

Our Lady & St Joseph's Parish Bulletin

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 16TH 2003

WELCOME to Matthew James Warwick, the baby son of Jenny and Nick, who is to be baptised at the 10.0 Mass today.

OUR DEACONS

Over the years we have been blessed in this parish with a dedicated band of deacons. Ron Dale and Kevin Hickey were the first to be ordained. Sadly in 1990 Ron Dale suddenly died and for 20 years Kevin has served this parish devotedly. He has decided now for several reasons (age not being the least of them!) to retire from his public duties. He will make his positive last appearance on the sanctuary at the 10.0 Mass next Sunday. Later we hope to make some public acknowledgement of Kevin's sterling work for Our Lady's.

We are doubly fortunate in that Gib Harrison, the deacon from Warwick Bridge, has moved with his wife Margaret back to Our Lady's parish from where he originated. So we lose a deacon and we gain a deacon! Gib will also be on the sanctuary at the 10.0 Mass next Sunday when we will officially welcome him back to the parish as we bid farewell to Kevin.

Hopefully in three year's time we will have another deacon. John Constable is in the first year of his studies for the diaconate. Pray for him and all our deacons so that God's people are served by good and holy men.

There's still room, I notice, for parishioners to put their names down for the parish retreat in North Wales next week. Details on the noticeboard at the back of church.

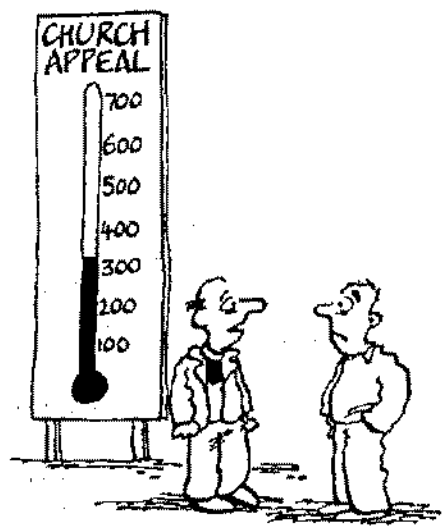
TODAY'S MUSIC: Ent: 959, Off: 772,
Euch. Pr: 481, Comm: 628, Rec: 807

CHOIR - next choir practice will be on Wednesday 26th February at 7 pm.

TUESDAYS IN THE SACRISTY

Bishop Fulton Sheen was probably one of the best known communicators of the Faith in the Catholic Church. He attracted as many as 10,000 people at a time to his talks. Watch him on video at 7.30 this Tuesday in the sacristy.

Our Parish SVP have taken on another 'twinning' in India, supporting another SVP Conference in Thanky in the state of Cochin. It's a housing project in a rural area where there are many Catholics. Over 50% of the people live below the Indian poverty line - which must be pretty low indeed. Some of their homes are so dilapidated that they are danger to health and provide little shelter from the elements. Our SVP hope to help the Indian conference replace rafters, doors, and windows and provide concrete flooring instead of earth floors in some of the worst affected houses. Few of the families have permanent employment and they are unable to repair, for example, their thatched roofs which are easily destroyed in the Indian monsoons. Helping our SVP means that you are also helping the poor in other lands.



"...between you and me - it's an appeal to make up the shortfall in my pension!"

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	6.00	Alston	Jean Seroka
Sun	10.00		Harry & Annie Blackhurst & dec'd Moore family
	4.30		The Parish
Mon	12.10		Leo Hayhoe
Tue	8.00		John Kelly
	12.10		Thanksgiving (MM)
Wed	9.15	St Gabs	Flora Murray
	12.10		Mary Richardson
Thu	8.00		Rose Griffin
	9.15	School	Donor's Intention
	12.10		Michael, Bob & Paul Reay
Fri	8.00		Harry Cartmel
	12.10		Thanksgiving
Sat	12.10		Jean Little
	6.00	Alston	Jean Richardson
Sun	10.00		Annunziata Cecchini
	4.30		The Parish

Please pray for Vanice Lewcock, Brigid Ward, May Nixon and Paddy Waters who are sick, for Cyril Atkinson (Scotby Road) who died recently, and for Michael Richardson, Jean Richardson and Mary Richardson whose anniversaries occur about this time.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR! On April 12th Churches Together in Cumbria are giving local Christians a chance to visit other faith communities and their places of worship. A Muslim Mosque and a Hindu Temple in Preston will play host to us and there will be a meal and a chance of discussion. Misunderstanding and ignorance are often the cause of prejudice, especially in these dangerous days in which we are living, so this is a valuable opportunity to learn more about some of our fellow citizens. Places on the bus are limited. We have been allocated four places. Fare £6. See Fr Turner if you would like to go.

JUST TO LET YOU KNOW – *The Forty Hours Devotion* this year is from Friday March 7th to Sunday March 9th. (Ash Wednesday is March 5th).

There was a bit of a mix-up regarding the Flower Arrangers meeting last week. Sorry about that! We will have another shot at getting the Arrangers together this coming Thursday at 7.0 pm in the Rectory.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES begin on March 12th at 7.0pm in the Rectory. Parents of youngsters due to be Confirmed this coming Pentecost should let one of the priests know as soon as possible.

ST WINEFRIDE'S HOUSE, BISPHAM, BLACKPOOL. Due to the retirement of the present housekeeper the Management Committee is seeking to appoint a new housekeeper who will be responsible to them for the day to day care of the resident priests and the running of the house. By nature of this post it is envisaged that the successful applicant will be a practising Catholic. This post is residential and the salary negotiable. Application forms and a more detailed job description of this challenging post can be obtained from:
Fr John C. Foulkes, St Kentigern's Presbytery, 25a Newton Drive, Blackpool, FY3 8BT. Tel: 01253 393439.
All completed applications to be received by 15th March 2003.

One World Network Meeting
"Show Racism the Red Card"
with
Mark Clifford
of UNISON

Mark will be talking about his anti-racism work, particularly the *Kick Racism Out of Football* campaign, and about his personal experience as a Black person growing up in Cumbria.

Tuesday 25th February 2003
7.15am - 8.45pm

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A man opened a newspaper and was amazed to read his own obituary. Much amused he telephoned his best friend – who asked him rather hesitantly where he was ringing from!