

# Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 20 August 2017  
20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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| Day/Date     | Time    | Feast                                    | Intention                |
|--------------|---------|--|--------------------------|
| Sat, 19 Aug  | 9.30am  |  | Fr John-Paul's Intention |
|              | 6.00pm  | Vigil                                    | Private Intention        |
| Sun, 20 Aug  | 9.30am* | 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time             | Private Intention        |
|              | 11.00am |  | Private Intention        |
| Mon, 21 Aug  | 9.30am  | St Pius X                                | Private Intention        |
| Tue, 22 Aug  | 9.30am  | The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Private Intention        |
| Wed, 23 Aug  |         | No Mass This Morning                     |                          |
| Thur, 24 Aug | 9.30am  | St Bartholemew, Apsotle                  | Private Intention        |
| Fri, 25 Aug  | 9.30am  |  | Private Intention        |
| Sat, 26 Aug  | 9.30am  |  | Fr John-Paul's Intention |
|              | 6.00pm  | Vigil                                    |                          |
| Sun, 27 Aug  | 9.30am* | 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time             | Private Intention        |
|              | 11.00am |  | The Parishioners         |

\* Denotes Services at St Martin de Porres, Carleton

Confessions at St John's every Saturday 10.00-11.00am; 5.15-5.45pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: every Saturday 10.00-11.00am at St John's

## Please Pray For

Megan (aged 10), Louis Crowson, Christopher Brown, Pauline Cafferty, John Ireland, Joan Kilmurray, Kate Lingard, Antonio Palmer, Laura Patey, Joanne Porter, Mary Robertson, Chris Taylor, Fr Joseph Maley, John Vincent and all the sick.

## Anniversaries About This Time

Eileen Cassidy



The Faith of a Canaanite Woman  
Matthew 15: 21-28

**St John The Evangelist**

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**A warm welcome to all parishioners and visitors to our Mass today and throughout the week**

### **Twentieth Sunday of the Year**

Today's gospel is a difficult and challenging one - because we don't encounter a gentle and patient Jesus. The Canaanite woman was desperate, not for herself, but for her demon-possessed daughter. She was a Gentile, a pagan, living in the district of Tyre and Sidon. She clearly was not easily put down, because Jesus calls her a "dog" - a dreadful insult in any language. That must have been hard to hear! However, although we know the words Jesus spoke, we don't know the tone. It seems unlikely that Jesus was deliberately contemptuous of the woman but rather entering into what today we might call "banter". The Lord certainly admired the woman's spirit. Her answer was not just quick-witted but deeply wise - displaying how full of faith she was. We can learn much from this woman regarding resilience, determination, forbearance, tenacity and courage.

### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For August**

*For those who work in the creative arts:* that through their ingenuity and creativity they may help everyone to discover the beauty of God's creation.

### **Women Together In Lancaster: Day Of Recollection**

Saturday, 6 September from 10.30am - 3.00pm in the Social Centre, St Peter's Cathedral Lancaster, exploring the themes of Pope Francis' love letter to Families. Includes Mass in the Cathedral with Bishop Michael Campbell, OSA. Lunch will be provided. See poster for further details.

**This Week** we pray for people living in Robins Lane, Robins Close, Rose Way, Roylen Ave, Royston Rd & Rutland Ave.

**Jesus Christ: A talk given by Fr John-Paul Evans.** Wednesday, 6 September at 7.30pm in the Lounge at St Kentigern's Parish Centre, Newton Drive. The third talk in the present Faith series. Everyone welcome.

**SVP Society** If anyone requires regular transport to the 6.00pm Vigil Mass, please contact Neville Booth on Tel: 884325 and this can be arranged.

**Tea and Coffee** is served every Sunday after the 11.00am Mass at St John's and after the 9.30am Mass at St Martin's every second Sunday of the month.



**SVP Foodbank** Please continue to donate dried or tinned foods to the foodbank. They are much appreciated by those who struggle to cope with the necessities of life. Clothing and blankets can also be donated. Many thanks.

**Night Fever 2017 At Sacred Heart, Blackpool** "Nightfever" is an event with a special atmosphere of music, prayer and candlelight at a time when churches are not usually open. This year's "Nightfever" at Sacred Heart Church, Blackpool will take place on Friday, 20 October. If you are interested in taking part in this event in either the Street Ministry Team or the Prayer Team, please let your Parish Priest know and your details will be passed on to the organisers. You will be contacted nearer the time.

**If anyone has items** for the newsletter please contact Elaine Brownwood on 01253 886219 (evenings 6.00 - 9.00pm) or email them to elainebrownwood@hotmail.com by 9.00pm Wednesday evening. Thank you.

### **Parish Review: Latest News**

The next stage of the review is now almost complete. We have a review of most of the organisations and groups in the parish. Before we present them as a display covering all the parish, we need to present them to our new Parish Priest so that he is conversant with the present organisations and the present procedures of our Parish. He will then no doubt present his vision to all the parish at some later date. A small group of five or six parishioners from the parish review group will meet with Fr. Sharrock in the near future.

### **Ecumenical Weekend: 15-17 September 2017**

Only three places left. If you are interested in attending this event, please speak to Neville or Bill - or contact Elizabeth Harrison (Tel: 01253 884181) or joeli44@hotmail.com

### **Remember...**

When you delight in the beauty of creation, remember the Teacher who spoke of birds, fig trees, lilies, mustard seeds.  
When you are ill and in physical pain, remember the Healer who reached out with compassion.  
When you sink into comfortable silence and sense someone greater than yourself, remember the Divine Companion who is ever near.  
When you feel depressed and out of sorts, remember the Hope-filled One who urged his followers not to lose heart.  
When you know there is more to life than mind can prove or heart can feel, remember the Mystery who came to dwell among us.  
*Extract from "Out of the Ordinary" by Joyce Rupp*