

PARISH OF ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN MORECAMBE

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SUNDAY 17TH JANUARY 2021
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	St Mary's	6.00pm	Peter Clinton
Sunday	St Mary's	8.30am	Hyde and Freedman families
	St Mary's	10.30am	For the parishioners
Monday	St Mary's	9.00am	John and Edward Dwyer
Tuesday	St Mary's	10.00am	Margaret Lewis
Wednesday	St Mary's	10.00am	Dec'd Kenny and Morrison families
Thursday	St Mary's	12.10pm	Anne O'Sullivan and family
Friday	St Mary's	10.00am	Wilf and Des Bleasdale
Saturday	St Mary's	10.00am	For the parishioners
	St Mary's	6.00pm	Dec'd Stoker and Burns family
Sunday	St Mary's	8.30am	Dec'd Parker and Hannon family
	St Mary's	10.30am	Joe McAlea

The 8.30am Mass on Sunday will be live streamed and some weekday Masses.

During the Tier 4 restrictions, the Church will be open at **Mass times** only.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Louis Rowan, Martin Hipworth, Margaret Kyle, Barbara Byrnes, Margaret MacQuaker, Keith Townsend, Hannah Barlow, Winnie Coupe, Gerard Ashton, Vincent Murray, Anthony Mullen, Greg Johnson, Zoe Jarman, Frances Margey, Michael McGee and the sick and housebound in the parish and those in local hospitals and nursing homes.

ANNIVERSARIES

Fr Stephen Cross, Moya O'Doherty, Maureen Batty, Sydney Huntingdon, Leonard Marks, Margaret Hannon, Des Bleasdale, Jim Maguire, Vincent Halpin, Peter Houghton, Arthur Foster, Elizabeth Edmundson, Sheila Doherty, Monica Morgan, Raymond Dixon and all those whose anniversaries occur between 17th and 23rd January.

CURRENT SITUATION REGARDING PUBLIC WORSHIP

Our Bishop is happy for each parish to decide whether or not to stay open at the present time. From comments made by parishioners, I am very willing for public Masses to continue but I think it's important that our situation is regularly reviewed.

The following has been issued by the diocese:

1. Health professionals' research to date indicates that the new virus variant is as well controlled by social distancing and mitigations as the old. Further studies are taking place for a more concrete verification on this matter.
2. At this moment in time, the government has no intention of closing places of worship.
3. Government asks that each place of worship should re-evaluate their own local situation and examine all factors that could affect the good Covid-security demonstrated by places of worship so far.
4. **The length of exposure time for an act of worship is critical and should be minimised – anything that is not necessary should be omitted.**
5. **Those who have gathered for worship should not mingle before or after the service outside of the place of worship. They should disperse immediately.**
6. All non-essential worship should be postponed or cancelled.
7. Officials noted that keeping Covid-secure places of worship open for public worship adds no extra burden to the NHS and provides recognised benefits for the community.
8. The Task Force emphasised that the role of the Local Authority is one of enforcement of closure in particular circumstances on the basis of evidence of lack of Covid-security.
9. PHE will conduct an exercise in mapping exposure risks from different venues across the country for better data

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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



FEASTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday	St Wulstan (optional)
Wednesday	St Fabian or St Sebastian (optional)
Thursday	St Agnes
Friday	St Vincent (optional)



LATELY DEAD

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Romolo Vettese of Across The Bay Care Home who died on 12th January, aged 87. Funeral Service on Monday 25th January at Lancaster & Morecambe Crematorium at 10.30am.

Georgiana O'Connor of Blackpool who died on 9th January, aged 82. Funeral Service on Tuesday 26th at St Mary's followed by interment in Torrisholme Cemetery.

James Bryan of Princess Court who died 11th January, aged 83. Funeral Service on Monday 1st February at Lancaster & Morecambe Crematorium at 12.30pm.

Archbishop Philip Tartaglia of Glasgow who died on 13th January, aged 70.

Bishop Moses Hamongole, Bishop of Monze, Zambia who died on 13th January, aged 54 (the Lancaster diocese had a link with Monze for many years - our own Bishop worked there for 15 years)

Parishioners have asked prayers for relations and friends lately dead:

Beryl Godson (mother-in-law of Deacon John), **John Owen**, **Mary Duff** and **Mabel Anyon**

Thank you very much for more generous donations for sanitising expenses and general Church costs.

I am also grateful to those who continue to pay their offertory collection either weekly or by 'catching up'.

Our good wishes and prayers go to Josie Hudson who celebrates her 90th birthday on Monday



ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Please note that remedial work to the Sacristy and meeting room (which will mean taking up the entire floor) has necessitated the closure of St Patrick's Church. The work began on 4th January and is likely to take several weeks. The Saturday evening Mass will be at St Mary's. I hope this doesn't cause you too much inconvenience.

- + **Today is the Day of Prayer for Peace**
- + **Monday is the start of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity.**
- + **Next Sunday is the Sunday of the Word of God.**

FROM CASTLERIGG

"Here at Castlerigg, we are responding to Lockdown 3 by taking as much as we can online. We've got some seriously exciting things starting up in the next few weeks and months!

RISE // Online Youth Group - Our first online Youth Group launches on March 11th. It's free of charge and open to anyone in Year 7 to 9. Every other Thursday from 7pm to 8pm. www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/riseonline

Online Study Days for Adults - Our first study day will be on Saturday March 13th. Father Michael Docherty will be talking to us about Salvation History. Tickets £5. 1pm to 5pm. www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/study

ENGAGE // Online Youth Ministry Course - The second run of the ENGAGE course starts on March 16th. The course is aimed at people starting out in Youth Ministry or people who've been around a while and want to learn a little more. Earlybird price £48 until February 10th. www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/engage"

PRAYERS FOR LOCKDOWN

Merciful God, come to the help of your people.

Be our shelter in this time of peril and strengthen the bonds of our community.

Bring healing to all who suffer the ravages of disease and assist those whose skill and art can put an end to this affliction.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.

Amen.