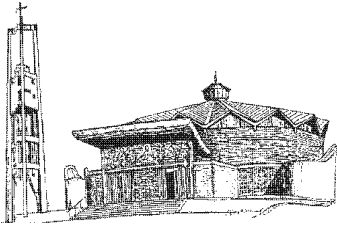


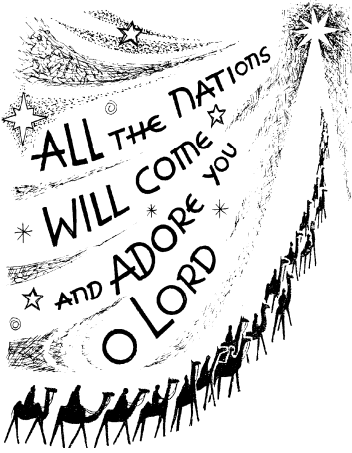
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Do Jesus homage each day in the practical will of God in our circumstances of life, and especially with all we meet and live with this week

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS / VISITORS
Please fill in our new Record Form, or if you move house within the parish please amend a new form.

Saturday 2nd January St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen
6.00 (Vigil Mass) Moll family intentions



Sunday 3rd January The Epiphany of the Lord
9.30
11.00 EBC / Addison-Jones family intention

Monday 4th January
9.00 John & Mary Edna Balogh
12.15 Rose Muckian

Tuesday 5th January
8.00 (with Schools) Michael Dunne (D&P)
12.15 Jolly family (EA)

Wednesday 6th January

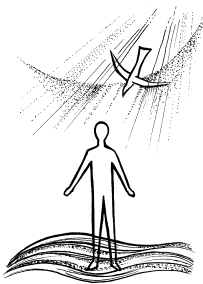
9.00 Bray & McGrath family intentions
12.15 Paul Bruce

Thursday 7th January
8.00 (In Church) Jim Hughes
12.15 Movita Sharpe (MA)



Friday 8th January
No 9.00am Mass
12.15 Sheila Mackenzie (Divine Mercy)
7.15 KSC intentions

Saturday 9th January
9.00 Mick Davies
6.00 (Vigil Mass) The Parish/One gravely



Sunday 10th January Baptism of the Lord
9.30 EBC/Thomas family intention
11.00 Fr Abbot's intention
2.00 Baptism Renewal Service

Confessions Saturday 9.30 - 10.00 a.m. (or when they end) and 5.00 - 6.00 p.m. Also Confessions at any time. Ring for a mutually convenient time with one of the priests.

Last Sunday: Offertory Loose Plate & Gift Aid £636.26
Christmas Day Parish £1843.15 Ampleforth £697.94
CAFOD £1685.13

Many thanks for your generosity in giving money to support us. We will soon send a lot of money to CAFOD.

For Gift Aid contact Gerry Brown 431002 Any tax payer who does not already gift aid would be very welcome to join our scheme
Happy New Year to all our present gift aiders.

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SUNDAY The Epiphany of the Lord **P.47**

Theme: We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.

THE PARISH FAMILY

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK Bernard Turner, Lea Derbyshire, Clara Hall, Paul Hewitt, Doris Lakin, Margaret Miller, Peter Barron, Rita Bleasdale, Maggie Ashbolt, Maire Jones, Jim McKay, Agnes Bennett, Lynn Hamer, Joe Copeman, Mark Clements, Toni Gannon, Brian Pooley, Dot Reynolds, Patricia Duffy, Susan McCarthy, Walburga Hall, Gordon Cottle, Moyra Haynes, Joyce Wilcox, Danny Bonner, Annie Kelly, Eve Hankin, Tracey Anne Holly, Evelyn Swarbrick, Gerald Ralphs, Eileen Kenyon, Edith Rice, Alice Ogden, Graham Halstead, and connected with us, Teresa O'Hanlon, Chad McDonald, Andrew Liddell, Susan Davey, Mary Mueller, Robert Salisbury (Brian's brother), Betty Thompson (Canada) - Mum of Doreen Houghton, Jim & Joan Madden (Fr Abbot's parents), Eric Woof, Ami Froehlick, Audrey Padmore, Alicia Middlemas (friend of Maria, Brenda) Malcolm Pyman and Frank Dever. *Long-term sick are prayed for each day at mass. Let us know those who you wish to pray for by Thursday of each week for either the bulletin and / or the long term sick.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED: Especially Margaret Sherrington connected with us who has died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: James Charnley, Ronald Victor Wilkinson, Kathleen Addison-Jones, Ivy Lynch, Claribel Naylor, Tom Pritchard, Colin McPhillips, Maureen Berry, Mary Teresa Harrison, Jacqueline Lythgoe, Bill Nuttall, Isabel Langan, Joseph Almond, Paul Knowles, David Higham, Ian Holmes and Joseph Battersby.

THIS WEEK Today: Youth Group 7 pm
Family Rota of Prayer: Meldrum family 14 Crofters Meadow

Monday: Church cleaning 9am 'A' team

Tuesday: Confirmation team planning mtg 4.30 pm in Church

Wednesday: Parish Pastoral Council 7.30 pm

Friday: Divine Mercy prayers 11 a m in the Adoration chapel everyone welcome.

Senior Youth Group 6.45 pm

Saturday: White flower appeal

NEXT SUNDAY: White flower appeal

Journey in Faith 5 – If anyone is interested in understanding more about our Catholic Christian Faith, then the Journey in Faith may be for you. See Fr. Jonathan for further explanations.

