

Please pray for the sick: Pam Newman, Sue O'Brien, Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue, Patrick Dignan, Ellie Rose, Victoria Leighton, Joe McIntyre, John Riley, Jeanette Brock. Joe Kemp, David Cochrane, Glenise & Geoffrey Clinning, Rachel Mason, Edward Moore, Jessica.

To have the name of a seriously sick person on the newsletter, please hand in the small blue form from the porch.

Archbishop Peter Smith and Fr. Gerald O'Mahony, (priest of St. Wilfrid's, in Preston), have died.. **May they rest in peace.**

UPDATE from 8TH FULWOOD CUBS:

8th Fulwood scouting groups are hosting a **talent show in the parish centre on Friday 20th March. It will start at 7pm. If still allowed, there'll be light refreshments.** We'll hold a raffle, and take donations for CAFOD Lent appeal. All welcome to attend the show, which will earn the cubs and scouts their entertainer's badge. **Cub Leader : Katharine**

Diocesan LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2020.

24th – 31st July. 7 Nights – From £779 (if sharing)

Price down from last year _ new company involved.

Led by Bishop Paul Swarbrick. (Details of what is included in price, see poster in porch)

For booking forms ask Fr Bob OR contact Joe Walsh Tours;
Tel: 0161 8208790 Email: info@joewalshstours.co.uk

SOME HAVE BEEN SAYING: "I'd like to know more before I decide to book". Mrs. Linda Wisdom 07738 022 054 can give details, or direct you to someone else. You can also ask about the coach from Preston.

YOUTH & Lancaster Diocese LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2020

23rd July – 1st August - £595 per person sharing

Private coach travel from Keswick to Lourdes and return.

OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE CURRENTLY IN YEAR 10 AND ABOVE

– book now on Castlerigg website:

www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/new-events/lourdes-2020

'Serve others and receive so much more than you give'

CASTLERIGG MANOR Gap-Year opportunities:

That time of year has come round again and the Youth Service are recruiting new gap year volunteers for the next academic year (starting this August). "Our volunteer team are an essential part of what we do, young people who are discovering their faith and sharing it with others".

www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/new-events

THAT VIRUS. We are warned that some hand-sanitizers are flammable, so make sure your hands are dry before lighting votive candles (the tea-lights) !

CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME

"It has become countercultural to choose a lifestyle whose goals are even partly independent of technology, of its costs and its power to globalise and make us all the same....Our capacity to make decisions, a more genuine freedom and the space for each one's alternative creativity are diminished" (Pope Francis, Laudato Si, Para 108)

Comment: Have you ever wondered why, whatever town you visit, the shops all seem to be the same? If we are not careful, the corporate world will do the same to us -steal our imaginations and mould us into mere "consumers".

The Pope's Prayer intention for MARCH 2020

Catholics in China:

We pray that the church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

LENT - PRAYER. FASTING. ALMS-DEEDS

FASTING:

Some suggestions:-

1. **Friday Abstinence** every week We are meant to do without meat every Friday of the year (except a day like Christmas !), but if for some reason we don't, then we should do some other form of penance that day. Every Friday is a mini-Good Friday just as every Sunday is a mini-Easter.
2. **Eucharistic Fast:** we should fast for one hour before receiving Holy Communion. That has been the rule for a long time – it used to be much longer. It helps us think of the Food we are waiting to receive, the Food that is Jesus.

VACANCY- CATHOLIC LAY CHAPLAIN, HMP KIRKHAM. 20 HOURS PER WEEK. Further details can be obtained by e mailing the Chaplaincy manager at the prison. Tony.Davies3@justice.gov.uk

'The God Who Speaks'. Series 2 -continues Thurs, 19th March. Focusing on Gospel readings we hear at Sunday Mass. 7.30-9.30pm, St Wilfrid's Parish Centre. All Welcome. More info on posters. Contact: Joe or Ruth on 07957 566741.

WE'RE MEANT TO HAVE A FIRST-AIDER on duty at every well-attended Mass. If you have up-to-date training, will you volunteer, please ? We'd aim to have at least two for each weekend Mass, so that they can cover for absences.

'THE AMAZON SYNOD TALK BY – LEAH CASIMERO'. Mon, 16th March, has been **CANCELLED**

GIFT AID GIVING is easy and painless. You don't pay more tax; the HMRC gives to the parish the tax you've already paid on your parish donations. You don't have to give the same amount every week. You give in the collection by putting your cash in a numbered envelope (or by cheque or a bank Standing Order). We provide the envelopes. Your details are kept private. It increases your donation to the parish by 25p in every £1, without cost to you. And thank you: you are helping to ensure the long-term future of the parish.

FOR EXISTING GIFT-AIDERS. A Gift Aid tax reclaim will be submitted shortly to HMRC. Please notify us if you are no longer a tax payer or you paid insufficient tax during 2019/20 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations given under Gift Aid to all charities during the tax year, PLEASE HELP WITH EITHER OF THESE MATTERS See Father Bob.

At the present standard rate of tax of 20%, 25p is reclaimed for every £1 donated. .

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for parish bulletin and keep up to date with, parish news & photos, parish initiatives & events and link to Bishop Paul's Blog (includes Pastoral Letter for Lent.)