

**PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Kathleen Walsh;  
Kathleen Bottomley;  
Theresa Barker; Monica Cain;  
Joan Hobley; Mary Kilbride;  
Teresa McGough; Jan and Stella Habiac; Connie Howarth;  
Eileen Park; Connie Smith,  
Alice Spencer; Margot Thorpe,  
Vera Wright; Winifred Neary;  
Barbara Colpman; Bill Mansell;  
Stella Albanese; Jean Neale;  
Waheed Ali; Natalie Gabrielsen;  
Pat Baker; Margaret Flannery;  
Yvonne Groom. David Thomas;  
Kenneth Goldie; Dominic Dunleavy;  
Luke Mason; Pam Smith; Mary Wallace; Trevor Ryder; Patricia & John Walker; Peter Connor; Peter Scaife, Mary Bibb, Paul Nathan, Donna Spencer, Kim Talbot and Fr Terence Schofield.

**Father**, we ask you to send your help through us to those who are sick in mind and body. In our care may they see your love. Bless those who cannot be with us today, they are in our thoughts and prayers. May they be given courage and strength. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Lately Dead**

Annie Brown ; Bernard Mulrooney;  
Michael Lorriman

**Anniversaries**

Joseph Hallinan; Ellen Gleeson;  
Clive Littlewood; Mary Ferguson;  
Elizabeth Gaughan; John Griffiths;  
Kitty Bennett; George Dyer

**Birthday Anniversary**

Rita Schofield

**Special Intention**

In thanksgiving for favours received.

In honour of St Padre Pio and St John Paul II .

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**TOWNELEY CHAPEL LAMP** The

Lamp burning in the Towneley Chapel this week is for "Rita Schofield— Birthday Memories"

**LENTEN STATION MASSES**

A Lenten Mass for our Deanery will be held at St John's Ivy Street, Burnley, at 7 pm this Wednesday, 16th March. Confessions will be available before Mass.

**MICHAEL LORRIMAN**

died recently in Thailand. There will be a Memorial Service here at 11.30 am this Thursday for his family and friends

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

13TH MARCH 2016

*STAY WITH US, LORD, ON OUR JOURNEY*

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

**MONDAY**

Quiet Hour : 12 noon—Confessions and Exposition. Mass 12.30 pm

**TUESDAY** 9 am Mass

**WEDNESDAY**

Stations of the Cross 11.30 am  
Quiet Hour : 12 noon—Confessions and Exposition. Mass 12.30 pm  
7 pm Lenten Station Mass at  
St John's Ivy Street Burnley

**THURSDAY**

10.00am Mass  
11.30 am Memorial Service for  
Michael Lorriman

**FRIDAY**

Lenten Challenge Mass 6.30 am  
Stations of the Cross 11.30 am  
Quiet Hour : 12 noon—Confessions and Exposition. Divine Mercy.  
Mass 12.30 pm

**SATURDAY**

10.30—11.30 Confessions and Exposition. **Healing Mass 12 noon**  
Vigil Mass 6 pm  
**SUNDAY** Masses at 9.45 am and 11.45

**TAIZE PRAYERS** at Sion Baptist Church at **THIS**



**SUNDAY, 13TH MARCH at 6.30 pm** and continuing on Sunday evenings during Lent. All are welcome.

**Please note the time: 6.30 pm**

***"If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."***

There is a logical development in the readings this Sunday: in the Old Testament,



God asks us to look forward to the "new deed he will do", when he will put "water in the wilderness"; we then see the new deed, which Paul talks about, to be the "supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus", and sharing the "power of his resurrection"; so who is this Jesus, and how is he "water in the wilderness"? It is because he brings hope for the future and forgiveness of our sins, as the Gospel story relates. This Sunday's readings are there for our encouragement, to help us look forward to Easter, and the meaning of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection: that meaning is Reconciliation and a new creation (as we heard last week). We are driven on through Lent by a vision of the marvels that God has worked, and that God will work for us.

