

### **Newsletter Concerns**

We are urgently looking for someone to take on the role of managing the weekly newsletter. It is not an arduous task and just involves adding dates, anniversaries, feast days and reports given from week to week. The main computer skills needed are the ability to cut and paste information. If there are no volunteers by the end of the month, we will have to reduce the newsletter to monthly. If you can help in anyway – please see Mary Doran.

### **Garden Collection**

A great amount of time, effort (and money) has been spent on improving the path around the graveyard and keeping the gardens looking so beautiful. Many thanks to all our volunteers. There is a collection box at the back of church to help towards the cost of all the improvements made and to help towards the cost of continuing to improve the path around the graveyard. Any contributions very gratefully appreciated.

### **Church Opening and Closing**

School staff open and close school daily from Monday to Friday during term time. If anyone could help in keeping church open during the holidays and opening or closing on a specific day - anyway – please see a member of the parish council.

### **Parishioners Who are Unwell**

If you would like the parish to pray for someone, please notify Father Sony on 01772 865229 for inclusion in the Bidding Prayers or newsletter. We also have an area in Church where you can write a prayer intention on a card and hang up if you prefer.

### **Cycle of Prayer during Summer**

A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews, Human Life, those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and denial of Human Rights. Seafarers.

### **Feast Days**

Mon: St Dominic. Tues: St Teresa Benedicta Wed: St Lawrence.  
Thurs: St Clare Sat: Blessed Virgin Mary.



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## **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 7<sup>th</sup> August – Readings – Year C**

### ***Parish Mission Statement***

*Our Parish, guided by the example of our patron St Francis of Assisi, 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.*

### **Today's Mass is for the people of the parish**

We pray for those who in our parish who are unwell, especially Ellen Woods and Jim Gornall.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, especially Mary Elizabeth Shenton.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.*

**Baptism:** We welcome Vincent Kerrigan, who is to be baptised today.

Mass on Tuesday at 9.30 a.m.

## **The visit of the relics of St Bernadette are coming to St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster – Listed below are details of the schedule:**

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. St Peter's Cathedral Lancaster**

8.30. Liturgy of Welcome with Bishop Paul Swarbrick. Sing Office of Morning Prayer

9.30. Rosary. (first decade lead by children from Cathedral Primary school with other school parties invited to be present.) The Joyful Mysteries.

10.00-Noon. Time for individual school visits. Children invited to bring flowers to place before relics plus a photo of someone sick who they wish to pray for.

**Mass 12.15** Presider and preacher: Bishop Paul Swarbrick. Priests invited to concelebrate. Will be coordinated by Cathedral Office.

1.30-5. Individual School visits. Similar to above.

5.00-6.00. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary.

6.00-6.30. Sung Vespers.

7.00-8.30 Mass with the anointing of the sick, and Blessed Sacrament procession, with blessing of the City. Canon Gwenael Cristofoli ICKSP to preach. Concelebrating priests especially welcome. A procession with the Blessed Sacrament around the Cathedral with the blessing of the city concluding the Mass.

9-9.15. Sung Compline.

9.30-10pm. Devotions to Our Lady led by the Polish community in Polish.

10pm-5am Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Cathedral open during the night. Office of Readings recited at 3am.

5.30. Sung Morning Prayer as service of Farewell. During the visit a rota of priests available to hear confessions in the Cathedral.

### **From the Archives**

I am grateful to John Waddingham for bringing to my attention a book telling the story of Nicholas Breakspear, the only English Pope. The book has been written by John's brother Adrian and gives a remarkable insight into a man that very few Catholics, including myself, know anything about. Pope Adrian IV (Latin: Adrianus IV); born Nicholas Breakspear, (or Brekespear); was head of the Catholic Church and ruler of the Papal States from 4 December 1154 to his death in 1159. He was born around 1100 in Hertfordshire, and still bears the distinction of being the only pope of English origin.

It is assumed that Nicholas did not have a lot of schooling as a child. His parents were of humble origin, but, as a relatively young man, Nicholas was sent to school in Arles, France where he studied law. Later, he travelled to Avignon to the monastery of St Ruf, where he became a canon regular, then

the abbot; he was known as a strict disciplinarian. Around 1148, Abbot Nicholas attended the Council at Reims, where he caught the attention of Pope Eugene III, who invited him to Rome. Once there, the abbot became a papal legate and was sent to Catalonia, in Spain, in an attempt to reorganise the Cistercian Order. It was here that the Spanish Catholics attempted to reclaim land from Al-Andalus, the Moorish governor. Nicholas should not have been a warrior, but he was present at the siege of Lleida in the summer of 1149. In December 1154, shortly after the death of Pope Anastasius IV, Nicholas returned to Rome. He was quickly elected Pope, possibly based on the request of the recently deceased pope. Apparently, attaining the throne of Peter was not what Nicholas wanted, he was in the right place at the right time and chose the name, Adrian IV.

The review of Adrian Waddingham's book, from the History Press is as follows:  
**Adrian IV: the only English pope in the history of the Church**

The first biography in over a century of a pope overlooked for centuries, yet Nicholas Breakspear's achievements outshone those of his contemporary, the martyr Thomas Becket. Born in poverty and probably illegitimate, Breakspear rose to become the only Englishman to ascend the throne of Saint Peter, ruling over the papal states as Adrian IV.

His life is not a tale of liturgy or sermons, and there are more cannons than canons, as Breakspear faced fighting in Scandinavia and the Second Crusade in Spain. He was immediately thrust into conflicts upon his election as pope in 1154. First, he had to overcome the rebellious republicans of Rome before defending his Church against armed threats from the Norman King William of Sicily, the Byzantine Emperor Comnenus and finally the German King Frederick Barbarossa, intent on restoring the former glories of the Holy Roman Empire.

Breakspear saved his Church from German domination, but his legacy is contested. There was a papal schism on his death and many blame him for allowing Henry II's subjugation of Ireland in 1171.

For the first time in over 100 years, R. A. J. Waddingham returns to the evidence in chronicles and medieval manuscripts to tell the whole story of Breakspear's remarkable journey through twelfth-century Europe.

'Charmingly readable' Simon Jenkins.

'Told ... with both affection and objectivity, in meticulous detail' Cardinal Nichols.

'Fluent and engaging' Professor Jonathan Phillips.

The book will be published on 25th August and a book launch will take place in Silverdale, 31 August from 6.45 to 8pm. The publishers say that the more people who reserve a copy in advance then shops are more likely to stock it. This is the link if you would like to order the book: <https://lnk.to/breakspear> Mike Bryan