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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Day for Life)

1st July 2007

This week in St. Joseph's Parish

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| Sunday | 9.00 a.m. | Sunday mass – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Day for Life) |
| Monday | 12.00pm | Funeral service at Pleasington Crematorium for Megan Wilkinson RIP |
| | 7.30 p.m. | Ordination anniversary mass for Father Peter |
| Tuesday | 9.00 a.m. | Mass – St. Thomas, apostle. Thought to have later preached in India. |
| | 7.00 p.m. | Parish meeting |
| Wednesday | 9.00 a.m. | Mass – St. Elizabeth of Portugal. Born into the Royal family of Aragon. |
| Thursday | 9.00 a.m. | Mass – St. Anthony Zaccaria, priest. Born in Italy in 1502. |
| Friday | 9.00 a.m. | Mass – St. Maria Goretti, virgin and martyr. Died in 1902 aged 12. |
| Saturday | 12.00 noon | Mass, followed by confessions until 12.45 p.m. |
| | 6.15 p.m. | Vigil mass for Sunday |
| Sunday | 9.00 a.m. | Sunday mass – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sea Sunday) |

Ministries for next week

Readers

Saturday, 6.15 p.m. Parade
Sunday, 9.00 a.m. P. Cooney

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, 6.15 p.m. M. Saynor
T. McIver
R. Knowles
A. Barker
S. Jackson
Sunday, 9.00 a.m. G. Brindle
D. Jarrett
M. Alvarez
J. Briggs
R. Massey

Last weekend's collections

Offertory collection £654.32

200 Club winners

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| 1 st prize | £40 | 31 | Bernard Tumelty |
| 2 nd prize | £10 | 63 | James Hine |
| 3 rd prize | £5 | 123 | S. Maynard |

Retiring collection

This weekend there will be a retiring collection for "Day for Life" – see overleaf.

Ordination Anniversary Mass for Fr. Peter

This Monday, 2nd July, at 7.30 p.m.

On Monday evening there will be a mass to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Fr. Peter's ordination to the priesthood. It will also be our first real opportunity to welcome him to St. Joseph's since he became our parish priest. Everyone is invited to come into the hall afterwards, where there will be food provided. (Please bring your own drink.)

Mass intentions received

Lately dead: Megan Wilkinson

Anniversary: Karl Graham – 2nd July, Annie Grime – 4th July

Birthday memory: Annie Conlon

Other intentions: special intention (holy family), special intention (Ss. Anthony and Jude), thanksgiving for prayers answered, the Yates family, special intention (Our Lady of Good Remedy), thanksgiving for blessings received, special intention (the sick), Thomasine Anderson, Cheryl Panico.

Parish meeting

This Tuesday, 3rd July, at 7 p.m.

There will be a parish meeting in the meeting room this Tuesday. Everyone is invited to come along and make a contribution to all aspects of the parish.

Parish walk and picnic

Sunday, 22nd July, Entwistle reservoirs

Everyone is welcome. Come along on your own or as a family. We will be walking around the reservoirs and stopping for a picnic lunch on the way.

“Day for Life”

What is Day for Life?

The Church has a consistent and very clear message on the sacredness of human life. Day for Life is our annual celebration of this message. Its primary purpose is to foster in individual consciences, in families, in the Church and in civil society a recognition of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

The Church has a great deal of experience in all areas of pro-life work and has given the world a lead in the intellectual, political and social battle to save and protect all human life from conception to natural death.

Why does the Church oppose abortion?

The Church believes that every life has been created by God in his own image and likeness – that all life is sacred from the moment of conception to the point of natural death. The Church opposes abortion because it is the taking of an innocent human life.

What can I do?

- **Learn more about the issues involved:** keep up to date with the news; check www.dayforlife.org; get involved with a local pro-life group; read the Church's documents on the subject.
- **Once you know a bit more, get active and get involved:** offer your help at one of the pro-life groups; discuss your ideas; speak to others who are already involved and join in.
- **The one thing everyone can do is pray:** pray for all those affected by abortion; every day pray for a particular baby at risk, that the Lord may touch the heart of the mother and give her the strength she needs; pray for our politicians to uphold the sacredness of life in every decision they take; pray that our pro-life politicians will have the courage of their convictions; pray for all the victims of abortion – the babies, mothers, fathers, families, medical profession, society and ourselves. We are all victims when we live in a society which allows abortion.

Prayer

We thank you, Lord, for the gift of life.
Every human life is your gift to the world.
Each person is unique,
with a task you have entrusted to them alone.
Help us always to promote the basic rights of all,
and to recognise that we are all parts of one body,
dependent on one another,
and called to share a common life.

Amen