

ST. JAMES' & ST. JOSEPH'S

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33rd Sunday of the Year (Year B) Day of Prayer for Prisoners 15th November 2015

Signs of the End

Chapter thirteen of Saint Mark's Gospel contains Jesus' "eschatological discourse," in which he preaches about the end of the world. This kind of preaching reflects a tradition of Jewish apocalyptic literature which is foreign to us and makes our understanding of these passages difficult. The book of Daniel (first reading) sets the scene, describing the End as a time when God will gather his people from their dispersal throughout the earth. The preaching of Jesus, too, is basically about the signs that will precede the end of the world (although the time is unknown), the appearance of the Son of Man (who is first mentioned in the Book of Daniel), and the gathering of God's chosen people. The note on which the discourse ends is a note of optimism—there is no mention of judgement or the fate of those who reject God, but rather a promise of comfort and consolation for God's people. The fig tree in Palestine was the first tree to put forth its large leaves, the clear sign of summer's approach. When we see signs, we too must realise that the end is near.

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 14th November 6:00pm Holy souls
Sunday 15th November 9:30am Rosemary Prendergast
Monday 16th November 9:30am Culligan & Mc Namara families
Thursday 19th November 9:30am Don Waterhouse
Saturday 21st November 6:00pm Holy Souls
Sunday 22nd November 9:30pm Holy Souls

Neighbourhood Prayer

This week you are asked to pray for all those living in Ashfield Terrace, Spring Bank, Apple Hey, Lowther Terrace and Beacon View.

Mission Intention for November is:

That pastors of the Church, with profound love, may accompany their flocks and enliven their hope.

Holy Communion to the sick and housebound

Toogood Lane & Tunley Moss. Starting next Friday at 10:00am

CAFOD LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Winning No. 14 Denise Mullarkey

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

Quote: We cannot change anything unless we accept it.

Rota for cleaning church

Please can Group 2 clean the church this week
i.e. Sheila Woods & Denise Mullarkey

Pious Lists

Please put the names of your dear departed loved ones in the box on

the altar, please do not put money in the envelopes as they will be destroyed at the end of the month. If you wish to have Masses said please hand them in to Fr. Gerry. All deceased will have a special remembrance during each Mass in November—Month of the Holy Souls

The Brick

Thank you to all who continue to support 'The Brick' by leaving your items of food and toiletries in the bin at the back of church. We need cereals, soups, toiletries e.g. soap, toothpaste etc. plus tinned meats and fish. Please remember your plastic bags. Thank you.

Vision Aid

Thank-you to all parishioners who leave their unwanted spectacles for re-cycling. It is so worthwhile and a great way of helping people in the 'Third World'.

Visits to the sick and housebound

If you know of any sick or housebound parishioner who would like to receive Holy Communion, please will you let Fr. Gerry know and one of our Eucharistic Ministers will visit them.

Saint John Rigby Pastoral Area

After a discussion with the Dean, Fr. Michael Thompson it seems there is going to be a re-organisation of Pastoral areas in the New Year as there is a feeling amongst the hierarchy that there are too many, so they are looking at possible amalgamation of Pastoral areas. A consultation will begin shortly. As a result I shall be suspending the Parish Council until early in the New Year. I would like to thank all those who gave their time and service to the parish in this time of transition during 'Leaving Safe Harbours' Probably in the New Year there will be a new Pastoral Council made up of parishioners from Saint James and Saint Joseph's. However this is by no means certain as I do not know how the changes will effect the two parishes. I do know there are changes afoot in the New Year, but as yet I do not know what they are. I shall keep you informed when I learn more.

Fr. Gerry

Parish Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 18th November at 7:00pm in the Parish hall. May we remind all active groups within the Parish to present a report on activities up to date plus any future planned activities. If you are involved and unable to give a report please could you let Joe Lee or Mary Culligan have a written report so that we can keep our Parish Affairs up to date.

All are welcome. Thank you

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Second Collection: There will be a second collection next weekend 21st/22nd Nov. for Catholic Youth Services.

Animate Youth serves to proclaim the message of the Gospel among young people in the archdiocese.