

Day	Time and Place	Intention	Donor
15 th January	9.30am	People of the Parish	HC
16 th January	6.30pm	Special Intention (E)	HC
17 th January	9.15am	Robert Dixon	HC
18 th January	2.30pm	Funeral; Mass Dorothy Akers	

Sunday readings are for the second Sunday year A The weekday readings are for the second week of ordinary time.

Feasts of the Week:

Monday	- St. Antony
Thursday	- St. Wulstan
Friday	- St. Sebastian
Saturday	- St. Agnes

Anniversaries from our List: Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Alice Hindle, Dorothea Maria Florence Webb, Mary Ethelreda Gillow, James Dewhurst, Ellen Gornall, Maria Joanna McNicholl, Catherine Watson, James Arrowsmith, John Philip Mason, Margaret Alice Gornall, Raymund Gornall and Joseph Dewhurst.

Attendance & Collection: Week ending 8th January
Attendance - 63 Collection - £212.77

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Where	What
15 th January	9.30am	Church	Family Mass
18 th January	5.30pm	Presbytery	W Y A Programme No. 3
18 – 25 th January			Week of prayer for Christian Unity
22 nd January	3.00pm	Trinity Methodists	BVCT Unity Service
29 th January	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
24 th January	7.00pm	School	Parish Pastoral Group Meeting
3 rd February	7.30pm	Church	Women's World Day of Prayer
5 th February	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
13 th – 21 st Feb.		School	Half Term
26 th February	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
5 th March	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
8 th March	5.30pm	Presbytery	W Y A Programme No 4
12 th March	9.30am	Church	Family Mass
19 th March	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
26 th March	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
9 th – 16 th April		Church	Holy Week and Easter



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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
15th January, 2017**

Parish Mission Statement

Our Parish, guided by the example of our patron, St. Francis, seeks to be a welcoming Catholic Community, by living, sharing and growing in faith. We strive to deepen our own relationship with Christ and meet the needs of others.

This Sunday: We remember that water gives life. Jesus has come to give us all the fullness of life. It is appropriate that the entrance sacrament to becoming a follower of Christ is baptism. We start the mass with a blessing of the baptism water; we receive a blessing that reminds us that we are part of God's family, God's favoured ones.

We welcome our families today: The children will remind us that if we are to flourish we need spiritual life in baptism, and also we all need water to sustain our physical lives.

White Flower Appeal: SPUC is the political arm of Life, which campaigns against abortion. SPUC fights in Parliament and in the press against the relentless pressure to kill more children. Some 8 million young

people have been aborted since the beginning of the Abortion Legislation. Each aborted child is a unique person, who would be a grown up young man or woman today. Apart from the wrong in killing the innocent, women are harmed deeply, and the country is deprived of its future young people. There will be a Retiring Collection for the work of SPUC. If you want to support SPUC regularly please fill in the card provided.

School Governing: A foundation governor is needed for our school. Please contact myself if you would like to know more. We need to fill these posts of we are to keep our Catholicity in the school. We thank one member of the parish who has offered to be a foundation governor. Fr. Philip

Parish Pastoral Council: meets on the 24th January. If parishioners have any matter to bring up, please give details either to myself or to Mr. Chris. Moran, the Chair. Fr. Philip

Unity Week Service: We are celebrating a service of prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday, 3.00pm at Trinity Methodist Chapel. Would as many as possible attend this short service as a sign of our intention to work together in all that conscience allows. Other Christians came to us: we should come to them. The week of prayer for Christian Unity is from the 18th - 25th January. Christian unity week was started as a statement against the shame of Christian disunity following the Reformation. The resolution was to work and pray together in all that conscience allows. Only if we have a unified voice can we be heard seriously as we uphold the hope that our faith gives and fight for the dignity of each human being against forces, which reduce people to mere things. Fr. Philip

Many Hands Make Light Work: Our parish is successful. But the parish is short of people to run it. We need more people to be actively engaged in parish life.

Experienced ministers will share their ministry with those newly recruited. Thus nobody is overburdened or feels they can't take a break. We need Eucharistic Ministers, an assistant sacristan, helpers in the music ministry, helpers for the First Communion and Confirmation programmes; children's liturgy leaders, helpers to maintain the grounds and the parish property, an assistant Newsletter editor, a volunteer parish secretary, Holy Communion and Confirmation course assistants, assistant accountants and cashiers, a foundation governor for the school and the like. I would dearly like to start a baptism preparation programme for those bringing children to baptism. There is so much help needed. The rewards are great. There is a sense of purpose and a satisfaction in doing God's work. Take the plunge if you feel

you can help, and speak to me. I thank one member who has offered to be a Eucharistic Minister. Fr. Philip

Funeral: Please remember in your prayers Dorothy Akers, formerly of Bushell's House, Goosnargh, whose funeral will take place here this Wednesday, 18th January, at 2.30pm. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Anniversary List: We remember our dead each week at the Sunday mass. The present Sunday list is getting over long. It includes those buried in our cemetery or those connected with the parish that have died since 1930. I propose to prune the list to start with those who have died since 1960. If any parishioner wants any other persons to be mentioned on a particular weekend, they should include them by sending the names at least a week beforehand to our newsletter Editor, Mrs Margaret Corbett or myself. Fr. Philip

W Y A Communion Programme: we restart the programme at 5.30pm on Wednesday, 18th January. Please pray for our 10 children who are due to make their First Communion on the feast of Corpus Christi on 18th June. Fr. Philip.

Children's Liturgy: The Liturgy dates are published on the timetable on the back of this Newsletter, together with the Family mass days. The first Children's Liturgy is on 22nd January.

Vocation Intercession: We pray for those who are preparing to be ordained to the priesthood this year that they may grow in intimacy with Christ and foster in their hearts a desire to serve his people.

Next Cleaning and Gardening Day: Saturday, 28th January.

Tea, Coffee and biscuits available after the Sunday Mass in the School.

All parishioners, friends and visitors are very welcome to join us.