

Services This Week

Sacred Heart

Monday 19th May

St Dunstan
12.30 p.m.

Friday 23rd May

Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament 11.00
Eucharistic Service 12.00

Tuesday 20th May

St Bernardine of Siena
12.00 Noon

Saturday 24th May

Mary, Help of Christians
11.00 a.m.
6.15 p.m.(Vigil)

Wednesday 21st May

St Christopher Magallanes &
Companions
12.00 Noon

Thursday 22nd May

St Rita of Cascia
12.00 Noon

Sunday 25th May

10.30 a.m.

St Anne's

Sunday 25th May

12.30 p.m.

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MESSAGE FROM Fr. JIM

Our thoughts and prayers this weekend are with Pope Leo as he is officially installed as the 267th Pope of our Church. In his first week, he has spoken powerfully about the need for global solidarity and offered the Vatican's role as a mediator in world conflicts. I find great encouragement in this because I believe the Church has a special and much-needed voice regarding peace and diplomacy. It often works in the background. With Pope LEO, it may be more visible as he is gifted with several languages. What ever happens, the Holy Spirit will guide him.

The Church has a unique role as its foundation is not national or economic interest, but fundamentally, the love of God, echoed in today's Gospel. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: Just as I have loved you."

God's love knows no limits, it doesn't build walls, it tears them down, bringing healing, freedom, and peace.

'RIPPLE OF HOPE': Recently £200 has been banked, comprising £55 from Larmenier card sales and £145 in private donations. Now that our chairman, Dr Tony Simpson, is back from Zambia, we have withdrawn £2,300 from the Skipton BS account to support the two current nursing-course trainees, Cynthia and Sydney, and to cover costs of the ice-cream-making project. The savings account balance is now £3,937.57. We have arranged for the 2025 A.G.M. to be held in the Parish Room on Saturday, 31st May at 2.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome

SAINTS OF THE WEEK:

St Dunstan (Monday) : An English saint of the tenth century born into a noble family, he served as Abbot of Glastonbury, Bishop of Worcester and London and finally as Archbishop of Canterbury. Dunstan zealously supervised the building of churches, promoted monastic life and restored ecclesiastical discipline. He was buried in Canterbury Cathedral.

St Bernardine of Siena (Tuesday) : Born in Italy in 1380, he entered the Franciscan Order and became a popular and effective preacher, doing much to convert sinners and to spread devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. He died during a preaching tour in Aquila and was buried there.

St Christopher Magallanes & Companions (Wednesday) : This feast recalls the martyrdom of twenty-two priests and three laymen in Mexico between 1915 and 1937. Among them was the priest Christopher Magallanes who founded a seminary in his hometown and ministered zealously in the face of persecution. Following his arrest, he loudly proclaimed his innocence from his prison-cell, at the same time declaring his forgiveness of those responsible for his impending death.

St Rita of Cascia (Thursday) : Born in Italy in 1381, she spent nearly twenty years in a difficult marriage, despite a yearning to enter religious life. Following the death of her husband and two sons, she joined the Augustinian monastery in Cascia (Umbria) and embraced the life of prayer. She is known as 'the saint of the impossible'.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mavis French, Michael Francis Kennedy, Betty Hill, Cecilia Moverley, Veronica Yates, Nat Charnock, Richard Yates, Dorothy Holt, Mark Bailey, Monica Rewaj, Mary Cecilia Mercer, Bernadette Garstang, Bridie Sutton, John Lynch, Alice O'Malley, Hilda Hargreaves, Maureen Devlin, Shila Lynch, Jack Prescott, Lionel James Littler, Gracy Velumpeppilly, James Brindle, Richard Dutton, Con Desmond. May they rest in peace.

COLLECTIONS: Offertory £414.70 (Sacred Heart £314.55; St Anne's £100.15). Parish Pound (SH) £116.55. Many thanks.

TODAY: Afternoon visit to Rufford Old Hall. Those travelling should gather on the small Billinge Avenue car park for a 1.15 p.m. departure. Admission to the hall (pay on arrival) is £11.40 (group rate). National Trust members have free entry. The meal at the Rufford Arms Restaurant (just a very short drive from the hall) is timed for 4.45 p.m. We would expect to be back home for about 7.30 p.m.

300 CLUB: The first draw of the new series of twelve monthly draws will be made next Sunday, 25th May. If you are a member and haven't yet renewed your subscription please do so today if you can. You can visit the registration table at the back of the church or, if you are a St Anne's subscriber, contact Muriel. Good luck!

PARISH LUNCH: There was a full complement of 40 diners at Thursday's lunch when the menu of steak pie with vegetables followed by home-made lemon drizzle cake & ice-cream was much appreciated. The next lunch, the last before the summer break, will be served on Thursday, 12th June.

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

BOOK-CLUB: The next meeting is on Tuesday, 27th May in the Parish Room at 2.00 p.m.

NEXT SATURDAY: Our Parish Room 25th anniversary celebration evening commencing with welcoming drinks from 7.15 p.m. followed by a substantial buffet and cabaret featuring vocalist Rachel Mercer. The cost is £20 and payment in advance would be very helpful and much appreciated. Many thanks to all who have signed up to attend, enabling us to reach our break-even target numbers. There is still the opportunity for anyone else who would like to come to enjoy a good night-out.

SETTLE-CARLISLE RAIL EXCURSION: Tuesday, 10th June. Full details are on the notice-board. The return rail-fare from Settle is £27.80 but passengers can save one-third with a rail-card. Tickets must be booked on the day at the station. Cars will leave from Sacred Heart at 8.45 a.m. to catch the 10.20 a.m. train to Carlisle. The return train leaves Carlisle at 4.15 p.m. and we will be calling for an early-evening meal at The Spread Eagle, Sawley on the way home.