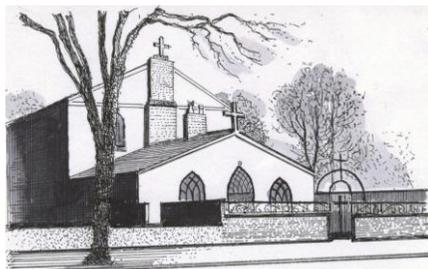


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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 2020

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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Thanksgiving (MG)
Sunday	9.00am	Barry Leach
	10.30am	John Roscoe
Monday	9.00am	Mary Florence Davies
Tuesday	9.00am	David Smerdon
Wednesday	11.00am	Pat Hart (Requiem)
Thursday	9.00am	Valentine Hawk
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Tony Smith
Sunday	9.00am	John Doyle
	10.30am	Thomas Denis Ruane

Novena	No novena this week
Confessions	Saturday 11.00 to 11.30am & 5.30 to 6.00pm
Meditation	Saturday 10.15am

Counters team next Sunday - Team E

Geraldine Simmons, Teracina Taylor Jim Davies Ken Fidler

PURIFICATORS NEXT WEEK

Carolyn Davies Pauline Bowes

SYNOD TALKS AT LACE

The next talk at LACE will be on Monday 9th March, at 7.30pm. Entitled "The Church as a Fragmented Mirror", it will be given by David McLoughlin who is a truly inspirational speaker. If you would like to car share, please meet in the church car park at 6.45pm.

50 PLUS GROUP

The meeting of the 50 Plus Group is next Wednesday 11th March at 2:00pm, and again takes place at St Matthews Church in St Matthews Grove. The 89 bus stops nearby on Upland Road. By car from Portico, go up Prescott Road to the top, turn right at the shops into Freckleton Road then right into Broadway and across into St Matthews Grove.

GIFT AID AND STANDING ORDERS

For the last couple of years, at about this time, the finance team has made a formal appeal at all weekend masses for additional parishioners to sign up to the parish gift aid scheme and/or to switch their planned giving to standing order payments. Such has been the response to these appeals that for this year at least we do not feel it necessary to repeat it and we would like to record our thanks to all those parishioners who have signed up to either or both arrangements – the initial impact on the parish finances was evident from the 2018 parish accounts recently circulated. However, we have continued to receive a trickle of requests for information/guidance on both, so we would like to repeat that we would be happy to receive further gift aid pledges and standing orders should any parishioner still wish to complete one. To facilitate this, members of the finance team will be available after all masses on 7/8 March to provide the necessary paperwork and offer any further advice or guidance required. (Please note – it is not necessary to be signed up to both arrangements – you may gift aid without paying by standing order; or pay by standing order without signing up to gift aid.)

PARISH GARDEN

During the month of March a review of the current condition of the benches and other garden features will be carried out. As part of this we will need to update our records of the contact details of parishioners who have donated such items in the past. Forms are available in the church porch for this purpose – if you have donated a bench or other item of garden furniture please take a copy and complete and return it, providing your name, contact phone number and the name of the person(s) in whose memory it was donated. Thank you.

BRAIN SCAN

At last I've got the results of my brain scan. It would appear that the blood supply to parts of the brain isn't what it should be and so my balance, movement and thought processes are affected. I don't think there is anything can be done to rectify it. It could be worse. My sister has just been diagnosed with cancer and all they can offer is palliative care. And at tops two months.

DEATH

If you have a death in the family can I respectfully ask that you contact the parish before you contact the undertaker please.