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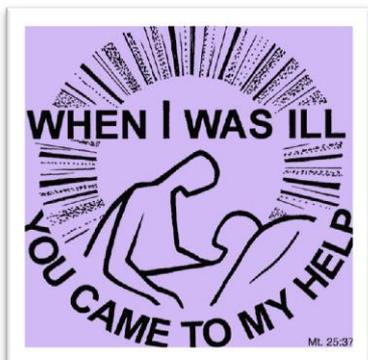
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SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2018

THE HOLY FAMILY

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	St Patrick's	6.00pm	For the parishioners
Sunday	Good Shepherd	8.30am	Arthur, David and Tony Holman
	St Mary's	10.30am	Bridie Hughes
Monday	St Mary's	9.00am	Eileen Parnell
Tuesday	St Patrick's	11.00am	Harold and Ruth Burns
Wednesday	St Mary's	1.00pm	Requiem: Mary Murray
Thursday	St Mary's	12.10pm	Rafael and Graciela Carvallo
Friday	St Patrick's	10:00am	David Gardner
Saturday	Good Shepherd	10.00am	Sr. Margaret
	St Patrick's	6.00pm	Brian Webster
Sunday	Good Shepherd	8.30am	For the parishioners
	St Mary's	10.30am	John and Kevin Brownlee



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

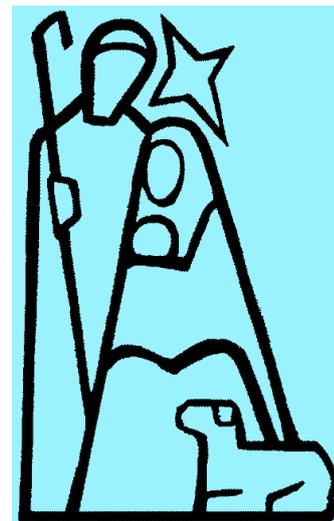
Louis Rowan, Hilda Krajewski, Valerie Powlton, Dorothy Waters, Ron Burke, Agnes Brown, Tony O'Callaghan, Anthony Mullen, Linda Slinger, Frank Brett, Tony Corcoran, Fr Aelred Grugan, Duncan Miller and the sick and housebound in the parish and those in local hospitals and nursing homes.

ANNIVERSARIES

Fr P Cheng, Deacon Terry Fagan, Mary Kilburn, Peter Gallagher, Mary Nolan, Terry Manley, Kenneth Ratcliffe, Ken Stewart, John McDonough, Antonio Macari, Audrey Wallace, Mary Rose Aron, Brian Webster, Violet Booth, Anne Dilworth, Grace Dearden, Daniel Gilmour, Susan Connor, Michael Karim, Robert Hewitt, Gwilym Bowen, Angela Riley and all those whose anniversaries occur between 30th December and 5th January.

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

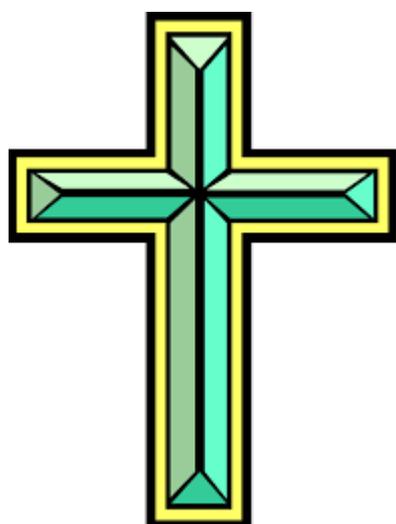
Tuesday	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, Solemnity
Wednesday	St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen
Thursday	The Most Holy Name of Jesus (optional)

LAST WEEK

Attendance 803

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:



Mary Murray of Thornton Road who died in The Sands Nursing Home on 19th December aged 89. Reception into St Mary's on Tuesday at 6pm. Requiem on Wednesday at 1.00pm followed by interment in Torrisholme Cemetery.

Betty Farrell of Springfield Care Home who died on 26th December, aged 93. Reception into St Mary's on Wednesday 9th January at 6.00pm.

Funeral Service on Thursday 10th January at St Mary's followed by committal at Lancaster & Morecambe Crematorium.

Parishioners have asked prayers for relations and friends lately dead:

Edelweis Guerrero

LEGION OF MARY

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

Cuppa & Chat

The next meeting is on Monday 7th January.

Bingo

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

200 Club

Week ending 23/12/18: 1st Patrick Herbert:
2nd Brian Burns: 3rd Richard Warwick



ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP

The next session is on Monday 7th January when we will be celebrating our 1st birthday!

There are some free parish diaries available at the back of Church.

CHRISTMAS THANKS

“Sincere thanks to all who helped clean and prepare the Churches for Christmas and who took part in the Masses by reading, providing the music and serving at the altar. Thanks also to those who decorated the trees and window ledges at St Mary's and St Patrick's and for further donations toward the cost of flowers. Once again you have been so very kind in sending me lovely cards, wonderful and generous presents and for the plentiful Christmas collection. For all this I am truly grateful. (I do try to thank people personally but even after all this time in the parish I don't necessarily know names but only faces - so if I have missed you, it's down to my poor memory for names!)”

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2019 Diocesan directories on sale at the piety stall - £3.50.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

The next meeting is on Monday 7th January in St Mary's hall at 7.00pm.

Thank you to the parishioners who have donated £50, £20 and £10 to Church funds.

LECTIO DIVINA

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

A Happy New Year to parishioners and visitors.

Mass on New Year's Day is at 11.00am at St Patrick's.



EXTRACTS FROM THE HOLY FATHER'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

“Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy Christmas!

To you, the faithful of Rome, to you, the pilgrims, and to all who are linked to us from every part of the world, I renew the joyous proclamation of Bethlehem: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those whom he favours” (Lk 2:14).

Like the shepherds who first went with haste to the stable, let us halt in wonder before the sign that God has given us: “A baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger” (Lk 2:12). In silence, let us fall to our knees and worship.

What does that Child, born for us of the Virgin Mary, have to tell us? What is the universal message of Christmas? It is that God is a good Father and we are all brothers and sisters.

This truth is the basis of the Christian vision of humanity. Without the fraternity that Jesus Christ has bestowed on us, our efforts for a more just world fall short, and even our best plans and projects risk being soulless and empty.

For this reason, my wish for a happy Christmas is a wish for fraternity.

Fraternity among individuals of every nation and culture.

Fraternity among people with different ideas, yet capable of respecting and listening to one another.

Fraternity among persons of different religions. Jesus came to reveal the face of God to all those who seek him.

The face of God has been revealed in a human face. It did not appear in an angel, but in one man, born in a specific time and place. By his incarnation, the Son of God tells us that salvation comes through love, acceptance, respect for this poor humanity of ours, which we all share in a great variety of races, languages, and cultures. Yet all of us are brothers and sisters in humanity!”

(He prays for fraternity in different nations)

“A particular thought goes to our brothers and sisters who celebrate the Birth of the Lord in difficult, if not hostile situations, especially where the Christian community is a minority, often vulnerable or not taken into account. May the Lord grant that they, and all minorities, may live in peace and see their rights recognized, especially the right to religious freedom.

May the little Child whom we contemplate today in the manger, in the cold of the night, watch over all the children of the world, and every frail, vulnerable and discarded person. May all of us receive peace and consolation from the birth of the Saviour and, in the knowledge that we are loved by the one heavenly Father, realise anew that we are brothers and sisters and come to live as such!”