

Teaching Sisters of St Dorothy - Daughters of the Sacred Heart

The Bishop has asked us to receive some Sisters into our Parish, the Dorothean Sisters of the Indian Province. There are already some of these Sisters present in our Diocese, currently at St Teresa's, Intack which is in the Parish of Holy Family, Blackburn. Some of you may have come into contact with one of the Sisters who works in the Chaplaincy at Blackburn Hospital. The first of three Sisters who will be living in our Parish will arrive from India before the end of August and will move into the Presbytery at St James the Less. This is very exciting news for the Parish and I am sure the presence of the Sisters will be a great boost for all of us. One of the Sisters will be helping especially in the Parish with various tasks such as ministry to the sick and housebound, Confirmation and First Holy Communion catechesis as well as other ministries which will develop once the Sisters have fully settled in. I am sure the Sisters will be a great help to me, most of all by their example of prayer and their devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. This means we must now begin to prepare for their arrival with us. I have placed at the back of the church a sign-up sheet for any parishioners who would be willing and able to help. As the Sisters will be arriving straight from India, they won't initially have transport or know the area at all. They will need to be present at Holy Mass each day, and as the Mass alternates between the two churches, they will need transport up to St Peter's on the days when Mass is there. Also, they will need help to find local shops etc. If anyone would be willing to help, please do sign up at the back so we can ensure the Sisters are able to settle into our Parish as quickly as possible. And above all, please make them very welcome here in Rossendale and pray for the success of this new chapter in the life of the Parish and the life of the Sisters!

Update: The first of the Sisters, Sister Suni, will be arriving this Friday 23rd August when she will join us for the 9.30am Mass. Could I ask any parishioners who are able to help to come to the Presbytery this Tuesday 20th August at 1.00pm to help prepare the house for Sister's arrival.

Parish Rambling Club

Sincere thanks to those parishioners who came along to the walk to Snig Hole led by Harry. It was a lovely afternoon and we ended with a cup of tea and cake in the café at Irwell Vale. The next walk, which is the Waterfoot Tunnel Walk, takes place on 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.

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 20th August at 7.00pm in the Presbytery at St James the Less.

Siobhan On Leave

Siobhan will be on annual leave from 15th August - 30th August. If anyone has any news articles/notices that they would like going in the newsletter, please email: simon.stamp@dioceseofsalford.org.uk