



# PARISH OF BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN MORECAMBE

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**SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**



Saturday	St Patrick's	6.00pm	Kellet – Diamond Wedding
Sunday	Good Shepherd	8.30am	Vernon family
	St Mary's	10.30am	For the parishioners
Monday	St Mary's	<b>9.30am</b>	Special intention (G)
Tuesday	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Requiem</b> – Brigid Hughes
Wednesday	Good Shepherd	10.00am	Dec'd Ruscillo and Mendes families
Thursday	St Mary's	12.10pm	Margaret Turner
Friday	St Patrick's	10.00am	Dec'd Beresford & Clayton families
Saturday	Good Shepherd	10.00am	For the parishioners
	St Patrick's	6.00pm	Thanksgiving (Manton)
Sunday	Good Shepherd	8.30am	Dec'd Kenny & Morrison families
	St Mary's	10.30am	Lancs. Infirm Secular Clergy



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

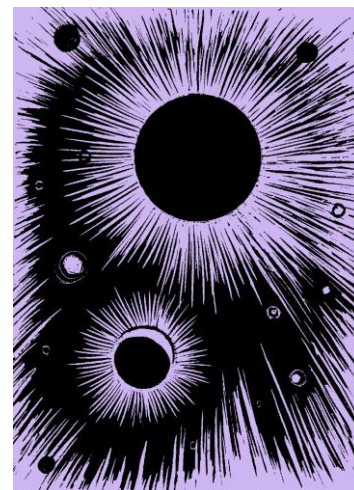
Louis Rowan, Hilda Krajewski, Valerie Powlton, Dorothy Waters, Ron Burke, Agnes Brown, Mary Murray, Tony O'Callaghan, Anthony Mullen, Linda Slinger, Tony Corcoran, Rod Raftery, Chris Needham and the sick and housebound in the parish and those in local hospitals and nursing homes.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Fr T Verity, William Gerald Siddle, Mary Agnes Herbert, Pauline Dean, Rene Spink, Lynn Regan, William Turner, Billy Driscoll, Thomas Mulvaney, Margaret Winder, Winifred Hull, Graham Boulton, Joseph Clinton, Bill Burke, Daniel Moore, Malcolm Jenks, Frederick Wilde, Terry Williams, John Sheard, Frederick Barnham, Raymond Sutcliffe and all those whose anniversaries occur between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<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

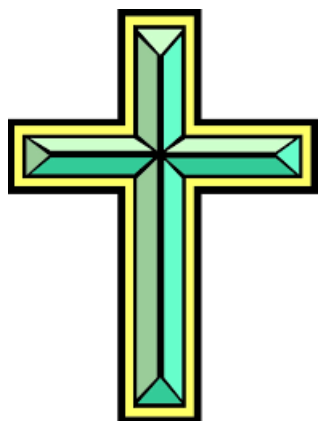
Monday	St Francis Xavier
Tuesday	St John Damascene (optional)
Thursday	St Nicholas (optional)
Friday	St Ambrose

## LAST WEEK

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>Collection</b>	<b>£1,334.70</b>
			(including standing orders)

*There will be a retiring collection this weekend for the Diocesan Poor Missions Fund.*

## LATELY DEAD



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Brigid (Bridie) Hughes** of Christie Avenue who died on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, aged 90. Requiem Mass on Tuesday at St Mary's at 11.00am followed by interment in Torrisholme Cemetery.

**Ronald Blamire** who died on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, aged 85. Funeral service on Thursday at Lancaster & Morecambe Crematorium at 2.30pm.

**John James (Sean) Magill** who died on 28<sup>th</sup> November, aged 69. Funeral Service on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary's at 1.00pm followed by interment in Hale Carr Cemetery.

Parishioners have asked prayers for relations and friends lately dead:

**Thomas Keeney**

## LEGION OF MARY

Meetings on **Tuesdays at St Patrick's** after the 10.00am Mass.

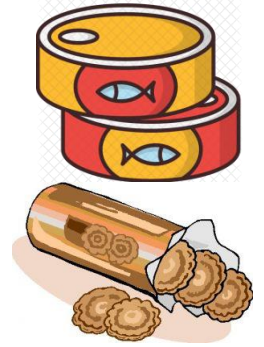
*Please note that Monday Masses will be at an earlier time during Advent so that our schoolchildren can join us.*

## LECTIO DIVINA

Thursdays in St Mary's presbytery at 7:30pm. All welcome.

## SVP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Please leave your donations - Christmas fayre and treats - after Masses this weekend. Goods should be non-perishable, packaged and long-dated. The goods will all be distributed in our local area. Thank you.



## Cuppa & Chat

The next meeting is on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. The following meeting will be Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

## Bingo

Monday nights in St Patrick's hall. Doors open at 7.00pm

## 200 Club

Week ending 25/11/18: 1<sup>st</sup> Rose Newsholme:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sylvia Stewart: 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr A Henderon



## ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP

Every Monday 10:00am - 11:30am in St Mary's Church Hall.  
£2 with snack provided. Find us on Facebook!

"The APF red boxes are due to be emptied and the contributions given to us or left with Canon Cooper by the end of December. Promoters books and calendars are at the back of Church."

*Mavis and Eddie Kingsley*



## SVP

- ✚ The annual collection will be on the weekend of the 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> December.
- ✚ The Christmas lunch will be held after the 12.10pm Mass on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. Lifts are available - please call 823815.

## AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

*Just As I Am* Hymns Tour. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, St Bernadette's, Lancaster 7pm.  
Tickets Adults £7, Children £4. Family ticket £20. [africanchildrenschoir.org.uk](http://africanchildrenschoir.org.uk)

*Veronica Gilchrist would like parishioners to know that on her recent visit to Uganda, thanks to contributions, she was able to purchase a much-needed desk for a classroom.*



## UCM

As promised at our final meeting, the Christmas trees for both St Mary's and St Patrick's have been ordered and will be delivered by Broadoak. Sadly, this will be the last time this happens as we are finally closing down the UCM accounts. Thank you to all concerned over the many years that Morecambe has had a foundation.

*Teresa Thompson*

## ADVENT MEDITATIONS BY CANDLELIGHT

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at St Joseph's, Lancaster. Solo artists on harp, piano and trumpet will be joined by two choirs. Tickets £5 including refreshments. To book, visit [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk) or email [stjosephslancaster@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stjosephslancaster@yahoo.co.uk).



## ADVENT

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple colour associated with Advent is also the colour of penance. The faithful should fast during the first two weeks in particular and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The colour of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This colour symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration - "Gaudete" Sunday; gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

Sundays during Advent, just as during Lent, should not be given to fasting, but instead to celebration because we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord every Sunday.

**Any volunteers to decorate the windowsills in St Mary's Church? There are seven.**



*Welcome* to our visitors at Church this weekend. Visits unite us more closely to the Blessed Sacrament.

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