

Christmas Fayre

The date for the Christmas Fayre this year is Sunday 24th November in the Parish Hall at St Peter's. Could I ask parishioners to begin bringing goods now to the back of both churches. The Social Committee would be extremely grateful for donations of the following items: raffle prizes, bottles, chocolates, toiletries and fancy goods, new toys as well as second hand teddies (for our adopt a bear stall). **At the back of both churches is a sign up sheet for volunteers to set up, run the stalls and bake goods. Please do sign up to help!** The Fayre is on 24th November and the cut off point for donations is the week before on the 17th, so that only leaves us a few weeks to collect all the goods we need! **Any sponsorship or donations in advance to offset cost gratefully received!**

Diocesan Synod

Some time ago, our Parish Synod Rep moved to another part of the country, and as a result, our participation in the Synod ground to a bit of a halt! In the meantime, a few parishioners have approached me to say they would be interested in getting involved in the Synod and representing the Parish. Being a rep means facilitating some Parish meetings and drawing up responses from parishioners. I would like to invite anyone interested in getting involved to a meeting in the **Parish Centre at St James the Less on Tuesday 19th November at 7.00pm**. We can chat through how to approach this next stage of the Diocesan Synod and how we co-ordinate our response.

Children's Liturgy

I am delighted to announce that our Children's Liturgy at St James the Less begins again this weekend during the 11am Mass. Please take the children to the Parish Centre. Children's Liturgy as usual at St Peter's during the 9am Mass. Many thanks to our kind volunteers!

Baptism Preparation Sessions

The next Baptism Preparation session will be on Tuesday, 19th November 2024, at 6.30pm in St James the Less Church. Signup sheets can be found at the back of both churches.

St Peter's Coffee Morning November raffle winners

£25 - Kath Barnes

£10 - Michael O'Neil

Box of biscuits - Daphne

Bottle of wine - T Holden.

Thanks to all who attended the coffee morning and contributed to the raffle. Tickets for the December raffle will be on sale at the back of St Peter's after Mass every Sunday in November.

Welcome Sister Princy

Our next Parish Sister, Sister Princy, arrived from India on Saturday this week and is settling into the Presbytery with Sister Suni at St James the Less. Since Sister Suni arrived at the end of August, the Sisters have been settling into Parish life and getting to know the routines. Now that Sister Princy has arrived and the community is becoming stable, we will be looking at how the Sisters can help around the Parish in the coming weeks. Please make Sister Princy very welcome. A sincere thank you to Paul Swarbrick who kindly volunteered to collect Sister Princy from Manchester Airport very early on Saturday morning!

Dorothy Crawshaw RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dorothy Crawshaw who has died. Dorothy's Funeral Service will be in Fred Hamer's on James Street at 10.45am on Thursday 14th November followed by a Service at Burnley Crematorium at 11.30am. May she rest in peace.

Remembrance Sunday Parade

This Sunday, 10th November, is Remembrance Sunday when we pray especially for all who fell during the two World Wars of the past century, as well as those who have died in conflicts since and currently ongoing. We give thanks for the sacrifice of so many to keep us safe and enable us to live in freedom. We pray also on this Sunday for all who serve in our Armed Forces. The annual Rawtenstall Remembrance Parade will take place this Sunday, mustering in the Town Square from 2.15pm to commence at 2.35pm onto Kay Street, down Bank Street and onto St Mary's Way. We will gather at the Cenotaph for a Service of Remembrance and wreath laying at 3.00pm before returning to the Town Square via Bacup Road. All are welcome to attend.

November List of the Faithful Departed

So many names have come in for our November List that I have not included it in the newsletter this weekend, but have printed it on a separate sheet. I have placed some of these sheets at the back of both churches so that everyone can see their loved ones have been added and are remembered at each Mass during this month of November. I will continue to add any names which come into the boxes at the back of both churches throughout this month. May they rest in peace.

Sincere Thanks

A sincere thank you to Canon Lupton who stepped in at the last minute on Thursday this past week to celebrate the Requiem Mass of Jean Leonard. I had come down with a flu bug (man flu!) and was feeling very unwell on Thursday morning, so the good Canon stepped in and helped so I did not have to cough and splutter over everyone. It also meant I missed the Memorial Mass in Bacup the night before for Father Michael Twomey. May he rest in peace.