

Day	Time and Place	Intention	Donor
29 th January	9.30am	People of the Parish	HC
30 th January	6.30pm		HC
31 st January	9.15am	Marion Walker	HC

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

Feasts of the Week: Tuesday - St. John Bosco
Thursday - The Presentation of the Lord
Friday - St. Blaise

Anniversaries from our List: Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Frances Gornall, Dan Parker, Thomas Bolton, George Bancroft, Ellen Goring, Wilfrid Walmsley, Alice Singleton, William Atkinson, Ellen Colette Gornall and Alice McCormick.,

Attendance & Collection: Week ending 22nd January
Attendance - 81 Collection - £224.10

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Where	What
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
23 rd April	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
7 th May	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
14 th May	9.30am	Church	Family Mass
17 th May	5.30pm	Presbytery	W Y A Programme No 5
21 st May	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
14 th June	5.30pm	Church	W Y A Programme Practice
18 th June	9.30am	Church	Family Mass: First Communions
25 th June	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
2 nd July	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
9 th July	9.30am	Church	Family Mass
16 th July	9.30am	Church	Children's Liturgy
23 rd July			Summer Holidays



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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
29th 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 listen to the Beatitudes. God is with the poor, the weak and the gentle and the peacemakers. They are those who think rightly, act justly and live by God's values. They know that all of lasting value comes from God speaking through Our Lord. In the end they are the ones who will win through.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC): The Council heard of the strong parish life that is continuing. The 'With You Always' Communion programme has now settled down happily in the homely surroundings of the presbytery.

We are aiming at setting a budget for the first time, which will balance income and expenditure. Up until now the backlog of repairs, Health and Safety matters, and necessary alterations required for our functioning as a successful parish have prevented any sensible budget being prepared. The Council agreed in principle to three projects going ahead, that are believed to be essential for the healthy growth and functioning of the modern parish and school:

1. The grant of part of the presbytery garden behind the Cottage for the school use. This land is needed for an early years play space.
2. The provision of car parking on the eastern side of the Church for the less able. If we are to be a welcoming church, then this work must be a priority.
3. The formal use of the ground floor of the presbytery for parish purposes. In fact the ground floor is already used for various parish purposes almost entirely.

The above represent a thought out vision for the use of the property for modern parish purposes. It must be emphasised that all these projects and agreements are subject to Diocesan approval, and at this moment they cannot be considered as more than proposals.

Special Announcement: Will be made at the Sunday Mass

Archives: Mr. Mike Bryan, our Parish Archivist, reported on the making and developing of the archives. In particular he mentioned the production of the booklet on our war dead after 6 months research (copies still available at back of the Church; the ordering of the brass memorial plaque; the organising of the successful Remembrance Day mass, in conjunction with the school. He notes that a total of £220.00 was collected in donations and sales of the booklet. He has done further research in the County archives, where a small number of files relating to the parish are stored. Finally, some of the files stored in the parish office can now be borrowed on completion of a loan sheet. (Some copies of the full report available at the back of church).

Unity Service Report: The unity service was led at Trinity Methodists by the Rev. Keith Borwick. He led a thought provoking interactive service. He invited us to consider the good points of our Church Communities, our favourite bible passages, and the importance to us of communion. A large amount of common ground was found and celebrated.

Gravestone Survey: Some Graves need early attention to make them firm. They are as follows. (I mention the last of the names on each gravestone). If nobody wants to care for the graves in question, then the Property Committee will have to take whatever action they think proper to make them safe. I ask any relatives to contact me. If you know of relatives please bring this item to their attention

Old cemetery, near hedge: Florence Vaughan; Old cemetery, main part: Richard Ibison, Elizabeth Kathleen Holden, John Holden; New Cemetery: Nuala Gornall.

Some graves show slight movement, but are not of immediate concern. I recommend the family to repair them. Near Hedge: Andrew John Holden; Old Cemetery: Frances Gornall, Martha Croft. Fr. Philip.

Vocation Intercession: That all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life will find encouragement through our prayers and sacrifices on their behalf, we pray to the Lord.

Tea, Coffee and biscuits available after the Sunday Mass.

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

Next Cleaning and Gardening Day: Saturday, 25th February.

Notices:

Preston Life Group Meeting: Our Lady & St. Edward's, Monday, 30th January at 7.30pm

BVCT Whalley Abbey Walk: 2nd July. Provisional timetable – 1pm. gather for picnic lunch, 2pm. depart, 4 – 4.30pm/ return. Service in the Abbey grounds.

Lourdes: 19th -29th July for young people. Week of faith, service. fun and friendship from £650. Book online at: www.castleriggmanor.co.uk

The Pivotal Players: Thursdays, 7.30 – 9.30pm. St. Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Preston. 2nd Feb: Blessed John Henry Newman. 9th Feb: G.K. Chesterton, 23rd Feb: Michelangelo. No charge but donations gratefully received

