



# PARISH OF BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN MORECAMBE

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**SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Saturday	St Patrick's	6.00pm	For the parishioners
Sunday	Good Shepherd	8.30am	Lynn Regan
	St Mary's	10.30am	Tadeusz Kurowski
Monday	St Mary's	<b>9.30am</b>	Special intention
Tuesday	St Patrick's	10.00am	Joe and Pearl McAlea
Wednesday	Good Shepherd	10.00am	Daniel Moore
Thursday	St Mary's	12.10pm	Bill and dec'd Turner family
Friday	St Patrick's	10.00am	Stan and Sandra Burgess
Saturday	Good Shepherd	10.00am	For the parishioners
	St Patrick's	6.00pm	Manton family
Sunday	Good Shepherd	8.30am	John Moffatt
	St Mary's	10.30am	Mike and Pauline Holford

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**



Sarah Melville, Marie Robinson, Tony Mullen, Delma Summers, Patrick Garaghty, Deacon Terry Fagan, Mary Rose Martin, Louis Rowan, Hilda Krajewski, Marie Birkett, Valerie Powlton, Win Ward, Calvin Nicholson, Karen Guerrero, Dorothy Waters, Bridget Hanley, Shirley Cannon, James Collins, Joe McAlea, Stan Burgess, Baby Marcelina and the sick and housebound in the parish and those in local hospitals and nursing homes.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Lynn Regan, William Turner, Billy Driscoll, Thomas Mulvaney, Margaret Winder, Joseph Clinton, Bill Burke, Daniel Moore, Malcolm Jenks, Fred Wilde, Terry Williams, Frederick Barnham, Daniel Higgins, John Sheard, Michael James Stanley and all those whose anniversaries occur between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION - SATURDAY

Good Shepherd 10.30am to 11.00am  
St Mary's 11.30am to 12 noon  
St Patrick's 5.15pm to 5.40pm



## FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday St John Damascene (optional)  
Wednesday St Nicolas (optional)  
Thursday St Ambrose  
Friday The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Saturday St John Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin (optional)

## LAST WEEK

**Attendance** 434    **Collection** £1,296.35  
(including standing orders)

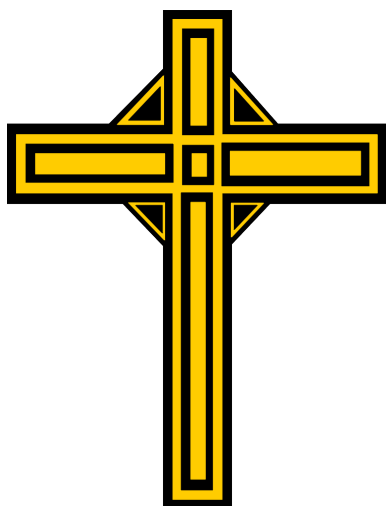
*There is a retiring collection this weekend for Poor Missions of the Diocese*

## LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Pauline Geddes** of The Sands Nursing Home who died on 27<sup>th</sup> November, aged 72. Funeral Service on Wednesday at St Mary's at 2.15pm followed by committal at Lancaster and Morecambe Crematorium.

**Mgr Patrick O'Dea** who died suddenly on 29<sup>th</sup> November, aged 93. For some years he had been chaplain at Nazareth House, Lancaster.  
Funeral arrangements to be advised.



Parishioners have asked prayers for relations and friends lately dead:

**Ruth Crosby and Norah Edmondson**

*May they rest in the peace of Christ.*



“The APF red boxes are once again due to be emptied and the contributions given to us or left with Canon Cooper by 24<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure that each contribution is clearly marked with the giver’s or collector’s name. Magazines are available on request.”  
*Mavis and Eddie Kingsley*

**SVP CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

This year please can you help provide children’s toys and games (new, unused) for 5 to 15 years olds? Also some ‘food treats’ such as sweets, chocolates, mince pies, Christmas puddings... Your gifts will go to local families. Please place items in the boxes at the back of each Church this weekend and next.

*Refreshments are available in St Mary’s hall after the 10.30am Mass*

**Lectio Divina – Thursdays at 7.30pm in St Mary’s presbytery.**

**SVP CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

All are welcome to join us for a hotpot lunch and entertainment in St Mary’s hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 12.45pm (after the 12.10pm Mass). Lifts can be provided – please ring Eddie on 823815.



*There will be a retiring collection for the SVP next weekend.*

<b>Cuppa &amp; Chat</b>	No further meetings until Monday <b>8<sup>th</sup> January</b> .
<b>Bingo</b>	Monday night in St Patrick’s hall. Doors open at 7.00pm.
<b>200 Club</b>	<b><u>Week ending 26/11/17</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> : Marilyn Shine 2 <sup>nd</sup> : John Beresford 3 <sup>rd</sup> : Ann Bates

**LEGION OF MARY**

Meetings Tuesdays at St Patrick’s following Mass.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

In Advent and Lent each year, we have a *Penitential Service* with a number of priests present to hear confessions. The Sacrament of Confession is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for the Christmas feast, so I urge you to come along on Thursday evening (7<sup>th</sup> December) at 7pm.

## DIOCESE OF LANCASTER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 – for details please contact Linda Wisdom on 07738 022 054.

### Youth pilgrimage

Travelling with the Youth Service is a great way for young people to get to know the story of Lourdes and grow in faith through service, prayer, catechesis and time spent with other young Catholics. Many young adults tell me that a pilgrimage to Lourdes was a turning point in their faith life.

Our coach journey starts on **19th July**, travelling directly to Lourdes where we will be staying in the **4 star hotel Eliseo**. We will arrive home on the Saturday 29th July. Open to ages **Year 10+**, we are delighted to announce that the price has come down this year to **£595**.

For more information, to book online or download the poster or booking form, please see:

<http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/new-events/2017/9/19/lourdes-2018>

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Presbytery is used by *Marriage Care* for counselling and the counsellor must have a chaperone with her for security reasons. Are there people who are free for an hour or two? You can bring your book, your sewing, your studies as you will be free but within earshot. Currently the requirement is for Tuesdays, between 5.30pm and 7.45pm.

### **AN INVITATION FROM ST MARY'S SCHOOL**

Come and share in a craft afternoon at St Mary's school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 1.30pm until 2.45pm. The children will help us to make Christmas cards and serve us tea and cakes! Lifts available – call Liz on 400212.

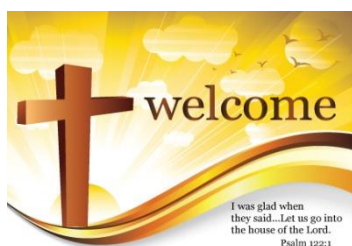
Seven volunteers are needed to decorate the windowsills in St Mary's Church



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December ***Our Lady's Advent Carol service***, St Joseph's Church, Lancaster, 7pm.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December ***Carol Singing for the Unborn***. Lancaster Market Square, 2pm until 4pm



**WELCOME** to all our visitors at Church today. A visit to Church during the week enables us to pray for the parish before the Blessed Sacrament.

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