



# PARISH OF BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN MORECAMBE

**St Mary's, Matthias Street, Morecambe, LA4 5JR**

**Parish Priest**

Canon D Cooper, VG (tel 410501)

**Deacons**

Rev. J McCann (tel 421795)

Rev. J Murphy (tel 859254)

**W** [www.bjhnparish.org.uk](http://www.bjhnparish.org.uk)

**F** [www.facebook.com/BJHNparish](http://www.facebook.com/BJHNparish)

**T** [www.twitter.com/bjhn144](http://www.twitter.com/bjhn144)

**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019**

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Saturday	St Patrick's	6.00pm	Brian Webster
Sunday	Good Shepherd	8.30am	Lancs. Infirm Secular Clergy
	St Mary's	10.30am	Louie Prada
Monday	St Mary's	<i>No Mass</i>	-
Tuesday	St Patrick's	<i>No Mass</i>	-
Wednesday	Good Shepherd	<i>No Mass</i>	-
Thursday	St Mary's	<i>No Mass</i>	-
Friday	St Patrick's	<i>No Mass</i>	-
Saturday	Good Shepherd	No Mass	-
	St Patrick's	6.00pm	Joe McAlea
Sunday	Good Shepherd	8.30am	Private intention
	St Mary's	10.30am	Rita Hodder



**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, Michael Bruce and the sick and housebound in the parish and those in local hospitals and nursing homes.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Hannon, Winifred Marsden, James Anderson, Alan Wilcock, Bridget Price, Louie Prada, Joseph McAlea, Vincent Keogh, Michael Regan, Sheila Obertelli, Veronica Watson, Bernard Wilcock, Patrick Brendan Craig, Joseph Fox, Moya O'Doherty, Maureen Batty, Des Bleasdale, Jim Maguire and all those whose anniversaries occur between 13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> January.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION - SATURDAY

On the weekend I am away, anyone wanting the Sacrament of Confession can request it of the supply priest.

## FEASTS THIS WEEK

Thursday                      St Anthony  
Saturday                      St Wulstan (optional)



## LAST WEEK

**Attendance**      388                      **Collection**              £1,414.90 (inc. standing orders)

**There will be a retiring collection this weekend for the *White Flower* appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.**

## LATELY DEAD

Parishioners have asked prayers for relations and friends lately dead:

**Roseanna Morley**

## LEGION OF MARY

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

**Cuppa & Chat**

The next meeting is on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January.

**Bingo**

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

**200 Club**

Week ending 06/01/19: 1<sup>st</sup> Marina Wilson:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Harrison: 3<sup>rd</sup> Margaret Omer:

## ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP

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



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

## AWAY!

In recent years, whenever I've been away, it has not been too difficult to ask a priest to supply the Masses during my absence – especially Fr Smith and Mgr Branson. This year, however, it has not proved possible to find cover – underlining the shortage of priests. Daily Mass goers will, I'm sure, find a Mass in Lancaster or Bolton le Sands.

Will those who take Holy Communion to the housebound, please contact Deacon John on 421795 to make arrangements?

A further indication of the shortage of priests is that the Bishop has kindly offered to celebrate the Masses on the Sunday whilst I'm away – he was not free on the Saturday evening so a priest from the Cathedral will kindly supply at St Patrick's.

## LECTIO DIVINA

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

## VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN

*Follow your Heart - Discernment and Vocation*, 15 - 17 Feb 2019, Liverpool  
The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

## DAY OF RENEWAL

*The power of the HOLY SPIRIT*, led by Sr Maria Natella. Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 10am to 4pm, St Clare's Church parish hall, Fulwood, Preston. For info call Christine on 07745 009 694 or Annette on 07954 429 333.

A banner for the White Flower Appeal 2018. On the left is a photograph of a young girl with long brown hair gently holding a newborn baby. To the right of the photo is a circular logo with a sun-like symbol and the text 'SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN'. Below the logo is the text 'White Flower Appeal™ 2018' and 'Please give generously' in red. At the bottom, there is a black box containing the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children logo, the website 'WWW.SPUC.ORG.UK', and the phone number '020 7091 7091' in red.

## WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is

the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades. Please be as generous as you can to today's annual appeal to help defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

It is a great blessing in the parish that Holy Communion is very regularly taken by a number of our Ministers to a large number of housebound. However, the number of housebound increases and I would ask if some of you could volunteer to go to more people. We also need more Ministers and I would welcome any parishioner who feels called to this Ministry to approach me.

Could I also remind our Ministers when they are taking Holy Communion from Mass, not to engage in conversation outside Church because of the Holy Eucharist which you are carrying.

The need for additional Ministers mentioned above also prompts me to say that in many areas of parish life, there is great need for more volunteers.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN



Parents are beginning to enquire the dates for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and Confirmation. The dates for *St Mary's* are as follows:

### **COMPULSORY PARENTS' MEETING**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March (time to be advised)

### **RECONCILIATION**

Preparation - Tuesdays 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> April and 9<sup>th</sup> April, 3.30pm to 4.30pm in *St Mary's* school.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April (time to be advised)

### **1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION**

Preparation - Tuesdays 14<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 3.30pm to 4.30pm in *St Mary's* school.

Practice - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 11am

**Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion** - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 10.30am

*Dates for St Patrick's school to be advised shortly.*

### **CONFIRMATION**

Deanery celebration of Confirmation at the Cathedral, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2.30pm

## POLAND TRIP (27<sup>TH</sup> TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY)

For those who are booked on the trip, there will be a short meeting in *St Mary's* small hall on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 7pm. I would also ask that you kindly pay the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment on this occasion.

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

The Parish in the Lancaster Diocese. Registered Charity No. 234331

