



Our Lady and St Gerard's Lostock Hall

NEWS AND VIEWS

The Assumption of Our Lady 16th August

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337). By then it had been a pagan city for two centuries, ever since Emperor Hadrian (76-138) had levelled it around the year 135 and rebuilt it in honour of Jupiter. This year this Holy Day of Obligation falls on a Sunday and the current rules in relation to our Sunday Obligation apply and there is No Obligation for Sunday Mass at the moment.

News & Views: As mentioned before we have continued to produce News & Views over the last 6 months although only via our Website. Producing paper copies at the moment is not possible for a number of reasons. If you have access on-line and have a neighbour nearby who doesn't, please print them a copy so that they can keep in touch. We will review this each month in line with Diocesan Guidelines. If you have anything to submit please do, including anything you have come across that helped you in the lockdown.

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Care - Pope Francis

Pope Francis - Mass for the inauguration of the Pontificate

19.03.13

Matthew 1:16-24



The vocation of being a "protector", however, is not just something involving us Christians alone; it also has a prior dimension which is simply human, involving everyone. It means protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world, as the Book of Genesis tells us and as Saint Francis of Assisi showed us. It means respecting each of God's creatures and respecting the environment in which we live. It means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about. It means caring for one another in our families: husbands and wives first protect one another, and then, as parents, they care for their children, and children themselves, in time, protect their parents. It means building sincere

friendships in which we protect one another in trust, respect, and goodness. In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts!

Whenever human beings fail to live up to this responsibility, whenever we fail to care for creation and for our brothers and sisters, the way is opened to destruction and hearts are hardened. Tragically, in every period of history there are "Herods" who plot death, wreak havoc, and mar the countenance of men and women.

Please, I would like to ask all those who have positions of responsibility in economic, political and social life, and all men and women of goodwill: let us be "protectors" of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the

environment. Let us not allow omens of destruction and death to accompany the advance of this world! But to be "protectors", we also have to keep watch over ourselves! Let us not forget that hatred, envy and pride defile our lives! Being protectors, then, also means keeping watch over our emotions, over our hearts, because they are the seat of good and evil intentions: intentions that build up and tear down! We must not be afraid of goodness or even tenderness!

Here I would add one more thing: caring, protecting, demands goodness, it calls for a certain tenderness. In the Gospels, Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love. We must not be afraid of goodness, of tenderness!

Today, together with the feast of Saint Joseph, we are celebrating the beginning of the ministry of the new Bishop of Rome, the Successor of Peter, which also involves a certain power. Certainly, Jesus Christ conferred power upon Peter, but what sort of power was it? Jesus' three questions to Peter about love are followed by three commands: feed my lambs, feed my sheep. Let us never forget that authentic power is service, and that the Pope too, when exercising power, must enter ever more fully into that service which has its radiant culmination on the Cross. He must be inspired by the lowly, concrete and faithful service which marked Saint Joseph and, like him, he must open his arms to protect all of God's people and embrace with tender affection the whole of humanity, especially the poorest, the weakest, the least important, those whom Matthew lists in the final judgment on love: the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and those in prison (cf. *Mt* 25:31-46). Only those who serve with love are able to protect!

ACCEPT YOURSELF AS YOU ARE

If you can accept yourself as you are you will come to accept others as different from you without trying to change them. Part of accepting myself is realising deep down that I am important to God, who cares for me with all the tenderness that a parent lavishes on a loved child.

But in other ways I am unimportant. Nobody takes much notice of a little one. I have really to take on board that I am not the

centre of the universe, that all things do not revolve around me and my needs. Others too have needs.

I try to accept peacefully the place others make for me in their lives, without trying to force on them my views and desires. I am, and always will be, no more than a child who has to accept what is given rather than trying to control others and organise the world to fit into my own limited viewpoint.

Yes, I'll always have faults. I'll always have struggles with my particular temperament. But that doesn't matter. God loves me as I am, and so must I.

“Living on Love is keeping within oneself. A great treasure in a clay vessel. My Beloved, I am extremely weak. I'm far from being an angel from heaven! But if I fall at every moment You are there with your grace, lifting me up. You give me your help so that I can live on Love.”

Six Little Stories With Lots of Meaning

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence, “I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.” That is attitude. Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember—Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

Parish Organisations

BOWLING CLUB

There is little to report on the bowling front but there is an update from the BCGBA that you are allowed up to 30 people including bowlers on and around the green providing you adhere to the strict rules that still apply.

