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26th February 2017 THE NEWSLETTER for the 8th Sunday of the Year (A)

Parish Masses for the 8th Week of the Year

Date	Time	Intention	Feast
Sa 25 th	5.30pm St P's	Priest's Intention	Vigil of the 8 th Sunday of the Year
Su 26 th	8.30am St P's	For the parish	8 th Sunday of the Year
Su 26 th	10.00am St J's	Priest's Intention	8 th Sunday of the Year
M 27 th	7.55am	Patrick & Margaret Henry R	Weekday
T 28 th	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Weekday
W 1st	8.00am	Priest's Intention	ASH WEDNESDAY – See below-
Th 2 nd	7.55am	Priest's Intention	Lent Weekday
F 3 rd	8.00am	Priest's Intention	Lent 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:

Joseph Kitching, Bertie Albert Isherwood, John Earnshaw, Ann Hardman, Joseph Burns, Hannah Platt.

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

Collections: Very many thanks for your weekly donations for 18th/19th February

Vigil	8.30am	10.00 am	TOTAL
£ 78.50	£ 105.31	£ 89.52	£ 273.33

Readings at Mass

	8 th Sunday of the Year	1 st Sunday in Lent
First Reading	Isaiah 49:14-15	Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7
Second Reading	I Corinthians 4:1-5	Romans 5:12-19
Gospel	Matthew 6:24-34	Matthew 4:1-11

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.

Also, **'A Prophet for our Day'**. A series of four talks and discussions during Lent. For details, see overleaf.

The season of Lent begins next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. We put ashes on our head to show the world that we know we are sinners, but that we are sorry and wish to remedy our faults. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence, a day on which we do not eat meat and do something to show that we intend to start becoming better Christians.

On the first Sunday of Lent, three people in our community who wish to become Catholics will present themselves to our Bishop in Salford Cathedral. They have been preparing for some time and the next few weeks will be ones of special prayer for them and for us, the community, who will welcome them on Holy Saturday night. Please keep them in your prayers.

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 the 5.30pm and 8.30am Masses this week end. Please take a copy and read how the modern scourge of human trafficking in our society is being combated.

'A Prophet for our Day'

Lenten Talks and Discussions

7th, 14th, 21st & 28th March 2017

in St Joseph's School at 7.30pm

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!!

Praying with the Pope in March, 2017

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

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 27th 2017

Topic: Moral Action

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.

The launch of '**Preston City of Sanctuary**' initiative takes place on **Monday, 27th February 2017** at 1pm. In St John's Minster Church on Church Street, **Preston**. Over 90 towns and cities have signed up to the principle of offering a place of sanctuary to those fleeing war and hardship and to encourage communities to take pride in offering a place of safety for people whose lives are threatened, and to celebrate the contribution they can make to our towns and cities.

If you are interested in attending the launch please contact Gill or David Jacques on 01254 87822 for transport arrangements.