

Our Lady

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday	6.30pm	Angela Houghton
Sunday	9.00am	Eleanor Ross
	10.30am	Pat Bishop
Monday	Noon	Peter Francis Johnson (Requiem)
Tuesday	8.00am	Sheila O’Ryan
Wednesday	9.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday	9.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Friday	9.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	John Coughlin
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Margaret Brown

Novena	No novena this week
Confessions	No confessions until further notice
Meditation	Saturday at 10.15am

Counters team next Sunday - Team A

Sue & John Murray Paul Toole Martin Kernick

EDUCATION SUNDAY

This is Education Sunday. It is a day on which we think about the education mission of the church. Remember that in this diocese alone 90,000 young people are offered the Good News of Jesus every school day. So we pray for them and for all who work in any capacity in our schools and colleges. It is a day too when we support the CES – the Catholic Education Service. It is a costly service which employs very high powered people to fight tooth and nail for Catholic Education. Let us remember that there is a growing number who would like to get rid of faith schools. Please support this worthy cause this weekend..

PORTICO FUNDRAISERS

Portico Fundraisers’ autumn plant sale will be held here on the weekend of the 16th/17th September. Please pray for good weather like you’ve never prayed before!!!!!! Portico Fundraisers are now collecting for Intercare plasters (elastoplasts) of all sizes and shapes which are desperately needed for their clinics in Africa. The cream coloured collection bin showing Humpty Dumpty is in the Church Hall porch. Thank you.

POWERPOINT

After years of producing the PowerPoints for Sundays and feast days, James Gilgannon, because of growing commitments, feels that he can no longer continue. He has done an absolutely wonderful job and we owe him a great debt of gratitude. May God bless him for it. Now I must look for a replacement. Ideally, as with the newsletter, it would be good to have a few people to do it so that it does not become too much of a burden. So, is there anyone who has PowerPoint skills and is willing to help please?

HELP

Two ladies take turns to come on a Saturday morning to tidy around the altar and to clean the sacred vessels. One is not well at the moment and cannot continue. Would anyone like to take her place? It involves roughly an hour on a Saturday morning.

50 PLUS GROUP - OUTING TO SKIPTON

The 50 Plus Group outing to Skipton takes place next Wednesday 13th September, leaving from Portico Church at 9.45am. Anyone who has not already paid should bring their £12.50 coach fare. The coach will leave Skipton at 4.00pm, returning to Portico Church. There is no meeting this month, so the next one will be at St James Church on Wednesday 11th October, when we will discuss Christmas!

KNITTING & STITCHING GROUP

The knitting and stitching group who meet in the parish hall of St Thomas of Canterbury, Greenfield Road, are recommencing after the summer break. We are a very informal group, working on our own projects in the main, but we are open to helping with charity appeals. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm for about two hours and put the world to rights as we work. Our members come from all over the town with varying levels of expertise. So if you would like to come along for a couple of productive and convivial hours you would be most welcome. Obviously, our next meeting is 20th September.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Home Mission Sunday. It is a day on which we pray for the spread of the Good News of Jesus in our own country. We also have an opportunity to support the work of spreading that Good News.

APF MISSION BOXES

Has your box been emptied this year? If not, can you please hand it in after any Mass before the 1st October especially if there are any old £ coins in it. Thank you and God Bless.