please see Fr Griffiths.

The Medaille Trust.

Copies of the Medaille Trust Magazine will be distributed after each Mass this week end. Please take a copy and read how the modern scourge of human trafficking in our society is being combated.

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 20th 2017

Topic: Marriage & Holy Orders

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

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

St Joseph's Cemetery.

If you have visited the cemetery recently you will notice that a great deal of work has been done to clear much of the foliage that has reduced the light around the old part of the cemetery so that the overall appearance has been greatly enhanced. What is not so visible is the extensive renovation of the Cemetery Chapel which now houses the altar from the old St Joseph's Chapel.

Further works envisaged are the levelling of the ground on those graves where the earth has sunk, so enabling grass-cutting to be efficiently done. As the grass-cutting season is rapidly approaching, the volunteer workers in the cemetery respectfully ask that 'Advent wreaths' which have been placed in remembrance of deceased relatives last Christmas be now removed along with other mementoes which have now decayed so that grass-cutting may go ahead smoothly.

Many thanks for your understanding cooperation in this matter and very many thanks to our willing volunteers who do so much to keep the cemetery as it should be.