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The Most Holy Trinity

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This week in St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – The Most Holy Trinity
Monday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Dunstan, bishop. Born near Glastonbury in 909.
Tuesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – St. Bernardine of Siena, priest. Franciscan preacher, died 1444.
	10.00 a.m.	Funeral service for Jean Bolan R.I.P.
	7.00 p.m.	Parish meeting
Wednesday	9.00 a.m.	Mass – Ss. Christopher Magallanes, priest and companions, martyrs.
	7.00 p.m.	Bible study group
Thursday	9.00 a.m.	Eucharistic service
Friday	9.00 a.m.	Mass
Saturday	12.00 noon	Mass, followed by confessions
	6.15 p.m.	Vigil mass for Sunday
Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday mass – The Body and Blood of Christ

Proposed mass changes

Soon after coming to St. Joseph's, I moved Saturday's 10 a.m. mass to midday to give myself a rest day each week from Friday morning until Saturday morning. This has not worked because Fridays have been very busy days and I have often not been able to get away. I am, therefore, proposing two things: firstly, returning Saturday morning mass to 10 a.m. so that it is not at the same time as mass at Sacred Heart and, secondly, taking my 24 hours earlier in the week. This might mean that there will not be a mass here on Mondays or that there will be an evening mass on Mondays if I take Sunday evening until Monday evening. I am happy to have your thoughts on this but I would ask that you are charitable enough in your comments to realise that as the workload increases, almost weekly, having definite time off is becoming more important. The recent death toll and illness among priests in the diocese has been something of a wake up call.

Father Peter

Parish meeting

This Tuesday, 20th May, at 7 p.m. in the parish meeting room

Everyone is welcome. Please come along to share your ideas and help to plan events.

Corpus Christi Eucharistic Rally

Next Sunday, 25th May at 3 p.m. at St. Alban's Church, Larkhill, Blackburn

... including rosary and prayers, hymns, procession and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Mass intentions received

Lately Dead: Susan Jackson – 17 masses, Jean Bolan – 4 masses, Michael Wood Jnr., Kathleen Mulligan.

Anniversaries: Terry Keogh (19th May), James Wilkinson (21st May), Aninno Novello (14th May), Nellie Durkin

Birthday memorial: Margaret Kendal (13th May) **Sick:** Linda Morse,

Other intentions: Gail Heys – 2 masses, Brian Poultney, Thomasine Anderson – 2 masses, the Aldcroft family, the Lawson family, William Fay, the holy family, Cheryl and Antonio Panico – 2 masses, St. Anthony and St. Jude, St. Martin, St.. Bernadette

Thanks

Once again, grateful thanks are due to many people who have contributed to the life of this parish. The choirs and parishioners of Saints Peter's and Cuthbert's gave us a tremendous conclusion to this year's celebration of Easter by closing Pentecost with Choral Evensong. It was certainly a night to remember. But so was Monday night with the choir of St. Mary's College, who gave what was not only a concert but a profound spiritual experience with their performance of Fauré's Requiem and other devotional works. We are indebted to all of them.

On both evenings we presented ourselves very well as hospitable hosts, not only in church but also in the hall afterwards, so sincere thanks to those who generously prepared, served and cleared up after the refreshments.

Father Peter

... and don't forget...

Parish meal at Craighlands, 29th June. Further details from Alec or Margaret on 772365.

"Active Kids" vouchers. Please leave any vouchers at the back of church. Thank you.

Charity shop, 14th-19th September. Please save and store any saleable, unwanted items. To volunteer for sorting items or serving in the shop, please call Eileen on 01254 776234.

St. Paul series of talks, from 10th June – 2nd July. Further information on the notice board.

"Life in the spirit" one day retreat, 31st May. Please see poster or call Marina on 01200 442310.

St. Mary's College concert, 7.30 p.m. on 19th May at the O'Neill Theatre. Free admission.

Harvesters men's weekend, 5th-6th July, Lancaster University. Contact Greg on 01772 733338.

Last week's collections

Offertory collection £658.55

Thank you

200 Club winners

1 st prize	£40	65	K. Hine
2 nd prize	£10	22	M. Hodgson
3 rd prize	£5	176	Mr and Mrs Howard

Ministries

	This week		Next week	
	Saturday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
Reader	B. Hughes	D. Beaton	J. Heywood	D. Ross
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Saynor T. Mclver R. Knowles A. Barker P. Wardle	D. Jarrett M. Alvarez J. Briggs R. Massey D. Forbes	A. Gibbs P. Ainscough K. Hine P. Wardle M. Saynor	A. Gordon D. Beaton G. Brindle D. Jarrett M. Alvarez

New lists are about to be printed. Please let us know of any changes. Thank you.