

Fr. John writes: Luke 11: 1-13

The Gospel shows us Jesus at prayer. He is not only teaching the disciples to pray, he is praying himself. The Lord's Prayer, in a very few words gives us an encyclopedia on the the spiritual life. Luke's version of the Our Father is shorter than Matthew's and there is no indication of a Sermon on the Mount. We are to ask our Father for the bread that is necessary. We are to ask, to seek and knock trusting that we will be cared for. Just as a child trusts his parents to give a fish or an egg instead of a scorpion or a snake, Jesus invites us to trust that God will give us what we need. He will not deceive us.

Special Collections taken up at all Masses this weekend are for "Day for Life."

New Mills sacramental Programme 2010/11

St. Mary's Church and School invite you and your child to participate in the Sacramental Programme for 10/10/11. Your child can receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) for the first time in early December 2010 and the Sacrament of the Eucharist (Communion) for the first time in June 2011.

Preparation for these Sacraments takes place on Sunday mornings, before and during the 9.30 Mass, in St. Mary's Church, starting in September. If you would like your child to receive the two Sacraments, please obtain an application form from the church Porch after the beginning of August. The completed form plus the child's baptismal certificate, should be returned to Fr. John or one of the catechists ASAP but NO LATER THAN SUN. 12/09/10.

The first parents' meeting will be on Thurs 23/9/10 in the Kevill room and it is very important that you attend as we will be arranging dates for the First Confession and Communion days.

Marple Bridge Course will also be arranged around the end of September - therefore parents who may wish to have their child/children attend the course and receive the sacrament, please also have their details in by 12th September 2010.

Baptismal Course Marple Bridge/New Mills

Those wishing to have their children baptised between September and Christmas 2010 are asked to join our next Baptismal course which begins on Wednesday 8th September with final session 15th. Application forms are available from back of church - please fill one in and return to the parish office by 1st September. Thank you!!

Papal mass - Beatification, Sunday 19th Septemeber

Thank you to all who have signed up to attend the Pope's mass in Birmingham. As more details become available you will be kept informed. In the meantime could each pilgrim ensure that the Parish Office has your cheque for £25.00 (payable to NRCDDT) by 25th July.

School Leavers' Mass

St. Mary's Marple Bridge Leavers' Mass will take place next Thursday at 9.30am in School. Any parent or parishioner who wishes to attend is welcome to do so.

Thank you - CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET? YES YOU CAN!!

It was a tremendous shock and surprise to have such a wonderful celebration of my 50th Birthday - I certainly knew nothing about it: a well kept secret indeed! To see so

many people present and to have the wonderful surprise of some of my family members also in attendance was fantastic. I couldn't have wished for a better celebration and couldn't have planned anything better than that myself. So thank you all!!! May I take the opportunity to thank all who helped to organise and prepare for the celebration - all who attended, sent gifts, cards etc. And on behalf of my family, they wish to thank those who picked them up from the airport and for the warm and wonderful welcome you gave them during their time with us Thank you from all of us.

And finally may I sincerely thank you for your wonderful generosity towards a gift for me. I know you all are always very generous in giving and this was no exception! So may I thank you for the gift which you raised which amounted to £1465. I'm deeply indebted to you for your kindness. (Oh I'm 51 next year. Can I have another surprise Celebration!!)

It was with great sadness that I heard of the death of Graham Hudson, who quietly in the background helped to organise these celebrations, organising the setting up of the hall, disco and the welcome party when people arrived. May I pay my respect and gratitude to him by celebrating his Requiem Mass here at St. Mary's on Thursday 29th at 11.45am followed by Crematorium at 1.00pm

Diary Date - Sat. 13th November Parish Christmas Fair.

I understand most of us at this time of year are thinking about our well earned summer holiday, and not Christmas. However we still have to make some preliminary plans for our annual Christmas Fair and these are going ahead at the present time.

All I ask of you now is to keep the date free if at all possible, and try to avoid organising other parish events at this time. Those of you who ran stalls last year and are willing to do so again this year please email the parish office (address on the front of this newsletter) with details of your stall, your name, and tel. no. Early in September the planning for the fair will start and more details with an appeal for help will be published then. Owing to limited space in the Parish Hall we are regrettably unable to sub-let stalls.

Deepest Sympathy On behalf of the people of the parish I wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Norah Hudson & family on the sudden death of their husband and father Graham. May the Lord comfort all who mourn his loss and may he rest in peace. Amen

Marple Bridge - Gift Aid

To help us save on postage please please pick up a letter from Jim Hiowell, after mass.

Visitation of the Sick and Housebound

I will be visiting the sick and housebound on Friday of the coming week, 30th July

Last week's collections

NM/MB Joint totals Env: 493.95 Loose: £196.79

Thank you

Pray for the Sick and Housebound

Remember all those in our parish who are sick or housebound, especially: Chris Kirrane, Arthur Mertz, George Cairns, Eileen Middleton, Neville Middleton, Marion Howard, Monica Norton, Dorothy Graham, Betty Ledwich, Nigel Barron, Eileen Grace, Margaret Mary Jackson, Katherine Cowan, Richard Greiner, Celia Crean, Mary Heaton, Joan Hines, Matt Jennings, Ellen Miller, George Heeds, Joan Whitley, Gerry Pickens, Eric Howard, George Jackson, Beverley Burke, Fr. Hugh Doherty, Theresa Hogg, Mary Williams, Maureen Mitchell-Kirk.

Rest in Peace**Anniversaries**

Walter Turner, John Hindmarch, Kathleen Gibbons, Dorothy Hooper, Winifred Thornton, Beatrice Neild, Francis Danby, Jim Postlethwaite