

BISHOP'S VISITATION A warm welcome to Bishop Tom Neylon, who will be celebrating Mass this Sunday, as part of his official Visitation to the parish.

CONGRATULATIONS A warm welcome also to family and friends of Ian Robinson who have travelled to see him receive his Bene Merenti Medal during Sunday Mass. The Medal, awarded by Pope Francis, in Ian's case for his outstanding volunteer service as grounds manager, will be presented by Bishop Neylon. Congratulations, Ian from Fr Daley and the whole parish; it is a great honour and is rarely bestowed!

A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THE BENE MERENTI MEDAL Bene Merenti Medals are bestowed to individuals who have merited special recognition by the Holy See. The Medals are Pontifical decorations instituted by Gregory XVI in 1832, and are conferred to people for distinguished service to Catholic principles, the Church and society – to those who have shown an active fidelity to and love for the Church. The medal is worn on the breast, suspended by ribbons of the papal colours. It is a gold Greek cross depicting the image of Christ, His hand raised in blessing. On the left of the transverse arm of the cross is a depiction of the tiara and crossed keys, and to the right is the shield of the Pope and his motto. On the reverse is the word *Benemerenti*, which means “good merit”.



The award is accompanied by a certificate in Latin, which may be translated as follows:

THE SUPREME PONTIFF, FRANCIS,
has deigned to decree and freely bestow on,
THE WELL DESERVING GENTLEMAN
Roger Ian Robinson
a gold medal,
established to recognise exemplary Christian service,
granting him the faculty of being decorated with this honour
From the Office of the Vatican, 9 August 2022

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO 26th APRIL - 3rd MAY 2023 If interested please complete a booking form and send, together with a deposit of £275pp to Northern Star Tavel before the **end of January**. See www.parcodellerose.com/en for the 4* hotel accommodation. Booking forms are at the back of church.

COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS We would like to hold coffee in the Priory on a monthly basis, and need some volunteers to make this happen. If you can help, please let the parish office know on ☎ 463248 or email parbold@hotmail.com. Commitment would only be three times a year. Many thanks.

Please take this Newsletter home with you

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Rev. LJR Daley, Priest

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 22nd January 2023

Celebration of Holy Mass

22 nd Sunday	2nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10:30 am	Pro populo
23 rd Monday	Feria	7:00 pm	Sr Margarita of Jesus
24 th Tuesday	St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor	7:00 pm	John Roberts
25 th Wednesday	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL	7:00 pm	Joseph O'Connor
26 th Thursday	Ss Robert, Alberic & Stephen, Abbots	11:30 am	Lancs Infirm Clergy
27 th Friday	St Angeli Merici, Virgin	9:30 am	Christine Finigan
29 th Sunday	4th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10:30 am	Basil, Betty & Kitty Eccles

ROSARY The Rosary will be prayed from 6.35pm on Tuesday in Church, before Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Sheila Jennings, Sandra Marston, Denise Fletcher, Richard D'Alton, Chloe Harrison, Susan Jones

LATELY DEAD Brooke Cooper (Cousin Angela Yeates) Christine Finigan (Cousin Loraine Cook)

ANNIVERSARIES Joseph O'Connor, John Barron

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION Loose £118.96 Envelopes £95.50 and SOs £444.00. Thank you for your offerings.

MONTHLY SECOND COLLECTION Thank you for your offerings totalling £32.00 for Day for Life.

COFFEE AFTER MASS TODAY Please join us for coffee in The Priory after Mass.