LOOKING BACK 2013

The winner of the John Lee trophy this year is Warwick Hesmondhalgh who beat Gordon Dobinson and the Presidents day was won again by Warwick Hesmondhalgh beating John Birch.

Ladies Day was cancelled due to the lack of interest from the ladies.

The Harry Wilson day went very well, the ladies winning seven games to five.

W R Hesmondhalgh

Inspirational Quotes

All you need is Love & Laughter

“All you need in the world is love and laughter.

That's all anybody needs.

To have love in one hand and laughter in the other”

August Wilson

It Starts with a Dream

Add faith,
and it becomes a belief.

Add Action,
and it becomes a part of Life.

Add perseverance,
and it becomes a goal in sight.

Add patience and time,
and it ends
with a Dream come True

**Zoe
Zantamata**

Quotes from the Saints on Love

“It is easy to love the people far
away.

It is not always easy to love
those close to us.

It is easier to give a cup of rice to
relieve hunger than to relieve the
loneliness and pain of someone
unloved in our own home.

Bring love into your home for
this is where our love for each
other must start.”

Saint Theresa of Calcutta

“You learn to speak by speaking,
to study by studying,
to run by running,
to work by working,
and just so,

you learn to love by loving.

All those who think to learn in
any other way deceive
themselves.”

Saint Francis de Sales

Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the Serenity
to accept the things I cannot
change.

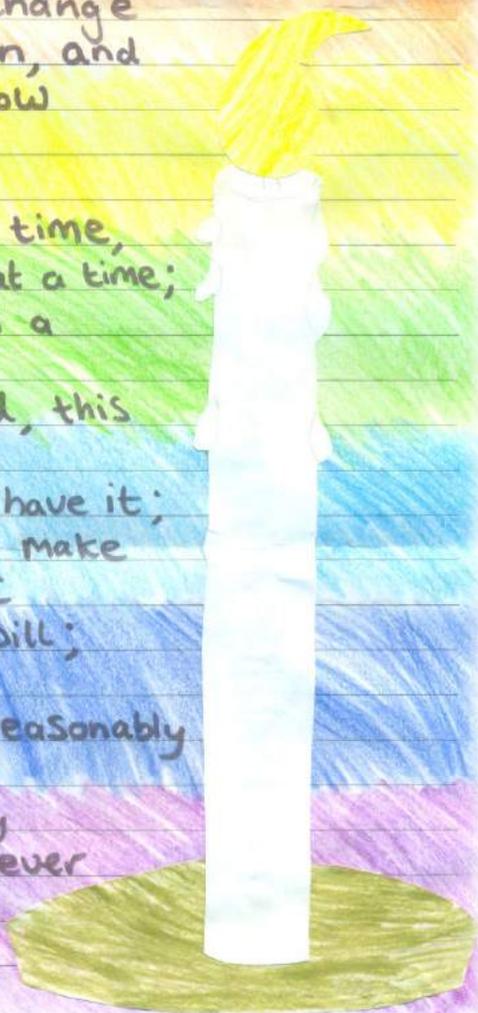
The courage to change
the things I can, and
the wisdom to know
the difference.

Living one day at a time,
enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardship as a
pathway to peace;
Taking, as Jesus did, this
Sinful world as it is;

Not as I would have it;
Trusting that You will make
all things right if I
Surrender to Your will;

So that I may be reasonably
happy in this life
and supremely
happy with You forever
in the next.

AMEN



LOCAL INFORMATION

LIBRARIES RE-OPENING - 22nd July

Libraries are starting to re-open and but only 12 for the county area, one per district, in the first phase to make sure there is a good geographical spread of libraries across Lancashire.

The following libraries will open Monday to Friday between 10am–1pm.

- Chorley – Chorley district
- Fulwood – Preston district
- Leyland – South Ribble district

Our other libraries will remain closed but you can book an appointment at any of the above libraries, even if you don't normally use them.

If you only want to return books, you can drop them into a returned books container during the revised library opening hours, without an appointment or entering the library building.

They are offering two book borrowing services **by appointment only** at our reopened libraries:

The Harris library has re-opened and you can find more details on the Harris library website.

LEISURE CENTRES

Bamber Bridge and Penwortham Leisure Centres **remain closed** for the present time.

