

THE PARISH OF ST MATTHEW
LITTLE LEVER
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SUNDAY 17th March 2019
Second Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY WORSHIP TODAY

8.00 am Mass (Said with a short Homily)

10.00 am Parish Sung Mass. Sunday Club meets upstairs in Church House and comes into Church at the Offertory. During the last hymn of the Mass there is a Copper Collection. Proceeds from this go to various charities nominated by the congregation.

TODAY'S LITURGY –

The Scriptures

1st reading Here we see Abraham having doubts and God reassuring him. God gives Abraham a covenant, a promise again, and a sign with fire that He is present.

2nd reading Here St Paul reminds us that our faith and the Holy Spirit will transfigure and transform us. We, the body of Christ will share in the glory of Christ.

HYMNS AT 10.00 am (on the overhead)

529 Music 377 302 392

Readers at 10.00 am

1st Helen Cowley 2nd Josie Branche
Int Andrew Gradwell R/ Lynn Donnelly

Eucharistic Ministers at 10.00 am

Linda & Doreen Dennis & Helen

Sidespersons on duty today

Margaret Barnard Margaret Eccles

Sidespersons on duty next week

Bill Donnelly Freda Taylor

TODAY:-

Tea/Coffee and a chat in Church House after the 10.00 am Parish Mass – all welcome!

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We aim, under God, to be an open and welcoming community seeking to serve God through worship and witness. We are committed to mission and constantly seek new ways of proclaiming the Gospel to those around us.

MASS IS CELEBRATED DAILY IN OUR PARISH AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

Mon	18th	7.30 pm
Tues	19th	9.30 am – St Joseph
Wed	20th	9.15 am
Thurs	21st	P C C Mass
Fri	22nd	5.00 pm
Sat	23rd	6.00 pm

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR QUIET THOUGHTS, PRAYER OR REFLECTION Every Thursday Morning from 9.00 am till 11.00 am.

RESPONSES TO THE PSALM

Monday: Do not treat us according to our sins, O Lord.

Tuesday: His dynasty shall last for ever.

Wednesday: Save me in your love, O Lord.

Thursday: Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Friday: Remember the wonders the Lord has done.

Saturday: The Lord is compassion and love.

PARISH PRAYER DIARY

Sunday For our parish's continued growth

Monday For the Society of St Francis

Tuesday For all Fathers and Grandfathers

Wednesday For a good keeping of Lent

Thursday For Bishop David (Manchester)

Friday For Royal Bolton Hospital

Saturday For Walsingham

For your prayers this week:

People who are sick: Joan Fowles.

David Fowles, David Seed, Ken Helsby, Peter Entwistle, Martin Wild, Margaret Hall, William Gill, Joan Street, Peter Farthing, June Swingwood, Anya Grace Robbie-Ottley, Adrian Charles, Cathy Nurse, Dale Clegg, Albert Yates, May Brocklehurst, Carol Schooling, Barry Hilton, Craig Williams, Kerry Dunn, Gregory Rothwell, Luca Fowles (3days).

Those who have died:

Edna Busby

Anniversaries: Ron Halsey, Donald Ian Neale, Thomas Fletcher, Hilary Stevenson, Margaret Cowburn, Charles Rothwell, Neville Pursglove, Frank Greensitt, Bob Collier, Jason Dryer, James Hoyle, Alma Schofield.

SANCTUARY LAMP burns this week in Loving Memory of **Martha Jane Carter, Roy Olive, Francis & Ellen Rooney, James Hoyle, Lawrence Ball, and Alma Schofield.**

HOW DO I BOOK A CHRISTENING OR WEDDING?

To arrange Baptisms, Weddings or Banns of Marriage please call at the Vicarage on a Tuesday evening between 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm.

PREPARATORY WORK FOR OUR TOWER AND ROOF WORK PROJECT IS NOW WELL ON THE WAY. PLEASE SEE THE LETTER FROM FR JOHN CONCERNING FORTHCOMING ARRANGEMENTS.

A Faculty has been granted, the work has gone out to Tender and work should start on 1st April. Many thanks to Mark Brocklebank who is overseeing this on behalf of the P C C.

FUND RAISING IDEAS OR BETTER STILL, OFFERS!– We really do need to think about how we can raise some serious money this year. Many thanks.

