PARISH MINISTRIES

Counting	25 February	Marie Dewland & Mary Hargreaves		
Sacristy & Sanctuary Group	3 March	Margaret Scard		
Dial a Ride	3 March	Dominic Stone & Catherine Jackson		
Readers	3 March	9:30am Christine Crossen 11:00am Sharon Hobin 6:30pm Ulrike Yeomans		
Ministers of the Eucharist	3 March	 9:30am Yvonne Cunliffe, Clare Meredith, Richard Jackson 11:00am Sharon Hobin, Margaret Scard, David Chadwick 6:30pm Anthony Hooson, Joe Commerford 		

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £271.04 Loose Plate: £502.61 Standing Orders: £168.94

Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the maintenance & running of the parish

REFLECTION

This Sunday we hear some of the most difficult teachings of our Lord which may cause some of us to question our faith. At the very basis of our faith is a belief in God. We believe that God created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. We believe that God sent His only Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, to be our Saviour. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the

forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. This short statement of what we believe, our Creed, is really important today. We want to continue to understand more profoundly what we believe as only in the context of this belief do the teachings of our Lord make sense. At the heart of the teachings of Jesus that we hear today are two teachings that are so important in our lives: forgiveness and acceptance of mistreatment. Jesus tells us to 'love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.' And yet, these teachings are so against our modern ways of thinking - yes, these same teachings would revolutionise our present world if we all lived by them. So the challenge is not to think to ourselves: 'Nobody lives that way' but rather 'How can I live in the way Jesus has invited me to do.' Let us pray today that our hearts might truly be open to forgiveness and to the acceptance of being treated

badly. Let us love all of our enemies, the outcasts and the lepers of our times. Let us learn to do good for all of these enemies and bless and pray for them. What a world we can create together if we follow in faith the teachings of our blessed Lord. In our celebration of the Holy Mass today let us remember this phrase from today's Gospel: 'For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.'

> **Responsorial Psalm:** 'The Lord is compassion and love'

Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Margaret Wood - Gerard McGuigan - Lois Chiasson - Marian Leyland Maureen Jackson - Theresa Joyce - Margaret Bower - Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly Margaret Wrennall - Harold Sutton - Margaret Fishwick - David Porter- Julie Hurley Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and send them comfort from thy holy place. Amen.

> Sadly we record the death of Dorothy Brimley. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

If anybody would like to lead the Stations of the Cross during Lent, please let Fr Graeme know. There are many versions available if people wish to use them.

OPEN PARISH MEETING

Our Open Parish Meeting will be held tomorrow evening, Monday 25th February at 7:00pm. Please do come along if you are able. All welcome.

RECOVERY FROM DIVORCE & SEPARATION

There is Archdiocese support for any person who is going through, or has gone through, a relationship breakdown. Topics covered include: Facing the effects of what's happened; Communication and Conflict Resolution; Letting Go; Managing other relationships; Legal matters; and Being single and moving forward. For further details see the poster on the notice board or contact:: Maureen 07967 753371 or Jacqui 07793 825815.

PROTECTION OF MINORS WITHIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

This week, Cardinal Vincent Nichols travelled to Rome to take part in a meeting called by Pope Francis to address the protection of minors within the Catholic Church worldwide. Today we are asked to unite as a Parish with Pope

Francis and all those taking part in the event as together we ask the Lord's pardon for our failings. Please keep Cardinal Nichols in your prayers.

SYNOD NEWS

There have been three initial meetings of Synod Members at Chorley (9 Feb), LACE (13 Feb), and Christ the King, Liverpool (19 Feb). The first meeting, at St Joseph's, Chorley, was filmed and the talks are available at: https://www.synod2020.co.uk/news/

SYNOD SURVEY

The four Synod Questions that will inform and inspire the project of listening over the coming months have now been published. If people wish they may either complete the survey online at: https://www.synod2020.co.uk/news/

or alternatively look at the questions in the survey and we will discuss them at a Parish meeting.

BAPTISMS

Today we welcome in Baptism Willow & Esme McDonagh. We wish them and their family every blessing as they begin their new faith journey.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 24 Feb	9:30am	7th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Bert Southworth	
Sun 24 Feb	11:00am	7th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Eileen Farrell	Refreshments after Mass
Sun 24 Feb	6:30pm	7th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Bill Barnes	
Mon 25 Feb	8:30am		Special Intention (CA)	
Tues 26 Feb	11:00am	REQUIEM MASS	Joan Lawson	
Wed 27 Feb	12 noon		Myra O'Reilly (LD)	Adoration after Mass
Thurs 28 Feb	8:30am		In thanksgiving for a successful operation	
Fri 01 Mar	8:30am	St David	Safe Journey	Women's World Day of Prayer
Sat 02 Mar	10:00am		Thomas Brown (A)	
Sun 03 Mar	9:30am	8th Sunday of Ordinary Time	John & Elizabeth Watmough	
Sun 03 Mar	11:00am	8th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Sheila Cox (A)	Mass of Welcome
Sun 03 Mar	6:30pm	8th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Frank Wrennall (A)	

CONFESSIONS: are held after Mass on Saturday morning

If you wish to book a Mass Intention, please see Fr Graeme after Mass on Sunday or call the office during office hours