St Joseph's Catholic Church Newsletter

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B

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The Week Ahead

Saturday 17 March **Vigil to 5th Sunday of Lent**
5.45pm Confessions. 6.30 Mass (Fr Dawson).

Sunday 18 March **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
9-9.30am Adoration. 10am Mass (Mavis & Sean McAllister). Children's Liturgy. Refreshments after Mass.

Monday 19 March **St Joseph Patron of our Parish**
No Mass

Tuesday 20 March
9am Mass (Dorothie Fryers)

Wednesday 21 March
9am Mass with Yr 4 (Fr Tony Quinn).

Thursday 22 March
9am Mass (Joe O'Callaghan).

Friday 23 March
10.30am Requiem Mass for Dorothie Fryers

Saturday 24 March
9am Adoration. 9.35 Rosary. 10am Mass (Paul Ellis) followed by Confessions and 11am Benediction.

Vigil to Palm Sunday
5.45 Confessions. 6.30pm Mass (Mavis Hurrell)

Sunday 25 March **Palm Sunday**
10am Family Mass (Young People).

Monday is the Feast of our patron, St Joseph!

For centuries Christians have turned to St. Joseph as a powerful patron and faithful guardian, father and friend. Invoked as the Glory of home life, Patron of the Dying, Christians call upon St. Joseph for healing and conversion, help with their children, a new job or home, and for all their needs of body and soul. Honored as the Patron of the Universal Church, St. Joseph's paternal protection of the Lord Jesus continues even from heaven, as he watches over Christ's Mystical Body on earth. The foster-father of the Son of God is also a father to those who have become God's sons and daughters through the sacrament of baptism. Saints down the centuries have experienced and extolled St. Joseph's great power to intercede. "Would that I could persuade all men to be devout to this glorious saint," wrote St. Teresa of Avila in her autobiography, "for I know by long experience what blessings he can obtain for us from God." Pope Benedict XVI especially encouraged married couples and parents to turn to St. Joseph, saying: "God alone could grant Joseph the strength to trust the Angel. God alone will give you, dear married couples, the strength to raise your family as he wants. Ask it of him! God loves to be asked for what he wishes to give. Ask him for the grace of a true and ever more faithful love patterned after his own." And Pope St. John Paul II held up St. Joseph as a model of the interior life, pointing to the silence of St. Joseph which speaks louder than words.

Parish News & Events

Congratulations to Layton Hryniw on his Baptism this weekend.

Weekday Mass Times at the earlier time of 9am this week, and Dorothie Fryers' Requiem Mass is at 10.30am on Friday

First Communion programme continues this Tuesday, 3.30-4.30pm at school.

Choir Practice this week at 7.15pm on Tuesday in church.

Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7pm in the church.

Parish Retreat Day at Hyning Hall Monastery, Warton, Nr Carnforth LA5 9SE on Saturday 24 March, arriving at Hyning Hall at 10.30am and finishing at 4pm. The cost is £20 which includes a cooked lunch.

Altar Servers Practices for the Easter Triduum at 6.30pm on Wednesday 28 March for Maundy Thursday, and 1.45pm on Friday 30 March for the Good Friday Service at 3pm, and 9am on Holy Saturday.

Feet washing Sign-Up sheet at back of church for the Maunday Thursday Mass at 7pm. You know you want to do it!

Many Thanks for last weekend's collection of £474.37. This weekend there will be a retiring collection for Fr Paul Nazotin and projects in the Saharan country of Burkino Faso. Lenten alms gratefully received. Also, at the back of the church, please take a jar and collect any spare change for the parish Restoration project.

Other Events

Piano Concert at Lancaster University Chaplaincy Centre on Wednesday 21 March at 7pm. All welcome.

Youth. Easter Weekend Retreat at Castlerigg, for young people Y9 and above, 29 March – 1 April. Price £70. Also Castlerigg is looking for applications for its gap year posts. See www.castleriggmanor.co.uk .

Concert for Uganda. Students from Our Lady's Catholic College invite you to a concert on Friday 20 April from 7pm with performers of all ages and a range of music from classical to popular to Irish Jig Music. Admission £5 (Concessions £3) with drinks available. Please book your tickets with Ruth Lowe or Rachel on r.cortes@olcc.lancs.sch.uk