NEXT SUNDAY:-

Third Sunday of LENT

1st – Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15

Psalm – 102

2nd – Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

Gospel – Luke 13: 1-9

THIS WEEK:-

Monday – 8.00 pm – Choir Practice

Tuesday – 9.00 am till 11.00 am Coffee Shop – Church House

7.30 pm – Lent Group – Fr James Manock

Thursday – 7.00 pm – P C C Meeting – Church House

Friday – 7.00 pm – Stations of the Cross – St Matthew's

LUNCHEON CLUB – Open to everyone will be on the following Fridays from 12noon - 2.00 pm in Church House. 12th April, 10th May, 14th June, 12th July.

AFTERNOON TEA DANCE Open to everyone will be on the first Friday of the month from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm in Church House. Next one – 5th April.

BIBLE STUDY Meets in the Vicarage at 7.30pm on:-
Wednesday 1st May, Tuesday 4th June,
Wednesday 3rd July, Tuesday 3rd September,
Wednesday 2nd October, Tuesday 6th November.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children in year 2 and above, who have been baptized, but have not yet made their First Communion and would like to do so can have lessons in Sunday Club during Lent with First Communion celebrated on Easter Sunday (21st April). Please see Canon Anthony, Lynn Donnelly or Jannette McEwen for further information.

LENT GROUP IN CHURCH HOUSE AT 7.30pm ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:-

Tuesday 19th March – Fr James Manock
Wednesday 27th March – Fr Jeremy Sheehy
Wednesday 3rd April – The Bishop of Middleton
Wednesday 10th April – The Archdeacon of Bolton

RENEWAL OF THE PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL 2019

Forms are now available in preparation for the renewal of the Parish Electoral Roll. If you want to be on the E R you must complete a form. The current Electoral Roll will be scrapped at the end of March 2019. Further details from the E R Officer – David Kelly.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fri 22nd March 7.00 pm – St Matthew's
Fri 29th March 7.00 pm - St Teresa's
Fri 5th April 7.00 pm - St Teresa's
Fri 12th April 7.00 pm - St Teresa's

Please take this News Sheet home.

NEXT MESSY CHURCH

will be on Saturday 11th May
and Saturday 14th September from 3.00 pm till 5.00pm.

The next planning meeting is on
Tuesday 4th April – 8.00 pm – Choir Vestry.

DIARY DATES FOR 2019

Friday 12th April – Spring Bingo
Thursday 25th April – 8.00 pm – Meeting to Elect Churchwardens and APCM

Saturday 1st June – 2.00 pm – Afternoon Tea

Saturday 8th June – Mothers' Union Trip to Llandudno

Wednesday 13th June – 7.30 pm – Mothers' Union Festival

Sunday 16th June – P C C Away Day at Whalley Abbey

Friday 21st June – Summer Bingo

Sunday 8th September – Confirmation – Bishop of Bolton

Saturday 21st September – Fish & Chips & Quiz

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th October – Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Saturday 12th October – 8.00 pm – Cheese and Wine

Friday 25th October – Halloween Bingo

Friday 1st to Monday 4th November – Llandudno Christmas Cracker

Saturday 16th November – Lancashire Evening

Sunday 1st December – Christmas Lunch

Friday 6th December – Christmas Bingo

GIVING ENVELOPES for the next financial year are available at the back of the Church.

Please speak to either Kath Winterbotham or Mark Brocklebank if you would like a set of envelopes or wish to set up a Standing Order.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Booking forms are now available at the back of church for this year's pilgrimage. It will take place on Saturday 5 October - Sunday 6 October. The cost will be £95 and that includes everything including the cost of the coach, accommodation and all meals. If you wish to go, please fill in the booking form and hand it to Fr. Anthony with a £30 deposit by Sunday 12 May at the latest. Cheques should be made out to 'St. Matthew's Pilgrimage Account'

MISSION ACTION PRAYER

Life giving God,
as we hope and dream for our church and community grant us faithfulness to your word and sacraments, intimacy in our fellowship and love for our neighbours.

Help us to be generous with our time, kind in spirit, gracious in service and fruitful in witness; that here in Little Lever we may see your Kingdom come and your will be done. Amen

PARISH CLERGY

Fr John Wiseman – 700936

Canon Ian Anthony – 791437

Fr Stuart Haworth – 384006