

Sea Sunday

We are asked to remember and pray for seafarers who spend up to nine months of the year away from home and family to bring to our shores so many of the goods we use every day. Our collection today is used to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea whose team of chaplains and ships' visitors welcome and support seafarers while they are docked in our ports. Fr. Firth and Fr. Patsy both served for many years as Port Chaplains.

Sunday 10th July

9.30am Special Intention
11.00am Josie Down (LD)
6.30pm Parishioners

Weekday Masses

Mon. 8.30am Tony Hardyman (LD)
Tues. 8.30am Alan West (LD)
Wed. 8.30am Canon Firth
Thurs. 8.30am Canon Mullen (90)
Fri. 8.30am John Lilley
Sat. 8.30am Special Intention

Sunday 17th July

9.30am Brian Fish (A)
11.00am Alice Leslie (A)
6.30pm In Thanksgiving

Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Kitty Ellison · Jayne Hodge · Kathleen Reynolds · Bridget Cain · Hazel Lee · Mary Patten · Agnes Martindale · Robert Stretton · Hilda Haworth · Mildred Bridge · Margaret Wood · Harold Sutton · Margaret Bower · Thomas Moss · Winifred Marshall · Gerard Baker · Hugh Daly · Margaret Dearden · Maureen Jackson · Dorothy McDonald (Howarth) · Howard Line · Maureen McIver · Bill Burns · John Marshall · Lois Chiasson · Emily Blears (just 4 months old)

Baptism

We welcome Charlie Hilton in Baptism today.

Collection

Thank you for the collection last week of £1163.

Birthday and Jubilee

Canon K. Mullen is 90 on Thursday. We wish him a happy birthday and continued good health. Fr. Michael O'Neill, the parish priest at St. Bede's, celebrates the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination as a priest on Thursday. I have sent him a card from us all here at Weldbank wishing him a joyous celebration.

Retirement (it must be catching!)

Eddie Brierley retires this week as a Governor of our School. Eddie has served as a Governor for thirty one years..... he has seen thirty one generations of our children go through the School. Eddie has made an enormous contribution to the life of our School and we offer him our thanks and appreciation of all that he has done. In your name I presented a Papal Blessing to him at the Governors' meeting on Tuesday. Thank you, Eddie.

Helen Mather is also hanging up her Little Church hat after many years and returning to the pews! Thank you Helen for the contribution you have made over these years to passing on our faith to the children who attend Little Church. Thank you.

SATs

Mrs. Wroblewski writes that this year's SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) for Y6 pupils were even more difficult than in previous years, due to the increased expectations of the new curriculum and significantly increased pass marks. St. Gregory's children have done exceptionally well despite these changes. In reading and grammar 86% of children achieved the expected standard, in writing 83%, and in Mathematics 73%. This gives us a combined average of 82%. The national average was 70%.

The children and their staff deserve our congratulations on their excellent effort. Well done.

Friends For You

Friends For You is a 'befriending scheme', backed by Chorley Council, in which anyone living alone is eligible to be visited for an hour a week for as long as they need a visitor. The scheme will officially be launched on October 4th by the Mayor. In the meantime a pilot scheme for the new venture will be trialled in Chorley East..... this is the sort of work being done by the SVP and any additional input can only be a benefit to our communities.

A "nice" Story

We had a bad water pipe burst last Friday... several plumbers were rung but not interested... until one, having asked where it was, replied "of course I'll come – I was married there three years ago!" He came, did the job and refused payment – thanks, Francis.

Parish Lunch

The parishioner who completed the form will receive your "ticket" for the parish lunch next Sunday in the post... if it hasn't arrived by Wednesday please contact Margaret (07867988462) of the Social Committee.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters (11th July) Denise and Bruce Conway

Rotas (17th July, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

S.A.S. Janet and Pauline Critchley

Dial a Ride Taxi and Rick Gillett

Readers James Macleod

Ministers Christine Crossen

Margaret Scard

David Fairclough

Richard Jackson

Paul Thompson

Helen Graham

Anthony Hooson