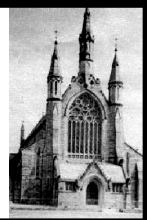




Parish of English Martyrs with St Ignatius, Preston



6th Sunday of Easter

Newsletter

13th May 2012

Geoff is also on pilgrimage in the Holy Land He writes from Bethlehem (Sunday 6th May):

Today we celebrated Mass with the Parish Community of St Catherine in Bethlehem, Mass was late starting as we had to wait for the families of the many children confirmed in the parish. The large number of children were all in matching albs, as they will be next week for first communions. This way there is no distinction between rich and poor as all have the same.

Many of you gave me gifts which will be used for the poorer families in the parish, providing clothes for new babies and Christmas presents for the many poorer families. The Mass was in Arabic, with our English priest and a number of French priests concelebrating with the local priest. In his very good English introduction the priest compared the congregation to the present Sunday readings from Acts, where many tongues are spoken and everyone understands the message. It reminds us we are part of a universal church, not one small parish, with a duty to support the poorer and more vulnerable parts of our church.



Today I met by accident two of the sisters whose work we support. Here they are pictured taking their share of the items brought out for the children of Bethlehem by the group I am with, and accepting the money from our Parish, so generously given as personal gifts, crib offerings or at our Healing mass and Christmas lunches. They are so grateful for your support and I am looking forward to visiting the children tomorrow after our day following the Passion Story through the Mount of Olives to Gethsemane. A reminder to me that some seem to share more of the sufferings of Christ than others and how blessed I am with my life.

MAY	CHURCH	TIME	INTENTION	FEAST	OTHER PARISH EVENTS
SUN 13 th	SI	9.30am	Lynda Riley People of the Parish	6 th SUNDAY of EASTER	Children's' Liturgy Refreshments after Mass Special Collection: Guild Expenses
MON 14 th		11am	Requiem Mass Jim Brown	ST MATTHIAS	2pm Bingo & chat: St Ignatius'
TUE 15 th	EM	7pm	Private Intention		
WED 16 th	EM	10am	Anne Killeen		9am Morning Prayer at Emmanuel Tea & Chat after Mass
THU 17 th	EM	10am	Private Intention		7pm Parish Council Meeting SI
FRI 18 th	EM	10am	Myra Doyle	St John 1 st	
SAT 19 th	EM	10am	Private Intention	St Dunstan	10.30am Exposition & Confessions
SUN 20 th	SI	9.30am	Franco Marchetta Valentino Bagnoli	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	Children's' Liturgy Refreshments after Mass Special Collection Catholic Media
	EM	11am	Mary Butler	World Communication Day of Prayer	

If you want to put something in the newsletter, or you spot any mistakes or can suggest any improvements please let us know directly, by email, phone 460651 or leaving a message in the parish office. Articles etc. must be in **before 11am Friday**.

Edited Highlights from Fr Tom's Blog:

4th We are now getting into the rhythm of walking - no hurry-just a calm knowledge we'll get there. The pace is predictable. The views are ever changing. The smallest things become interesting because the senses are more attuned to what is going on all around. We saw a cuckoo and a water vole. Weather misty and cool. **23kms**

5th Thanks for the messages - much appreciated. We had dinner last night with the monks - the abbot ritually washed our hands and we ate the whole meal in silence, just as well really since our French is pretty creaky. - tonight's meal was a real contrast - hamburger & mountains of chips bought from a van next to the bar in the village. **30.2 kms.**

6th Today has been a little more user-friendly, along tracks and paths. Lots of spoil heaps from the mines. We enjoyed an unlikely conversation on the subject of free-will, but we just ambled along in companionable silence. Sunday so met lots more folk but no walkers. We're staying b&b in a small hotel tonight & tomorrow is a long day - so we'll search out some food & have an early night. Lightly overcast & cool. **26.4kms**

9th Today is my birthday so we are going to celebrate in the historic town of Peronne with a plat-de-jour and a bottle of wine - we like to push the boat out! We received a very warm welcome from the priest and very basic but sufficient accommodation - no shower or hot water and a promise of breakfast in the morning

10th Abbe Nicholas told us he has 65 churches - makes me feel better and the first person he contacts if anything goes wrong is the mayor!! Perhaps I should try that!

	Attendance	Offertory	Guild
English Martyrs'	104	£196.39	£26.56
St Ignatius'	120	£248.10	£14.37

TERRY GILLOW CELEBRATION

Ann Coles writes 'My father Terry is 90 on May 28th and we have arranged for him to have a Birthday Lunch at The New Drop Inn, Ribchester on Sunday 27th May from 1.30pm. Our plan is to bring him to 11am Mass and then to go on from there. Dad has a number of good friends at the church whom we would like to invite to his party. If you would like to attend please put your name on the list at the back of EM Church. If anyone needs a lift I am sure the family could provide one.'

**GARDEN PARTY AT
ST IGNATIUS'**

SATURDAY JUNE 23rd

**We need prizes for raffles and tombola,
and lots of things to sell.-. Books, media items,
tins ,bottles, toys white elephant goods good-as-
new items in fact anything *but clothes*. Please have
a good sort out and leave your items at the back of
church or the office. Thank you**

'It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins' *St Paul*.

It is also good to pray for the living ,for friends and relatives, the sick and those taking exams. At the moment we are very short of Mass Intentions. If you would like a Mass saying please put your stipend(donation) in an envelope with the intention , your name, a contact number and suggested date or day.

Please note funerals may change Mass intentions.

Sadly we report the death of **Jim Brown on Friday May 4th**
For many years Jim was an altar server at English Martyrs and Fr Tom's right hand man at funerals. He was a real gentleman, with a good sense of humour and always reliable.
His funeral will be on Monday at 11am.
May he rest in peace.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

The sick, and those who care for them including: Cecelia Abraham, Peter Abraham, Mr & Mrs Ashcroft, David Adamson, Frank Baker, John Bibby, Marie Brindle, David Bleasdale, Joan Bradley Lillian Catterall, Margaret Cutler, Terry Gillow, Fr John Hawkins, Ellen Jones, Fr Luiz, Valerie McAvooy, Doreen McCann, Frank McMorrow, Margaret Mohrlüder, Fr Santiago, Jama Thomas, Magdalene Xavier and Geraldine Xavier.

We pray for those who have died recently including: Anne Killeen and Jim Brown We pray that God will console all who mourn.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time including: Alex Makarow, Moses George, Rosina Smithson, Teofil Stepien, John Morley, Mary Johnson, Thomas Bicker, Ronald Smith, Margaret Gledhill, Eleanor Bradley, Michael Smith, Nancy Alcock, Joseph Airey, Jane Gilgrass, Frederick Murray, Margaret Lane, Winifred Monk, Thomas Turner, Margaret Sumner, Mary Eastham, Sarah Thompson, Vera Kelly, Leo Mason, Bill Goodwin, Ella Antcliffe and James Devine May they Rest in Peace. Amen

Parish Priest: Fr Tom Singleton, The Presbytery St Ignatius Square PR1 1TT (on sabbatical till August)

Priest in residence: Fr Frank Hull

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