

A visit... not a "visitation"!!

Every bishop is required to visit his diocese "in whole or in part each year, so that at least every five years, he will have visited the whole diocese". The Law goes on to say: "the bishop is to make his visitation with due diligence" but "he is to ensure that he is not a burden to anyone on the grounds of undue expense"!!

Archbishop McMahon is visiting the Chorley Deanery this summer – starting in March at St. Bede's and arriving here in Weldbank on Sunday 17th July. The visitation of the Bishop is not simply a matter of bureaucracy: it is an opportunity for the Bishop to meet the people of God entrusted to his care. I'm sure we'll look forward to the visit and will work out a suitable way to celebrate it.

Sunday 31st January

9.30am Geraldine Ellis (A)
11.00am Joseph Kenyon (A)
6.30pm Leon Dickinson (LD)

Weekday Masses

Mon. 8.30am Canon Firth
Tues. 8.30am Special Intention
Wed. 8.30am In Thanksgiving
Thur. 8.30am Nadine Pennington
Fri. 8.30am Madge Critchley
Sat. 8.30am McMurray/Barton Families

Sunday 7th February

9.30am Special Intention
11.00am Norman Martin
6.30pm May Ward

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 · Howard Line

Please remember Terry Dickinson (62) whose funeral was celebrated here last Friday. We offer our sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.

Collection

Many thanks for last week's collection of £1114.

Romania

The group who take our Christmas gifts to an orphanage in Romania write "A huge thank you for all the toys, books, knitted goods and blankets..... how amazing you all are... May God bless you all – you are shining lights in this dark world".

Where are they now?

18 couples were married here in Weldbank in 1956 (Diamond Anniversary), 23 in 1966 (Golden), 13 in 1991 (Silver)..... if you are celebrating a noticeable wedding anniversary this year do let me know!

Candlemass

Tuesday is the feast of the Presentation – Mary and Joseph like all good Jews take their son to the Temple to thank God for his birth. It is also known as the Feast of Candlemass – the annual blessing of candles for use in church services. As someone said "if you're not lightening any candles, don't complain about being in the dark".

CAFOD

CAFOD in Liverpool are looking for people to speak about their work in local schools and parishes and can offer full training and support. Please contact Ged Edwards on 0151 228 4028 or liverpool@cafod.org.uk.

First Confessions

The children will celebrate their first confession on Sunday, 13 March at 3.30pm and their first communion on Saturday, May 14th at 11.00am. Many thanks to the Parish Team who are working with the School to prepare the children for these sacraments. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters (1st February) Marie Dewland and Mary Hargreaves

Rotas (7th February)

S.A.S. Sandra Donnelly, Madge Martin, May West

Dial a Ride To be confirmed, and Kevin Masterson

Readers Terence Donnelly

Sara Norse

Christine Crossen

Ministers Catherine Todd

Sharon Hobin

Anthony Hooson

David Chadwick

Emmy Moss