

**Youth Sunday**

*Youth Sunday... young people... hoodies, thugs, drugs, sex, violence, lazy... are these the first thoughts you have when you think of young people... The few give the many a bad name... the many super, caring, generous, idealistic, clever young people in our community. We hear too much about the one, not enough about the other. Today on 'Youth Sunday', we are asked to celebrate our young, to affirm them, and to pray for them as they make their life journey in these difficult days.*

*Today we welcome the younger members of our Parish Community – we are specially blessed here at Weldbank with a large group of young people at Mass. They will lead our Eucharistic celebrations – with the Readings and with the distribution of Holy Communion. Catherine will lead with her thoughts for the day's celebration.*

*After the 11.00am Mass they invite you to join them in the House for coffee, cake, and chat! (Please come in through the sacristy.)*

*There will be a collection today to support 'Animate', the diocesan youth service, which is directed by Fr. Simon Gore. Please pray for them and the work they do in our name.*

**Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters**

Jayne Hodge · Kathleen Reynolds · Bridget Cain · Hazel Lee · Mary Patten · Agnes Martindale · Robert Stretton · Hilda Haworth · Mildred Bridge · Margaret and Fred Wood · Harold Sutton · Josie Down · Mary Campbell · Margaret Bower · Thomas Moss · Winifred Marshall · Gerard Baker · Hugh O'Daly · Margaret Dearden · Maureen Jackson · David Woods · Frank Morris · David Lynch · Dorothy McDonald (Howarth) · John Lilley

Please remember Margaret Dillon, the widow of the first deputy head at Holy Cross – Mike Dillon... some of you will remember him well.

**Baptism**

Today we welcome in baptism Elsa Johnson-Cooke and pray for her and her family as they start on a new faith journey.

**Offertory Collection**

Thank you for last week's collection of £1001.

**Wedding**

Kirsty Brown and Mark Forrester are to be married here with Nuptial Mass on Friday at 12:30pm. We wish them every blessing on their wedding day and throughout their married life.

This is the last wedding for this year – five bookings so far for next year and three for 2017!

**Pious List**

I'm sorry that 'man-flu' (i.e. a bad cold!) kept me from the memorial mass last Sunday when we remembered the thirty two parishioners who left us in these past twelve months to take up their place in heaven. We continue to remember them and others included in our pious list in these last days of November. May they all rest in peace.

**Fr. Patsy**

My friend, Fr. Robinson in Burscough, has become ill and I've "lent" him Fr. Patsy to help out until the diocese can find him a replacement. But Fr. Patsy will be back..... I just hope he doesn't dig up the lawn at Burscough!

**Christmas Cards**

Some cards are available at the back of church - £4 for a packet of ten! There are also some "mass/sympathy cards" there, too.

**Diary Dates**

December 1<sup>st</sup> Bishop Rawsthorne will visit us to confirm the children – 6:30pm  
10<sup>th</sup> Advent carols in church – 7:00pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fayre (School) – 3.15pm

**Ministering to the Assembly**

**Counters (23<sup>rd</sup> November)** David Chadwick and Madge Martin

**Rotas (29<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent)**

**S.A.S.** Margaret Scard

**Readers** Louise Cogan

**Ministers** Clare Meredith

Chris Huddy

**Dial a Ride** Phil Southworth

Simon Robinson

Emmy Moss

Linda Walmsley

Bernard Hargreaves

Michael Rothwell

Paul Rynn