

COVID Update In the past months we have four separate occasions when people attending weekend Masses have tested positive for COVID 19 on the following Monday. None of those cases resulted in any other Mass-goer becoming infected. We will therefore continue with our strict precautions, namely pre-booking, hand-sanitising and face-covering.

Please do not attend Mass if you feel unwell.

CAFOD

"Ivanilde and her community continue to fight on the frontline of a crisis that will affect us all. With your donations to our Climate Crisis Appeal this Harvest we can reach communities in the most at-risk areas due to the climate crisis."

Individually we can all "do our bit". Yes, we can donate to Cafod and know that their work will continue. We can also enjoy a veggie meal each week, eat less meat, turn off lights when they aren't needed, recycle plastic. We need to restore God's precious gift of creation and stop the climate crisis from getting worse. We all share this Earth, and we can all work to protect it.

Prayer: We pray for the world we live in: that God may open our eyes to recognise the goodness of all creation and help us to do what we can to restore and care for the wonderful gift that we have been given.

Thank you so much for your donations to CAFOD this Family Fast Day. Your generous gift will help people like Ivanilde in the Amazon to protect our common home. You can add your voice to our petition calling for the Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, and find out more about how you can get involved, by visiting cafod.org.uk/reclaim

This pregnant woman who died in a prison in Spain, became a Martyr of the Rosary

Emilia Fernandez, a pregnant woman who found her faith in a Spanish prison during the Civil War (1936-1939), refused to give up the name of her catechist to her persecutors, and became a modern promoter of the Rosary. "Emilia is a martyr of suffering, because she died some 10 days after giving birth for lack of medical attention, clutching her rosary. She had a chance to apostatize, to betray the one who taught her the faith, but she did not. She's an example," Spanish historian Martin Ibarra told CNA.

"This demonstrates that the Virgin leads us to God. For this martyr, she was the Gate of Heaven," he said.

Emilia became the first Romani - or Gypsy - woman to be beatified by the Catholic Church.

FOODBANK Thank you for your generous support. Many families we assist are experiencing great hardship. This week we need cooking oil, tins of fruit + carnation milk. Toiletries, soup, tinned potatoes and vegetables, pasta and pasta sauce, cake, biscuits and custard and sachets of coffee and all usual items Donations can be left either at the presbytery/convent or in the box at the front of **3 Marlborough Drive (directly opposite our church)** Please contact 0777 943 6279 if you require us to collect goods you wish to donate.

The OLSE Parish Centre

Bookings through James Gardner (07597 630244, 7-9pm only Mon-Fri). Everybody booking the hall will be required to assess the COVID risks and have suitable precautions to protect users. There is a form to complete. **Contact Stephen Garsed (717376) for details.**

The next meeting of the Ladies Group

will be on Thursday 14th October and will be a talk by Amy Troner, a senior Waste Disposal Officer for Preston City Council and she will talk about Developments in Recycling. The meeting starts at 8.00 pm in the Parish Centre. Admission £2.00.

Parish Walk

Sunday 24 October 9:45 from Beech Drive Grange-over-Sands 7 miles, but shorter option available. Please ring Bernard (4pm-6pm) 863493 for details or to book 10GBP per person

Coffee Morning

Tuesday 12 October 10am-12pm in the Parish Centre Call in for a chat and a brew...only 1GBP

PRISONERS SUNDAY 10 October and PRISONS WEEK 10-16 October

Prisoners' Sunday marks the first day of the ecumenical Prisons Week, a week of prayer which raises awareness of issues faced by those affected by the criminal justice system. Founded by Bishop Victor Guazzelli in 1975, for over forty years Prisons Week has prepared prayer literature to enable the Christian community to pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime on the inside and outside of prisons. <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/prisonerssunday> <https://prisonweek.org/> TIME Broadcast first in June, this new three-part drama series from Jimmy McGovern set in a men's prison made for grim viewing. Yet those who are involved in the Prison Service claimed it was authentic. If you missed it or would like to view again it is available on <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p09fs2qh/time>

SYNODALITY – A NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH From website of The Catholic Church Bishop's Conference of England and Wales: A two-year 'synodal' process is taking place in the Catholic Church from October 2021 that culminates in the final Synod Gathering of Bishops in Rome in October 2023. The overall theme is "FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION" It's an invitation for us, as Catholics, to 'walk together' and every member of the Church has the right to speak, and the obligation to allow those charged with the work of discernment the freedom to do so.

The Synod will be opened by the Pope on 9-10th October 2021, and subsequently in the individual dioceses by the respective bishops, on 17 October.

"The Synod is concerned mainly with how teaching can be lived and applied in the changing contexts of our time." Pope Francis