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## AN INVITATION—FR LANNON'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Fr David Lannon will celebrate his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood with a Mass next Saturday 19th March at 2.00pm in St Augustines Church, Grosvenor Square Manchester. Everyone is invited to attend and join Fr Lannon for light refreshments afterwards.

## HEALING MASS

We usually have our Healing Mass at 12 noon on the last Saturday of the month, However, the last Saturday of March is Easter Saturday and Mass is not celebrated during the day on Easter Saturday. Our next Healing Mass will be a week earlier—**next Saturday, 19th March at 12 noon**. This also happens to be the day when Fr Lannon celebrates his Golden Jubilee and he will celebrate Mass at St Augustine's in Manchester at 2 pm. Those who normally provide transport for the Healing Mass will be attending this Jubilee so will be unable to bring anyone to our Mass on this occasion.

## FINANCIAL NEWS

Collection: £1,123 Retiring Collection: £90 Piety: £40  
Votives: £200 Football Car Park: £240 St Anthony's Bread: £55  
Many thanks for your generosity - Fr Peter

## THE BIG SLEEP OUT

After the success of last year's event, Cornerstone is doing it again! The problems of homelessness and rough sleeping continue to be a scandal in our society. Cornerstone Day Centre in Manchester provides daily help to hundreds of people in need, but also works (as part of Caritas Diocese of Salford) to raise awareness of these problems and our response to them. This year on 22nd April you can join staff and supporters in the second "Big Sleep Out", spending a night sleeping rough at Saint Christopher's RC Church in Ashton-under-Lyne, to raise awareness and funds for Cornerstone. For more details, and how to register to take part, please go to the website <http://www.cornerstonecds.org.uk>

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The children on the Programme were Presented at the Masses last weekend and will now continue to prepare for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES



There are leaflets at the back of Church giving times of services during Holy Week. Please take a copy home with you

## LETTER FROM GAVIN



GAVIN has been asked to go to Lourdes at Easter and help with the HCPT children. He realises that this would be expensive so he has decided to try and raise money so that HCPT will not have to pay his travel expenses. He is asking for Sponsors for doing the 'Oscot Great Run' There is a Sponsor Sheet at the back of Church. Please don't send any money directly to Oscot but put your donations in an envelope then place it in the Post Box outside the Priests Sacristy or at the Presbytery so that it can be forwarded to him. *All the Sponsor Money will be forwarded to Gavin this week*, so any sponsorship money should be handed in during this week so that Gavin can pass it on to the HCPT Group in good time. *Fr Peter*

## ROME 2016

I will be leading our Pilgrimage to Rome—from Monday, 19th September and returning Friday, 23rd September (4 nights). Cost will be £645 per person plus Insurance. Single Room occupancy £90. Included are return flights (Manchester Airport) / Coach transfers in Rome / Coach excursions to St Mary Major; St John Lateran and St Pauls outside the Walls. Half board at 3 star hotel. We have a number of Parishioners who are interested in going on the Pilgrimage and I will arrange to meet with you as soon as possible. The list is still at the back of Church for anyone else who may be interested in going to Rome during this Year of Mercy. *Fr Peter*



## WORLD YOUTH DAY

The Diocese is organising travel to and participation in the next World Youth Day, to be held in the presence of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, in the Polish city of Krakow between 24th July and 2nd August 2016. Young people between 16 and 35 years old are welcome! More information about the cost of the trip, registration forms, prayer cards and even a PowerPoint presentation on World Youth Day can be found on the [Youth Page](#) of Diocese of Salford web site

## LIFE ASCENDING

Life Ascending is a Catholic Movement for older people, which promotes faith and purpose through spirituality, friendship and mission. By meeting regularly for convivial gatherings which involve scripture reading, mutual support, prayer, reflection and fun the groups encourage and strengthen a sense of faith and purpose. Life Ascending is for all retired people The movement encourages members to consider ways to put their experiences and skills to good use. The friendship within groups is much valued and cherished by the members. You can find out much more by visiting the [Life Ascending website](#).

