



# St Joseph's Catholic Church Newsletter

## Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

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### The Week Ahead

**Saturday 10 February Vigil to 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year**

5.45pm Confessions. 6.30 Mass (David Perkin).

**Sunday 11 February Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9-9.30am Adoration. 10am Mass (Watson family).

Children's Liturgy. Refreshments after Mass.

**Monday 12 February**

No Mass

**Tues 13 February**

9am Adoration. 10am Mass (Jim Watson)

**Wednesday 14 February Ash Wednesday**

7.30am Service of Ashes. 9am Adoration. 10am Mass (Terry Boyle).

**Thursday 15 February**

9am Adoration. 10am Mass (David Perkin).

**Friday 16 February**

9am Adoration. 10am Mass (Jim Varley)

**Saturday 17 February In honour of Our Lady**

9am Adoration. 9.35 Rosary. 10am Mass (Jim Varley jnr) followed by Confessions and 11am Benediction.

**Vigil to 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

5.45 Confessions. 6.30pm Mass (Terry Boyle)

**Sunday 18 February First Sunday of Lent**

10am Family Mass (Sowerby intention).

### Ash Wednesday.

Lent begins this Wednesday, opening up a period of 40 Days, remembering the time that Jesus spent in the Desert, and giving us the opportunity to prepare to celebrate His Passion and Resurrection fittingly. It is a time marked out by more intense prayer, fasting and works of charity (almsgiving). Ash Wednesday itself is a day of abstinence and fasting, where the Church invites us to deny ourselves in a spirit of sacrifice and penance. There is a Mass with the distribution of ashes. It is also Valentine's Day, reminding us that all our prayer, fasting and almsgiving is done in a spirit that should be increasing our love for the Lord. For those who are working, there will be a brief service of ashes at 7.30am (15 minutes). Stations of the Cross take place on Friday evenings in the church at 7pm, beginning on 23 February.

### Parish News & Events

**Choir Practice** on Tuesday 13 February at 7.15 in the Church.

**Journey of faith programme** continues at 7pm on Tuesday 13 February. This week we are looking at the mystery of the Church.

**Parish Council Meeting** at 7.30pm on Thursday 15 February at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

**Fatima Pilgrimage.** A prep. meeting on Thur. 1 March at 7pm.

**Confirmation.** Those in Y6 and above who would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation will be required to follow a course which begins on 8 March at 7pm. Please contact Fr Philip if you or your child would like to join the group.

**Altar Servers Trip** on Saturday 10 March, from 11.30.

**Parish celebration of St Joseph's Feast Day** on Saturday 17 March at 7.30pm, with Quiz, Cheese & Wine. Save the date.

**Parish Retreat Day** at Hying Hall Monastery on Saturday 24 March, 11am-4pm. A sign-up sheet will be at the back of the church next week. Again, save the date!

**Many Thanks** for last weekend's collection of £500.17. This Sunday, Chris Robson will be making an appeal on behalf of the charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, for which there will be a retiring collection.

**Crib Restoration.** Broken necks, broken hands, broken wrists, broken feet, broken wings. The crib figures have been sent off for their restoration and re-painting. So far we have raised £1350 towards the cost of their repair. Donations to their restoration would be gratefully received.

**Health Warning.** With the flu virus around, some parishioners may be uncomfortable with shaking hands at the sign of peace. If your neighbour doesn't offer you their hand, it may not mean that they don't like you. Perhaps you can just say, 'Peace be with you', nod to each other, smile, or even blow a kiss!

### Other Events

**God, the Earth, and Us.** A talk exploring the urgent call to protect and nurture our planet with Fr Eamonn Mulcahy on 27 February at 7.30pm at the Cornerstone Café, Sulyard St, Lancaster.

**Healing, Signs & Wonders Conference** with the *Cor et Lumen Christi* Community at St Paul's Catholic High School, Firbank Rd, Manchester, M23 27S on the weekend 3-4 March.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**, 20-27 July 2018. See poster in porchway for details.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje**, the week of 21-28 August. Contact Deacon Bernard Loveland on 01539 563391 for details