

Services This Week

Sacred Heart

Monday 2nd June

Ss. Marcellinus & Peter,
Martyrs
12.00 Noon

Tuesday 3rd June

Ss. Charles Lwanga &
Companions
No Service

Wednesday 4th June

Eucharistic Service
12.00 Noon

Thursday 5th June

St Boniface, Martyr
No Service

Friday 6th June

St Norbert
(Exposition 11.30 a.m.)
Eucharistic Service
12.00 Noon

Saturday 7th June

11.00 a.m.
6.15 p.m.(Vigil)

Sunday 8th June

Pentecost
10.30 a.m.

St Anne's

Sunday 8th June

Pentecost
12.30 p.m.

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MESSAGE FROM Fr. JIM

The Gospel of today provides one of those rare moments when Jesus is not preaching to the crowd, or one of the disciples, or even performing a miracle but speaks directly to the Father with a love and longing that should move us deeply. He lifts his eyes to heaven and desires that all who believe may be one with him in eternity. That desire of Christ, who wants to share his glory with us, is an individual invitation for us to be with Him. The Church joins us as one in the Body of Christ, pointing in the direction where the head has gone; one day, the body will join.

'RIPPLE OF HOPE': Monthly interest of £11.89 plus £120 in cash has been added to our Skipton B.S. savings account. This comprises £84.22 from Larmenier card-sales and £35.78 in private donations. The account balance is now £4,069.46. Very many thanks to all our supporters. More information about what is happening in Zambia will be imparted to us at this weekend's A.G.M.

FEAST-DAYS OF THE WEEK:

Ss. Marcellinus & Peter (Monday) : These fourth-century saints were members of the Church of Rome, Marcellinus a zealous priest and Peter an exorcist (one of the minor orders). They were beheaded during the persecution under the emperor Diocletian. Both saints are listed in the Roman Canon (1st Eucharistic Prayer).

St Charles Lwanga & Companions (Tuesday) : These were Ugandan martyrs who met a cruel fate in the reign of King Mwanga (1885-6). Charles was master of the pages at the royal court, appointed after his predecessor had fatefully criticized the king. Numerous Christians, of several denominations, were put to death along with Charles on 3rd June 1886. All were canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1964.

St Boniface (Thursday) : Born at Crediton in Devon c.673, he joined a Benedictine community at an early age and in 716 set out on his first missionary expedition to Frisia. Although this exercise proved unsuccessful, Boniface returned with papal approval and evangelized much of southern Germany. He was in due course named Archbishop of Mainz. In his seventies he embarked on a new missionary enterprise in Holland but suffered martyrdom in Frisia and was buried at a monastery he had founded locally.

St Norbert (Friday) : Born in Germany in 1080, he lived a privileged life at court until experiencing a change of heart following an accident at the age of 35. Having been ordained priest, he founded the religious order known as the Norbertines. He became an archbishop in 1126 and overcame much opposition to reform the clergy and promote the unity and liberty of the Church.

ANNIVERSARIES: Christine Blackledge, Emily Frances Rodgers, Gabrielle Waddicor, Doreen McKay, Jane Moore, Andrew Baxter, Fr. David Foster, Carmel Higginson, Matthew Bennett, Mary Wilson, David Athony Read, Jean Hennigan, Lillimalat Joseph. May they rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS: Offertory £426.20 (Sacred Heart £321.95; St Anne's £104.25). Parish Pound (Sacred Heart) £82.65. Many thanks.

BINGO in the Parish Room on Thursday afternoon from 2.00 p.m.

300 CLUB MAY DRAW took place last Sunday producing the following winners :

£70, No. 112, Grogan family; £20, No. 95, Laurence Fox; £20, No. 69, Eileen Catlow. Welcome to our new members and many thanks to all who have renewed their subscriptions.

PARISH ROOM ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: The 25th anniversary of the opening of the Parish Rom was celebrated in fine style last Saturday evening. A high-quality buffet and a lively performance by vocalist Rachel Mercer, who interacted very entertainingly with the audience, ensured a most enjoyable occasion. Very many thanks to all who supported the event and to the team who worked so hard both beforehand and afterwards until close on the witching-hour! Tony Cross has captured the flavour of the evening on camera with some excellent shots which can be viewed online on the Sacred Heart website.

SETTLE-CARLISLE RAILWAY DAY TRIP: This excursion is coming up a week on Tuesday, 10th June. We will be departing by car at 8.45 a.m. from the church car park (Billinge Avenue) to catch the 10.22 a.m. train at Settle. Arrival in Carlisle is timed at 12.00 noon and the return train from Carlisle is at 4.15 p.m. A meal has been arranged at The Spread Eagle, Sawley on the journey home (6.30 p.m. approximately). Rail tickets must be purchased on the day at Settle station (rail-cards are valid on this journey, offering a one-third discount).

'TOP HAT' THEATRE TRIP: Seats have been booked for a joint visit with our friends from Holy Souls' Church to the Opera House, Manchester for this spectacular song-and-dance musical on Wednesday, 26th November. We have secured excellent centre-circle seats at a very good group-discounted price of £38.00 if we have 40 customers (£42 if our number is fewer). Coach fare will depend on numbers travelling but the total cost will be between £52 and £55. Please don't delay in reserving your seats if you wish to go. Payment is not required until August. The list for names is on the notice-board or you can simply phone 580443 to book.