

A bit of ancient history from St Ignatius' in 1858 there were three priests serving the parish. In that year they had: 425 baptisms, 70 weddings and 150 recorded funerals. One third of the funerals would be for children under the age of ten as child mortality was very high.

Tips on Old Age Pope John XIII, who lived to be 81, wrote "Every day, every week belongs to the Lord. That is why they are all equally beautiful."

A recent visitor to St Igs' was Harriet Ann Murray Reeves, an amazingly young 97 year old who used to live on Sedgewick Street and still lives independently. Her mother was a weaver and her father was a quartermaster sergeant in the army—they were a big army family. She was one of five children, two boys and three girls—and as each of the three who survived to old age has died, family members have returned to St Ignatius' to remember and pray. This visit was to remember her sister Margaret. Harriet left school aged 14, in 1925. She moved to Kent and worked on bomb releasers during the war and finally drove cranes. Her uncle, Edward Reeves, is commemorated on St Igs' War Memorial.



Harriet Reeves



Harriet with her niece Winifred and great niece Laura

This months wisdom: "Use what talent you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best." - Henry Van Dyke



We are back with our third edition—a week later than normal Hope you all had a wonderful holiday despite the grim weather ~ it is amazing that for the last three years as soon as the children and Fr. Tom begin their summer holidays the rain comes down in buckets!

Fr Tom returns, school opens so perhaps it will stop raining - the sun will shine and we will have a glorious Indian summer. Ha Ha!

Parish Barbecue thanks to the 28 people who came to the BBQ. Although the weather was wet we all enjoyed the food and company and had a really good time —just a pity more people didn't come!. Special thanks to our BBQ expert, Simon ably assisted by Anthony, Gerard, Joe and Fr Tom ; to Frank for the entertainment; to Erica and Doreen for their help and to Barbara, Pat and Geoff who shopped, cooked and organized the delicious food.



* **Our last visit to** *
* **Hyning in May .** *
* **Would you like to** *
* **join us for a** *
* **'quiet day' on** *
* **October 1st?** *

Margaret Brown writes "Some incorrect information was printed with the editors additions to the article submitted by me in Issue 2 – N.B. the illustration was neither the medals nor the Regimental Badge of my grandfather PRIVATE WILLIAM YOUNG V.C."

Singing for Our Lady Each year a number of English Martyrs' parishioners and ex-parishioners take part in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Over the years English Martyrs has produced many helpers on the Pilgrimage working as Nurses, Chaplains, Handmaids and Brancardiers. As we all get older our numbers have dwindled from the parish, and many of us are unable to fulfil the role we performed in the past, but have found new ways to make a valuable contribution to the life of the Pilgrimage. Two of our number spring to mind, formerly part of the nursing team: Mary Butler, as a registered nurse, and Val Young, as a nursing assistant, are no longer able to look after the sick, but still make a big contribution as part of the choir. At each diocesan function they help lead the singing, which so enriches our liturgy, helping those assembled offer our praise to God. For the last couple of years, as she has become physically frailer, Mary has been accompanied by her daughter Clare, who helps her to get around and save her energy for her singing. Val, as usual, came with Kevin, who has been a regular in Lourdes for most of his life. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. As Lourdes was a big part of his life it feels right that he was there at the shrine dedicated to Our Lady in the last month of his life.

I am fortunate that I am still able to help as a member of the nursing team and part of the Advisory Committee. If you would like to join us next year as a nurse, a helper, a youth member, as a sick or an able-bodied pilgrim please contact me for further information or for a chat 07932 792773 – **Geoff**.

Parish Walks The first autumn walk, yesterday, from Whitewell required a balancing act across numerous very wet stepping stones followed by a sea of mud - but what fun! Thanks to the other four walkers I managed to complete the 5½ miles and then down a quantity of shandy at The Inn. A further walk is planned which will be longer ~ about 9 miles from Haworth on October 3rd. It is good to escape from the city and enjoy a walk with congenial company. To join in speak to Fr Tom. *M.N.*

My Friend She wasn't always my friend, of course, although I can't quite recall when and how we first met. I'd known about her from other people but meeting is different, and I remember being impressed by what she had to say. That was nearly 40 years ago and since then I've come to know her well and to love her dearly. I'm very much aware though that she knows me far better than I know her.

I've always been amazed by the depth of her wisdom and her practical commonsense. When my parents died she was there to support me and she understood my sorrow because she too lost her parents when she was very young. In the prime of my life she was there to support, encourage and help me with my questions, problems and difficulties.

As I grow older she has become closer.

Good friends aren't too readily available, friends who understand our laughter and tears, but I'll happily introduce you to mine. In fact, she is coming to visit shortly, so go and make yourself known to her. If you've never met before, it doesn't matter, she'll know you instantly. I've told her you are coming.

Her name is Thérèse and she'll be in Lancaster at the end of September. You may go alone, but you'll come back with a friend.

Trust me ... and trust her.

St Thérèse relics will be at the Cathedral 28th - 30th September. *W.J.W*

Michael Crowther has sent us some information about Thérèse*



She is a very popular saint, but most people know so little about her. There are several themes which are notable: (*full article on the notice board)

Jesus- Thérèse had the most intense love for Jesus. He was her life. Reading 'The Story of a Soul' you get the real sense that she was head over heels in love with Jesus.

Little Way- Thérèse's approach to following Jesus is described as her 'little way'. Thérèse believed that following Jesus consisted of performing little simple acts of love each and every day

Heaven.- Thérèse had a very radical approach. She did not believe she would go there to "Rest in Peace" but she believed that then her work would truly begin praying and interceding for those here on earth. Thérèse's main message is that Jesus wants our friendship and love and welcomes us all, no matter what we have done. Thérèse is a special friend to those who doubt and struggle with their faith. Her message is simply the Gospel.