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LAST SUNDAY Mass Attendance: 133 8.30 - 58 10:30 - 75 Offertory: £486.09 Candles: £97.45 Books/Papers: £16.30 St. Anthony: Building Fund: £12.20 World Needy: £87.98	(g

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Week beginning 31st March

Readers: Julie B. / Michael L. **Ministers:** Julia B. / Helen S. Kath S. / Elaine P. / Charlie W.

Church Cleaning

(On Saturday 13th April, please would all 3 groups meet at noon for a thorough church clean.) **Children's Liturgy** Lorraine & Ania

Please join us for refreshments after the 10:30 Mass

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year from 26th July to

2nd August. The Youth Pilgrimage will travel by coach, departing 25th July and returning on 3rd August. Funds are available to support any young person from the parish who would like to go. Please just ask!

Further information is available on <u>www.tangney-tours/Lancaster</u> or call 01732 886666

A poster with Lenten Lunch venues is in the porch 11.45 - 1.15. St. Mary's will join with St. Peter's at St. Peter's church on Friday 5th April. Please support if you are able.

Easter Raffle - We are now looking for fancy goods and gifts for the Easter Raffle. If you would like to donate, please sign on the list at the back of church. Thank you.

On Easter Sunday edible treats will be available for sale after both the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses.

We invite you to join in refreshments after the 10:30 Mass when the Easter Raffle draw will take place.



Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): **Saturday 10:30-11 a.m.** Adoration of the Holy Eucharist: **Saturday 10:30-11 a.m.**

Third Sunday in Lent

24th March 2019

God of salvation, we stand before you on holy ground, for your name is glorified and your mercy revealed wherever your mighty deeds are remembered.

Since you are holy and forbearing, turn us from every rash and shallow judgment to seek the ways of repentance.

We ask this through Christ, our deliverance and hope, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and

ever.



Week 17, beginning 24th March 2019

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Sunday 24 th	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Third Sunday in Lent	10.30 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Marjorie & Jim Richardson (S.N.) Anniversary Evening Prayer & Benediction
MONDAY 25 th The Annunciation of the Lord	10.00 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 26 th	7.00 p.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
WEDNESDAY 27 th	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
THURSDAY 28 th	10.00 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	John Smith (J.S.) Stations of the Cross
FRIDAY 29 th	10.00 a.m.	Antonio Faraone – lately dead (B.&G.R.)
SATURDAY 30 th	10.00 a.m.	John Smith (J.S.)
Next Sunday 31 st Fourth Sunday in	8.30 a.m.	Mary & Leo Heap (J.&W. B.)
Lent	10.30 a.m. 4.00p.m.	Marjorie & Jim Richardson (S.N.) Evening Prayer & Benediction

Please remember in your prayers



»all the sick, especially: Audrey Armour, Zephan Barretto, Louise Cantrell, Catalina Carreddu, Greta Carus, Janice Chadwick, Elsie Clapp, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Teresa Drake, Sarah Finley, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Christina Jones, Liam Edward Lenihan, Rosemary Lovatt, Alison Lyons, Bridget McCann, Gerry McCaul, Kathleen McGinley, Joan Moss, Michael O'Sullivan, Bob Rawcliffe, Lidia Romanowska, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Harry Slater, Mark Surelock, Josie Tester, Frank Ward, Winifred White, Fred & Mary Wylie

>> the housebound and those in care, especially: David Ball, Peggie Ball, Thomas Ball, Bridget McCann,



Brenda McCaul, Walter Myerscough, Doris Roberts, Marina Smith, Monica Syms, Pamela Warwick

>those who have died recently: Antonio Faraone

>and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week: Andrew Muscroft, Benjamin Wallbank, Susan Bird, Marjorie Richardson, Norah Rathbone, Edward Clarkson, Mavis Adams, Alice Ball, Joan Withey, Mary Keating, Bridget Grainger, John Hawes, Michael Houghton, Colin Riches

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read -The Gospel for Sunday 31st March (Luke 15: 1-3.11-32) The Prodigal Son.

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading

Fr. Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Who is the hero of the story? What should its title be? Some call it the parable of the Powerless Father, for the father is powerless to do anything but welcome his son. Clearly the principal message of the parable is that we can count on God's forgiveness, whatever we do. The contrast is also between the two sons. The younger insults his father: all he thinks about is his inheritance, as though he wished his father already dead. All the same, the father is eagerly on the watch, and forgets all his dignity to run and welcome his returning son. And to persuade the elder son to join in the party, the father even leaves his dinner-guests at table, going out into the field to urge the jealous elder brother to join in. Forgiveness and love is his whole motivation. The elder son responds to his father with insults ('That son of yours' he says), inventing guesses about sexual loose living, of which there is no suggestion in the story of the younger son. It is a splendid example of Luke's delicate, witty and subtle characterisation. Which brother comes out of the story best? Have you ever felt like the elder brother? What picture of God does Jesus present in the Parable of the Prodigal Son?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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MOTHERING SUNDAY – Next Sunday, 31st March and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is also Mother's Day. All mothers (and grandmothers!) are most welcome to Mass next Sunday and will receive a small bunch of flowers as an expression of our appreciation for all that they do.

First Reconciliation - The sacrament will be celebrated on Monday, 8th Apríl at 6.00 p.m.

First Holy Communion preparation will begin on Sunday, 5th May after 10:30 Mass in the Presbytery. The First Holy Communion Mass will be on Sunday, 23rd June.

Would you like to contribute to the cost of flowers for Easter? Please see Fr. Michael or Tony Whiteside.