

**DOUGLAS VALLEY OUTREACH** You are warmly invited to our Annual General Meeting 8-9:30pm this **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**, Parbold Village Hall, The Green, Parbold, WN8 7DN. Doors open and refreshments will be available from 7:40pm. For details of programme, please see poster in church porch. We are pleased to inform you that Jocelyn Owens from Family Forge, Skelmersdale, will be talking to us about how she supports asylum seekers and refugees. We also hope to have guest asylum seekers/refugees in attendance.

**ABORTION UP TO BIRTH AMENDMENT: LETTER WRITING** In November 2023, MPs Diana Johnson and Sarah Creasey tried to get an amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill in order to de-criminalise abortion. This would allow abortion by any method, up to the point of birth. On 25<sup>th</sup> January the amendments were debated in parliament and withdrawn. Diana Johnson has tabled a new amendment to be debated at the earliest on 4<sup>th</sup> March. As well as a direct attack on the dignity of the unborn, it is highly likely that this amendment, if passed, will have unforeseen consequences which could be very serious for both unborn babies and their mothers, especially given the increase in home abortions following the legalisation of the provision of abortion pills by post. SPUC have asked us to organise letter-writing groups to our MPs in time for the next debate. (MPs are more likely to read posted letters than emails). There will be 2x Letter-writing sessions: 2:30pm and 5:30pm in the Priory **this Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February. PLEASE COME – we need your help!** Please bring writing materials and a postage stamp. Help will be available in composing the letter. For more information go to: [www.righttolife.org.uk](http://www.righttolife.org.uk).

**AN EVENING OF RECOLLECTION FOR MEN** Takes place **this Tuesday evening**, 27<sup>th</sup> February at Our Lady and All Saints, starting with Mass at 7:00pm. The evening will include a talk by Fr Daley, followed by Night Prayer (Compline) and refreshments served in the Priory. All men of any age are welcome. Please do try and come!

**SPRING CLEAN OF CHURCH** Thank you for those who have offered to help clean. There are a few slots left – please add your name to the list on the radiator cover – many hands make light work! The cleaning has been broken down into smaller tasks which can be done any time up to Wednesday of Holy Week. Any queries, please phone (01257) 462568. The cleaning materials will be behind the high altar.

**SOUP LUNCHES DURING LENT** Please join us for a soup lunch between 12:00 noon and 1:30pm every Friday during Lent, at the Priory. Donations will be taken for Lenten charities.

**OUR LADY'S STATUE** We have had a number of enquiries from villagers as well as parishioners about the whereabouts of Our Lady's statue, which has been missing from its spot in the church grounds since last October. Sculpted out of existing tree remains, the statue had to be taken down and stored over the winter to dry out. It will then be remounted on a stone plinth, which will entail removing the existing stump, preparing the ground, constructing the plinth and then attaching the statue. While this is all perfectly possible, it requires specialist knowledge and skills and will take time. However, be reassured that the statue will be back in its place – it would be lovely to have it back for May – the month of Mary!

**FOR YOU TO TAKE** A collection of religious/spiritual books have been donated and are at the back of the church. Please have a browse and help yourself.

*Please take this Newsletter home with you*

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
25<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

**Celebration of Holy Mass**

25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	10:30 am Pro populo
26 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Feria	7:00 pm Denise Price
27 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Feria	7:00 pm Ruth Cornwell
28 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Feria	7:00 pm Lancs Infirm Clergy
29 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Feria	11:30 am Steve Kane (M)
1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	SAINT DAVID Stations of the Cross	9:30 am Gordon Brew 10:00 am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	Benediction and Exposition Feria	10:00 am 10:30 am Sick of the Parish
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	10:30 am Pro populo

**CONFESSIONS** All welcome to celebrate this important sacrament before Monday and Tuesday evening Mass.

**ROSARY** Prayed at 7:30pm after Mass on a Monday, and 6:35pm before Mass on a Tuesday.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Sheila Jennings, Sandra Marston, Richard D'Alton, Susan Jones, Denise Fletcher, Walter Bennett, Nataliaia and Bodhan Dmytruk and Family.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Bernard Halpin, Mary Audrey Cummings

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY** Loose £173.26, Envelopes £83.50, SOs £530.00. Thank you.

**LENTEN ALMS** There is a box at the back of church, which will remain until Holy Week. The money donated this Lent will be for the children of Gaza and the Holy Land.