

Upcoming Parish Social Events

We are always looking for help with organising events. Please contact John Chantry on 07885421869 or email john.chantry.23@btinternet.com

13th December – **Advent Prayer Meeting**

15th December - 10.30am **Coffee Morning/200 Club Draw**

15th December – 2.00pm **Mass for sick and housebound**

20th December – **Advent Prayer Meeting**

Your News!

Please email info@ourladystarofthesea.co.uk for news to be included in the bulletin or website. Alternatively, pass onto Fr Peter.

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Second Sunday of Advent

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 10th

09.30 People of the Parish

11.00 Maureen Newsham
R.I.P.

18.30 Infirm Clergy

Monday 11th

10.00 Michael Joseph &
Edna McCabe R.I.P.

Tuesday 12th

10.00 Kathleen Cooper

Wednesday 13th

10.00 Michael McLaughlin
R.I.P.

Thursday 14th

10.00 NO MASS

Friday 15th

08.00 Mass in School Hall
Margaret Holden

14.00 Mass for Sick &
Housebound
John & Pauline Walton

Saturday 16th

12.00 Peter Williams R.I.P.

Sunday 17th

09.30 John Griggs

11.00 People of the Parish

18.30 Intentions of Joy
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TODAY'S READINGS

Reading- *Isa 40:1-5, 9-11*

Psalm- Ps 84:9-10, 11-14

Reading 2- *2 Pet 3:8-14*

Gospel Acc- *Luke 3: 4, 6*

Gospel- *Mark 1:1-8*

PLEASE PRAY FOR

All who are sick and housebound and especially

Rose Moss, Norah Ince, Rose Wilson,
Pauline Coleman, Norah Osborn, Peter McCabe,
Elaine Anne Acton-Reid, Bill Murphy, Helen Tittle,
Rosemary Saddington, Josie McDonough, Ada Platt,
Gerard Curley, Christine Read, Angela Barnes,
Esme Henderson, Fr Harry Holden, Don Newsome,
Nellie Hosty, Ron Ambler, Marie Dugdale,
Sadie Everard-Walker, Marie Palmer, A.A.,
Bob Blundell, Sarah Bone, Peggy Alston,
Denis Parkinson, Chris Horan, Anne Hepes.

Our Lady of Lourdes Pray for them, Amen.

All who died recently Mgr Paddy O'Dea.

And whose anniversaries are at this time:

Wilf Coyle, Michael Joseph McCabe, Albert Smith,
Lena Kelly, Jim Halferty, Mary Kathleen Cooper,
Mary Barnett, Bridget Jones, Francis Leslie Strickland,
Michael McLaughlin, Patrick Kieran, Mary Cushing,
Pamela Bambrough, Ellen McGrath, Dennis Slatter,
Michael Noon.

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

Please Note

There will be NO PARISH MASS ON THURSDAY.

Feast Days this Week

Wednesday St. Lucy

Thursday St. John of the Cross

OTHER LITURGIES

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- Before 10.00

Weekday Mass / Saturday 11.00 - 12.00

Morning Prayer- Before Mon to Fri 10.00 Mass 09.45

Holy Rosary- Saturday 11.30

Confessions- Saturday 11.30-12 / Sunday 18-18.30

Parish Finance

Last week's collection raised £868.73 for parish funds. The collection for the Poor Missions amounted to £249.27. Thank you.

Free English Lessons

Free English Lessons for Beginners and those with some knowledge. All are invited to join the classes held at the Parish Centre on St. Albans Road on Mondays 1.30pm to 3.00pm and Mondays 7.00pm to 8.30pm. All nationalities welcome. If interested please come along or call Lesley Turner 07840 924882 or Sheila O'Brien 01253 725680. For more info email: englishconversationfree@gmail.com or text Lesley on 07840 924882.

Prayer Requests

Do you have a prayer request? We will include it with our prayers. Jesus said "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I shall be there with them." (Matt18: 20) At the back of Church (in the porch) there is a book for your to write down any prayer requests. These will be prayed for at the next prayer meeting.(22/11/17) Do not be anxious about anything, pray for it asking God with prayer and thanksgiving. (Philippians 4).

KSC Carol Service

Knights of St Columba Annual Carol Service will be on Thursday 21st December 7.30pm at Our Lady's Social Centre. This is always a very popular event and will include a glass of sherry and a mince pie.

Schools Admissions Cap

Do you support Catholic Schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need to you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promises to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for "Catholic Education" in your search engine to write to the government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic Schools.

Mgr. Paddy O'Dea (1923-2017)

It is with great sadness that we learned that Monsignor Patrick O'Dea died on the morning of Wednesday 29 November 2017 in Lancaster. He was Parish Priest here 1970 – 1985 and served the Diocese in many capacities, including Vicar General and Diocesan Administrator after Bishop Brewer's death.

Monsignor O'Dea officially retired in 2006 and yet moved to live and serve as a devoted Chaplain at Nazareth House, Lancaster. He will be remembered as a dedicated priest in the service of the Diocese. He had a great rapport with people and was a man of great prayer and love of God and his people.

His funeral will take place in Lancaster Cathedral on Thursday 14th December at 11.30am followed by burial in Ireland.

We have booked a 25 seater coach and if you wish to go please sign the list in the church porch, or contact Sheila O'Brien 01253 725680 as soon as possible. Departure from the parish centre at 9.30am on Thursday. Cost £10 (Pay on the coach). There will be refreshments after the Mass (a 5 minute walk from the cathedral) before our departure.

ADVENT

During Advent, there will be Mass each Friday at 8.00am in the School Hall; all are welcome. On the Wednesdays of Advent, continuing on 13th December at 7.00pm, there will be **Advent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament**. We will gather on the sanctuary before the Blessed Sacrament to spend time in prayer and joyful expectation for the Lord's coming.

This year there will be a single **Advent Penitential Service** for our Deanery. It will be held at St. Joseph's on Thursday 14th December at 7.00pm and all the priests of the Deanery will be available for confessions during that service.

Fr Kakuba Kapia – The Kanyike Project, Uganda

This weekend 10th December, Father Kakuba will be with us once again to give an update on developments in The Kanyike Project which you have been supporting so generously over the years. There will be a second collection for The Kanyike Project. Please give as generously as you can.

Mass for the Sick and Housebound

Friday 15th December 2.00pm in the Parish Centre. All parishioners are invited to come and make this a special celebration with our sick and housebound parishioners. Perhaps there is someone you could invite and bring along? Sick and Housebound parishioners who need transport please contact Peter Donnelly 721481 and Sheila O'Brien 725680 for refreshments.

Christmas Card Boxes

From this weekend there will be boxes in the porch at Church in which parishioners can send cards to or collect cards from each other. PLEASE DO NOT PUT ANY MONEY OR GIFTS IN THESE CARDS.

Mothers' Prayers

This Wednesday, 13th December, 7pm. Please come and join us in The Blue Room at the Parish Centre for our final Mothers' Prayers meeting of 2017. All welcome.

Connect Community Choir

Would you like to be part of a friendly daytime community choir for people of all abilities and ages who simply love singing? You don't even need to be able to read music or sing in tune. Just come along to the Parish Centre on Tuesdays from 10.00-11.30am starting the 12th December. Just pay what you can afford from £1 to £3.

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Prayer for the new Bishop

Almighty God, Eternal shepherd and guide. In your love for us, grant to the Catholic Diocese of Lancaster a shepherd who will lead us to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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