Collection for Sunday including via bank**: £635.76**

ROSARY SERVICE: To celebrate the **Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle**, on Monday 30th November 2026 at St. Mary's Newhouse, Station Lane, Barton, Preston PR3 5DY at 2.00pm. Followed by tea/coffee and biscuits. Please come along to join the celebration on this day and have warm chat.

Parish Centre Lunch

Thanks to those who attended the lunch this week. It raised £435 towards the church repair fund. Our Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday December 16th and the proceeds will go towards upgrading the Parish Centre furniture. Details of the lunch to follow shortly.

PARISH COFFEE MORNINGS in the Parish Centre

-**Tuesday:** December 8th, 22nd, January 12th , 26th at 10:00am – 12:00pm

-**Sunday: Dec 6th ,20th, Jan 3rd, 17th** after 8.45am Mass

Call in for refreshments and friendly company

AFFORDABLE CATHOLIC FAMILY RETREATS IN THE LAKES Castlerigg Manor is the youth retreat centre of Lancaster Diocese, located in Keswick in the Lake District. Every year, they offer a couple of retreats to families with children under 18. These are a great opportunity for families to enjoy the lakes and for people of all ages to spend some time reflecting, praying, and doing creative activities. There are streams for all ages, including adults. The next one is December 11th to 13th, followed by March 12th to 14th. Prices start at £175 En-suite for a family of four. To find out more, email director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or check out castleriggmanor.com/events.

Card Reader Facility in the Church Porch -The card reader is just below the choir stairs. You can make Offertory Donations as well as pay for Greetings Cards and Votive Candles. When you have made an Offertory Donation you will be given the option to Gift Aid. Offertory donations can also be made using URL https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-preston.or the QR code.

NEW MASS BOOKS

Parishioners will have noticed that Year B Volume 1 Mass Books (**ORANGE**) have replaced the Green coloured Mass Books.

They are located in the entrance porch and will cover the period up to Pentecost 2027.

If you have any of the **GREEN** coloured Mass Books, please return them to the Church.

They are to be stored until required in Advent 2029.

There are still Mass books missing from the past 2 years coloured **Maroon** and **Red**. Also please do not take them away from the Church as previous issues have gone missing and will cost money to replace.

The exception being Liturgy Readers who may take home the Mass Book and then return them the following week.

If you would like your own personal Mass Book please discuss with **Sr Monique or Kevin Gilchrist** and we can purchase one for you.

This applies to the weekend Mass Books AND Mass Books covering the whole of the 3-year cycle.

Currently we have received donations to sponsor 50 (of 100) Mass Books for which we are very grateful.

If you pick up a Mass Book with a sponsor name on the inside front cover, please say a prayer for that person or family during Mass. **Thank you**

Volunteer to prepare cremation interments

"We are looking for a healthy volunteer to prepare cremation interments at St. Mary's cemetery, Station Lane, Barton.

Each interment involves preparing the plot and refilling. It will take about an hour of your time. An honorarium of £70 will be given for each interment. If you or someone you know, would like to be considered for the role please contact Father Augustine. Training will be provided."

CAFOD Christmas Raffle

We're now in the period for sales: November 28th and 29th; December 5th and 6th - we will all have the opportunity to support Cafod by buying tickets for our Christmas raffle. The main prize is, once again, a lovely crib set knitted by one of our kind parishioners with its own wooden stable – which you will be able to see in the porch. Tickets are £1 each – please support the work of Cafod by buying tickets. Thank you.

Parish Centre diary dates:

Saturday 5 December 7.30 pm Preston Concert Band. Tickets available on door. £5.00

Saturday 23 January. Guild Evening. For those who have participated in previous Guilds, come and share your experiences. For those who have not, come and find out what it is all about.

Katie Jones is our Parish Safeguarding Representative

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