

ST. JAMES' & ST. JOSEPH'S

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2nd Sunday of Lent (Year C) 21st February 2016

Transfiguration

Abraham received a glimpse of the nature and power of God in the incident related in the first reading. The three Apostles had the same kind of experience at the transfiguration of Jesus. The entire story is described in Old Testament terms (the mountain, the cloud, the voice, the presence of Moses and Elijah representing the Law and the Prophets). In the context of Jesus' predictions of his approaching Passion and Death, the story tells of the Father's approval of Jesus' role of Suffering Servant Messiah. The words in the episode, 'listen to him', are important. Moses and Elijah have disappeared and the Father declares that we must listen to Jesus. Last week's temptation scene stressed the humanity of Jesus—this week we perceive a little of his divinity.

Please remember in your prayers all the sick and all the patients in Wrightington Hospital. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort from your Holy Place.

We pray for all those who have died recently. May God the Father welcome them into eternal life promised by Christ His Son, the Lord of life. We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

MASSES

Saturday	20th February	6:00pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	21st February	9:30am	Gordon Milligan
Wednesday	24th February	6:30pm	Eucharistic Service / Stations of the Cross
Saturday	27th February	6:00pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	28th February	9:30am	People of the parish

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm

Neighbourhood Prayer

This week you are asked to pray for all those living in Back Lane No's 69-127 & 38 up (Glen Drive to Hullett Close)

Mission Intention for February is:

That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

Holy Communion to the sick and housebound

Appley Bridge Starting next Friday at 10am

CAFOD LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Winning No. 7 Daniel Shufflebotham

Weekend Masses at Saint James' Orrell

Sunday: 11:00am & 6:00pm

Confessions @ St. James' Saturday 10:00am-11:00am

Confessions @ St. Joseph's Saturday 5:15pm-5:45pm

A box will be in place on the altar for Lenten Alms. If you Gift-Aid your donation please use your envelope.

Quote: Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at Tunley United Reform Church, Wrightington on Friday 4th March at 7:30pm. It has been prepared by Christian women of Cuba.

Rota for cleaning church

Please can Group 4 clean the church this week i.e. Mary Jakulis & Barbara Sheffield

Red Boxes Missio

The Novena to Saint Joseph will take place from the 10th—18th of March 2016 at Herbert House, Freshfield, Formby. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of Saint Joseph, their patron Saint, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask God's blessing on their society and their work. Details and times of Masses can be found on the poster at the back of church. If you would like a Novena booklet to join in from home by praying the daily Novena please see Phil or Catherine. Thank-you.

Knights of Saint Columba

From this weekend members of the K.S.C. will be at the back of church selling tickets for their annual sweepstake on the Grand National Steeplechase. The tickets are £1 each or £5 per book. All proceeds are for the Knights' charities, and this year the principal one is Missio. Please buy as many tickets as you can to support this good cause. Thank-you.

Gift Aid Contributions

Details of contributions for the third quarter ending 3rd January 2016.

2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
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£5324 :14	£4952 :00	£5084:47
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The loose cash total/non/gift aid envelopes for the third quarter.

2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
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£3985:00	£3918:00	£2772:94
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These amounts do not include those who contribute by standing order.

Are you Thirsty for God?

A new 'Life in the Spirit' course led by the Irenaeus Team will take place on Wednesdays 24th February and the 2nd, 9th and 16th March at Saint James' church, Orrell at 7:00pm--8:30pm. For further information contact Irenaeus Tel.No. 0151 949 1199 or e-mail: jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

Dementia Prayer Week

This will take place at Cardinal Heenan House, School Lane, Roby Mill, Up Holland on Saturday 12th March 2016. Time:10:00am-12:30pm & 2:00pm-4:30pm (prayer/activities)

Mass at 6:00pm in Saint Teresa's Up Holland. Celebrant Bishop Tom Williams.

All are welcome: see poster at the back of church for more details.

Friend's of Saint Joseph's

Spring Fair 10th April 12:30pm Can you help? We are looking for raffle prize donations and people willing to help on the day. Please put your name on the board at the back of church if you can do one or either of the above. Thank you.

Please continue to remember Fr. Gerry & Fr. Kevin in your prayers, who are both sick at this present time.