Leyland Leisure Centre is **Open**

Gym, Workout Classes & Lane Swimming (age 16+ only, strictly no children) All other facilities remain closed, including changing rooms, showers and lockers. **You must book a session to access the centre. Monday - Friday 06:00-10:00 15:30-20:30 Saturday—Sunday 10:00-16:00**

Walking Route Cards

We usually publish monthly a list of Health Walks & Rambles in and around the Borough, but for the last few months these have not been happening. The walks of course are still there and the Walking route Cards are available via the South Ribble Website at <https://www.southribble.gov.uk/content/walking-route-cards>

Why not put your best foot forward and download one of these free Walking Route Guides?

The walks range in distance from 1.5 miles to almost 8 miles, with starting points to be found all over the borough.

Listed below are the walks you can download and the distances, the first four are very local and you probably know them

- 01. Farington Lodges Walk (1.5 miles)**
- 02. Farington Lodges Walk (3.5 miles)**
- 03. Hope Terrace Walk (5.5 miles)**
- 04. Tardy Gate Walk (1.5 miles)**
05. New Longton & Whitestake Walk (2.5 miles)
06. Longton Coastal Walk (5.0 miles)
07. Longton Brickcroft Walk (1.5 miles)
08. Hutton & Longton Coastal Walk (7.0 miles)
09. Penwortham Heritage Trail 1 (2.0 Miles)
10. Penwortham Heritage Trail 2 (2.5 miles)
11. Penwortham Heritage Trail 3 (4.3 miles)
12. Penwortham Heritage Trail - Howick & Hutton Circular (3 miles)
13. Penwortham & Howick Riverside Walk (4.1 miles)
- 14. Old Tram Road & Walton-le-Dale Walk (5 miles)**
- 15. Bamber Bridge & Walton Park Walk (5.5 miles)**
16. Gregson Lane & Coupe Green Walk (3.6 miles)
17. Nabs Head Samlesbury Walk (5 miles)
- 18. Lostock Hall Heritage Trail (3.5 miles)**
- 19. Lostock Hall and Farington Railway Heritage Trail (3.5 miles)**
- 20. St Mary's Parish Boundary Walk (7.7 miles)**
21. St Leonard's Parish Boundary Walk (5 miles)

Parish Directory

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St Catherine's Farrington
421174
St Patricks W-L-Dale 253709 or
St Teresa's Penwortham on

Contacts

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The Primary School 335025

Weekly Services

Sundays:

Saturday Vigil 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday 9:15 a.m.
Tuesday 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday 9:15 a.m.
Thursday 9:15 p.m.
Friday NO MASS.

Holydays:

Eve 6:30 p.m.
Day 9:15 a.m.

Reconciliation: Confessions
before Weekend Masses.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 18:00 to 18:30

Baptisms

Are normally conducted on the first and third Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon. Baptism Preparations currently take place every few months on two successive Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. Please telephone the Parish Priest or Sister on 335387 for details.

No Priest! What do we do?

If there is an Emergency and no Priest is available for the weekend Masses, the Eucharistic Ministers, particularly those who have been trained, will perform a Holy Communion Service and this will replace the Mass. Please note that this is Only in an Emergency and there is no time to arrange for another priest or no other is Priest is available. There may be occasions when the 8.30am Mass on a Sunday is cancelled, but the Saturday 6pm and Sunday 10am Masses will be as usual.

Marriages

At least six months notification of Marriage is required. Pre-marriage instruction is mandatory and organised by the Diocese. Please telephone 335387 to arrange Notification and Preparation.

Parish Organisations

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Daily	8:00 pm		Holy Rosary
Saturday	9:30 am	Vigil 7 pm	
Sunday	9:30 am		

Parish Diary
August 2020

August 2020			
1st Aug	St Alphonsus Mary Liguori	21st	St Pius the Tenth
2nd	18th Sunday of the Year	22nd	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4th	St John Mary Vianney	23rd	21st Sunday of the Year
6th	The Transfiguration of the Lord	24th	St Bartholomew
8th	St Dominic	27th	St Monica
9th	19th Sunday of the Year	28th	St Augustine
10th	St Lawrence	29th	The Passion of St John the Baptist
11th	St Claire	30th	22nd Sunday of the Year
14th	St Maximillian Kolbe	3rd Sept	St Gregory the Great
16th	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6th	23rd Sunday of the Year
20th	St Bernard		



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