

Parish Rambling Club

The next walk, which is the Waterfoot Tunnel Walk, takes place next Sunday 8th September beginning at 1.00pm. All are welcome:

Start Point: Car Park at Bottom of Cowpe Road, Waterfoot. The distance is approximately 2.5 to 3 miles. This is a moderately easy walk with one hill. We walk through the tunnels to Blackwood Road in Stacksteads. Proceed up Blackwood Road for approximately 300 yards. Turn right at the end, then sharp left onto Royds Road. The path is now flat with good views of the opposite valley hillside. At the end of Royds Road, we cross a field to meet Cowpe Road which leads us back to the start of our walk.

Walk Leaders: Peter and Sheelagh Tracey.

Teaching Sisters of St Dorothy - Daughters of the Sacred Heart

Sister Suni is now resident in the Presbytery at St James the Less with Sister Biji who has come over from the community in Blackburn to accompany Sister Suni as she settles in. Many thanks to those parishioners who have made the Sisters welcome and assisted them as they settle into our Parish. We are awaiting the arrival of Sister Princy from the Provincial House in India who will be helping out in the Parish as a Parish Sister once her visa is sorted.

I have put at the back of both churches this weekend a rota for people to sign up to help the Sisters come to the weekday Masses when they are at St Peter's on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. So far, a couple of kind parishioners have been bringing the Sisters up to Mass in St Peter's, but it would be good long term for us to get a rota together and spread the load until the Sisters have learnt to drive and have a car. Sister Biji works in Blackburn Hospital so she cannot always be here to bring Sister Suni and Sister Princy to Mass.

Welcome Back!

We welcome back our children and staff at St Peter's, St James the Less, St Joseph's and All Saints as they begin a new school year! Where did the summer go!

Welcome

We welcome into the new life of grace Alice Evelyn Hall who will be Baptised this Sunday 1st September at 12.30pm in St James the Less. Please keep Alice and her family in your prayers. In order to book a Baptism, please ask Father Stamp for a booklet which we have produced and which explains all of the requirements and the Diocesan policy for Baptism.

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy groups in both churches are currently on a break for the summer. The Children's Liturgy will begin again on **Sunday 8th September at the 9am Mass in St Peter's and the 11am Mass in St James the Less**. Many thanks to the kind volunteers who make this possible at both of our Sunday morning Masses. If anyone would be willing to help at either Mass, we are always on the lookout for new volunteers. Please let Father Stamp or one of our volunteers know you would like to help.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Sunday 22nd September

10am - 12 noon in St Peter's Hall.

Donations of cakes would be welcome, these can be brought to the Hall on Saturday 21st September between 10am and 11am or can be brought to church on the morning of the 22nd.

Last year's Coffee Morning was a great success, please do try to support again this year!!

Baptism Preparation Sessions

We have decided to introduce a sign-up sheet which you can find at the back of both churches for our Baptism Preparation Sessions. Please sign up if you intend to attend the next session as this will give us an idea of how many helpers and copies of resources we will need for each of the sessions. Many thanks to Louise and the volunteers for their help with this. The next Baptismal preparation session will take place on Tuesday, 3rd September at 6:30pm.

Parish Centre Committee

The next meeting of the Committee will take place this **Tuesday 3rd September** at 7.00pm in the Presbytery at St James the Less.

Siobhan

Siobhan, our Parish Administrator, has now returned from annual leave and will be back in the office at St James the Less this coming Wednesday. If anyone has any items for the newsletter, could you please e-mail Siobhan before Friday morning!