Youth Group 7 pm

SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS WITH HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK
(After Holy Communion of the Congregation) **The Congregation** says: May this sacrament unite them with Christ and his Church and give them consolation and peace.

Adoration in Church. St. Joseph's Adoration Chapel
Exposition is at any time that you can make it. We have the rota for watching and we hope it covers much of the week. You are welcome to pop in any time. -Contact the Priory for enquiries

A very Happy and Blessed New Year to all!



* For those of us old enough to remember and of a certain age it does not seem like ten years since the millennium! People sometimes comment "where do the years go to? What have I done in these

intervening ten years?" On New Year's eve, finishing off the bulletin one of the practices that is useful on New Year's eve is to ask God to "fill in all the 'holes' or 'mistakes' or 'those times we have not done God's will' throughout the year: we can ask God to fill them with His Love in the few hours left before the New Year comes. By the time this comes to your attention it will already be 2010. However all is not lost! When in Bethlehem fields in the Holy Land in November 09 (where the angels appeared to the shepherds) the young Franciscan Friar that works in the sacristy said to me "Happy Christmas". I (Fr. Jonathan) looked at him strangely, wondering what he meant, and he said "Each day should be like Christmas day". This, by the way was what Pope John Paul 2 said when he came to that same spot, and as the Franciscan Friar was Polish, I wondered if that had influenced him! By the same logic each day should be like 'New Year's Eve'. God can fill up our mistakes with His Love every day, and He does if we ask Him.

Who knows what this new year will bring? Yet of one thing we can be certain and for this we should thank and bless our God. We can trust Him to take care of us and make all things well. It would be good to make practical and do-able New Year Resolutions. What about asking God to see the situations in life with a positive eye rather than a negative one? In other words, the pint pot is half full rather than half empty. To achieve that high aim it will be necessary probably for most of us to deepen our relationship with God above. One practical way to do that may be the "Wednesday Word" or the Word of Life.

The Wednesday Word. The parish version of *The Wednesday Word* has been designed to unite our parish communities in prayer with our school families. There is a version in use in both our Primary schools geared for children. Collect it from the Narthex each Sunday for the following Sunday, to prepare with God's word. A good day to read it is Wednesday.

Clearing the Ice. 20 or so parishioners turned out last Sunday morning or afternoon to clear the ice from the car park. It was a very good effort and made the car park useable for daily mass goers, and for those who use our Parish Centre. Thank you to all & the generous hearted parishioner who began the process in the mooning and gave the idea to "give it a go". It proved as usual when working with a crowd of others, a very enjoyable occupation, ending up with cake and other Christmas cheer for those who were there in the afternoon to the end. Photos are on the board in the porch of most of those who did the job.

Parishioners in hospital - please let us know if family or friends are in hospital and then the Priests can visit them when they are in hospital. Let us know the hospital ward. It is also helpful to let us know when they come home.

Forthcoming events

Schools reopen Monday 4th January

500 CLUB CONGRATULATIONS! £100 Winner

Week No. 48 I & J Holohan. Agent E. Ellison

Youth Group staff meeting Mon 11th Jan 7.30pm Priory house

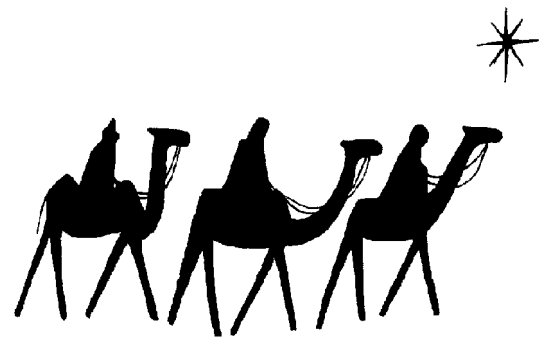
Confirmations 2nd Candidates meeting Tuesday 12th January Parish Centre 4pm

First Holy Communion Catechists - the meeting planned for Thursday 7th January has had to be postponed to **Thursday 14th January at 7 pm** in St Mary's Priory

Please give blood - Thursday 14th January 2 - 4 pm and 5.30 - 7.30 pm at South Ribble Civic Centre. See poster on Notice Board for more details.

Last Night of the Proms - Saturday 16th January 7.30 pm at Leyland United Reformed Church. See poster on Notice Board for more details.

Divorced or Separated? The Pastoral Formation Department offers 6 weekly meetings to support Catholics experiencing the breakdown of a long-term relationship. They begin on Monday 15th February 2010. See poster for more details.



WORD OF LIFE to help us on our Journey of Life

We will celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from 18 to 25 January. Chiara used to use the Word of Life of the month to comment on the passage of Scripture chosen for the occasion. This year that is: 'You are witnesses' (Lk 24:48). To help us live it, what Chiara wrote in 1999 is offered here as an 'urgent appeal' to Christians to witness together before the world to God's presence. 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his people, and God himself will be with them' (Rev. 21:3).

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This month's Word of Life is a challenge: if we want to be part of his people, we must allow him to live among us. But how is this possible, and what can we do in order to have some foretaste, while still on earth, of the endless joy we will have in the vision of God? This is exactly what Jesus revealed to us; it is the very meaning of his coming: to communicate his life of love with the Father, so that we too can live it.

Full text of the Word of Life is available on the cupboards just outside the Piety Shop. Help yourself.

