

# PARISH OF ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN MORECAMBE

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## **Deacons**

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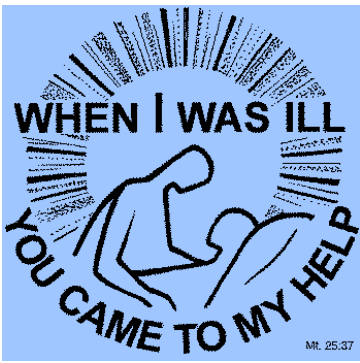
Rev. J Murphy (tel 859254)

**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	St Patrick's	6.00pm	Kathleen Miller
Sunday	St Mary's	8.30am	For the parishioners
	St Mary's	10.30am	Frank, Isabella and Tony Smylie
Monday	St Mary's	9.00am	William Henry Harper
Tuesday	St Mary's	10.00am	Christine O'Doherty
Wednesday	St Mary's	10.00am	Alice Hayes
Thursday	St Mary's	12.10pm	Sr. Margaret
Friday	St Mary's	10.00am	Monica Roberts
Saturday	St Mary's	10.00am	Joan Lees
	St Patrick's	6.00pm	Damian Bates
Sunday	St Mary's	8.30am	Lancs. Infirm Secular Clergy
	St Mary's	10.30am	For the parishioners



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Louis Rowan, Martin Hipworth, John Brien, Margaret Kyle, Barbara Byrnes, Margaret MacQuaker, Keith Townsend, Hannah Barlow, Winnie Coupe, Gerard Ashton, Vincent Murray, Debbie Whitaker, Anthony Mullen, Julie Lyons, Mary Magahey Atherton, Greg Johnson, Zoe Jarman and the sick and housebound in the parish and those in local hospitals and nursing homes.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Fr K Lowry, Paul Stuart Clark, Isabella Smylie, Sheila Quill, Paul Calvert, Alice Hayes, Mary Veronica McCarthy, Christine O'Doherty, Nigel Austin, Mary Gertrude Cox, Barbara Henshaw, Pat Fossey, Ivy Le-Warne, Colin Peter Sawford, Len Henson and all those whose anniversaries occur between 27<sup>th</sup> September and 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

## FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday	St Wenceslaus or Sts Lawrence Ruiz & Companions (optional)
Tuesday	SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL, Archangels
Wednesday	St Jerome
Thursday	St Therese of the Child Jesus
Friday	The Holy Guardian Angels

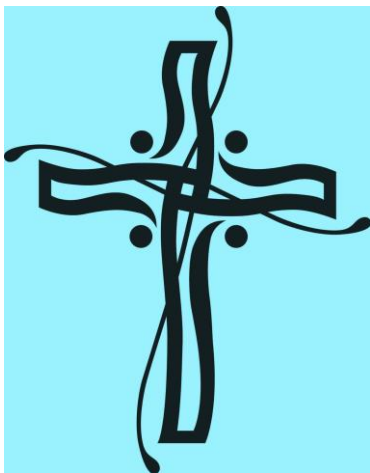


## LATELY DEAD

**Jonathan Hoey** of Spalding who died in a road accident on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, aged 52. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

Prayers have also been asked for relations and friends lately dead:

**Fr Padraig Murphy, Miley Connors and Kathleen McCarthy**



## SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION - SATURDAY

St Mary's 10.30am to 11.00am in the Sacristy.

## DIRECT DEBIT

Thank you to those who have chosen to make a direct debit in favour of the parish – and to all who continue to send in their offertory collection.



*Grateful thanks for the donation of £50 to help with the costs of sanitising the Churches.*

### **PLEASE NOTE...**

In these Covid days....

- + Restricted attendance
- + Facemasks
- + Name and contact number (*Track & Trace*)
- + Live streaming of Sunday 8.30am Mass and some weekday Masses



Although the Sunday Mass obligation is still suspended, please try to attend Mass whenever you can.



### **FAMILY FAST DAY**

This week our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease –

let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal.

Please pray for all those affected and donate online through the CAFOD website or by taking one of the envelopes this weekend. W: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give>

### **DIOCESE OF LANCASTER JOB VACANCY**

An experienced Personal Assistant is required for the Bishop's Office. This is an existing permanent post, based mainly at the Pastoral Centre in Lancaster (next to the Cathedral). Approximately 25 hours per week, spread over Monday to Friday. Closing date, noon on 15<sup>th</sup> October, with interviews on 22<sup>nd</sup> October. For an application form, please email: [hew@lancasterrcdioocese.org.uk](mailto:hew@lancasterrcdioocese.org.uk)

### **NEW NHS 'TEST & TRACE' PHONE APP**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> September, the NHS began to roll-out its new Test & Trace phone app, which is for use on smartphones (with Bluetooth enabled). When you arrive at a venue you simply scan the Q.R. code near the entrance to record your attendance. If a notification is subsequently sent to an app user, it will not mention the name of the particular venue, just that the user has recently been to a place where they spent fifteen minutes or more, close to someone who has subsequently tested positive for coronavirus. Details of the privacy safeguards used are readily available on the internet. The QR Code will be displayed in the Church porch. If you do not check-in with your phone, you will still need to do a manual check-in (i.e. name on a list).

## LET US RETURN TO THE EUCHARIST WITH JOY!

Cardinal Robert Sarah, who heads the Roman Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, has recently issued a letter about returning to Mass. Here are a few extracts:

“The pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus has produced upheavals not only in social, family, economic, educational and work dynamics, but also in the life of the Christian community, including the liturgical dimension. To prevent the spread of the virus, rigid social distancing was necessary, which had repercussions on a fundamental trait of Christian life: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them" (Mt 18:20); "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:42.44).

Scripture uses the image of a city to describe eternal life: the heavenly Jerusalem (cf. Rev 21). A city is a community of people who share values, fundamental human and spiritual realities, places, times and organized activities and who contribute to building the common good.

Christians, as soon as they enjoyed freedom of worship, immediately built places where the faithful could recognize themselves as the community of God, a people summoned for worship and constituted as a holy assembly.

The Christian community has never sought isolation and has never made the Church a city with closed doors. In the pandemic emergency, a great sense of responsibility has emerged. In listening to and collaborating with civil authorities and experts, the Bishops and their territorial conferences were prompt to make difficult and painful decisions, even to the point of suspending the participation of the faithful in the celebration of Mass for a long period.

**As soon as circumstances permit, however, it is necessary and urgent to return to the normality of Christian life, which has the church building as its home and the celebration of the liturgy, especially the Eucharist, as "the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 10).**

Aware that God never abandons the humanity He has created, and that even the hardest trials can bear fruits of grace, we have accepted our distance from the Lord's altar as a time of Eucharistic fasting, useful for us to rediscover its vital importance, beauty and immeasurable preciousness. As soon as is possible, however, we must return to the Eucharist with a purified heart, with a renewed amazement, with an increased desire to meet the Lord, to be with him, to receive him and to bring him to our brothers and sisters with the witness of a life full of faith, love and hope.

As much as the means of communication perform a valued service to the sick and those who are unable to go to church, and have performed a great service in the broadcast of Holy Mass at a time when there was no possibility of community celebrations, no broadcast is comparable to personal participation or can replace it. "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him". (Jn 6.56). This physical contact with the Lord is vital, indispensable, irreplaceable.”