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5th Sunday of Ordinary Time



9th February 2025



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The Castlerigg Weekend was an amazing experience. We started with icebreaker exercises and were given diaries to reflect on our journey. Through meditation on Scripture (*Lectio Divina*), we explored how the Holy Spirit can guide us through struggles and help us be more like Jesus. Working in groups gave us new perspectives, and preparing for Mass required courage, but I felt the Holy Spirit's support. I really enjoyed the guardian angel exercise and getting to know Leah. The weekend helped me see the good in myself and reminded me of the importance of staying close to God in daily life. *Dawid Zycinski*



Zechariah Javed—'thinking out loud'... "The weekend was a fun experience filled with lots of interactive activities and games. I enjoyed the religious aspect... in particular Monica and Ken's meditations in which I felt God's presence around us. It was an amazing religious experience for the youth and I would do it again!"

Deacon Damian reflects on what was a very 'fruitful' weekend at Castlerigg...

Father Gerard got us off to a great start on our Castlerigg retreat last weekend. He asked us what type of fruit we might be: grapes who like to bunch and hang out together; or maybe the humble but great all-rounder—the apple; or the tomato who always feels that he does not belong... and how could we forget the pineapple who always wants to be the centre of attention!

Well, all the parents and the wonderful young people who committed themselves to the weekend retreat should feel like peaches— forever blushing with pride!

They were all wonderful, so respectful engaging and patient, their divinity shone through, and we were all blown away by them.

My prayer for them on their walk with God is that they never forget, Lord, that they are your beauty, your joy, your wonder and your blessing.

Until the next time!



Look at me!

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 10th February 2025

Monday 10th Feb	Tuesday 11th Feb	Wednesday 12th Feb	Thursday 13th Feb	Friday 14th Feb	Saturday 15th Feb	Sunday 16th Feb
NO MASS	Mass C.C. 10.00am	Mass H.S. 7.00pm	Mass and Exposition C.C. 10.00am	Mass C.C. 10.00am	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 9th February	Tony Finnan	Luke Mendoza
Next Sunday: 16th February	Magie King	Gerard King

Children's Church: C.C. - Amanda & Khuram

H.S. - Catherine & Irene / Amber & Annika

Eucharistic Ministry 2nd Sunday (C.C. and H.S.)	
Roger Lee	Barbara Martin
George Winkley	Christine Whalley
Amanda Duckett	Susanne Barnes
Bernadette Whittaker	Marie Parker
Emma Sutcliffe	Paul Stinchon

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Tuesday, 11th February

At St Mary's, Oswaldtwistle, there is a full-day programme including times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a Healing Service, and Mass. Please see the attached poster for full details.

DIED RECENTLY

The Requiem Mass for **Anthony Whittle** will be celebrated by Fr Ian Kelly at McCauley Mount on Tuesday 11th Feb at 11.00am.

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. AMEN

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Ann Lang
 £10.00 Francis Ryan
 £10.00 Jack Eccles
 £10.00 Sean Jennings



£90.00 towards Parish Funds, thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Gertrude Conway, died recently.
 Hamida Bibi, anniv, (2022)
 Agnes Variyam, b'day anniv
 Elaine Cartmel, b'day anniv

CHURCH COLLECTION

2nd February: £220.00
 Standing Orders: approx: £624 p/w
 Many thanks!

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Feb 9th James Littlefair (1971)
 Feb 10th Rev James Youlden (1922)
 Lillian Heseltine (2016)
 Dominic Dunleavy (2024)
 Feb 11th Hilda Spain (1991)
 Michael Greenwood (2008)
 Anthony John Dunderdale (2016)
 Feb 13th Edward Nolan (1988)
 Feb 14th Alex Sumner (1951)
 Feb 15th John Bookham (2020)





Our Lady of Lourdes Healing Service

ST MARY'S RC
CHURCH,
OSWALDTWISTLE

TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

**12noon - 12:45pm - Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament &
Confessions**

The Sacrament of Confession is that wonderful gift from God that helps to heal the soul.

1pm - Healing Service.

A simple service where we will listen to the Word of God, followed by intercessions for healing for ourselves and those we know; the opportunity for the Sacrament of the Sick for those Catholics who are sincerely ill.

**1:45pm - Tea, Coffee & A Catch
Up**

After the healing service join us for tea & coffee, a chance to meet, talk and reconnect with others.

**6pm - 6:45pm - Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament & Confessions**

The Sacrament of Confession is that wonderful gift from God that helps to heal the soul. Come this evening to allow the Lord to soothe and strengthen.

**7pm - Mass of Our Lady of
Lourdes with Sacrament of the
Sick**

Are there people you know who are suffering? Then bring them in prayer to the Mass, especially at that moment when Our Lord is lifted by the priest in the Host and offered to God the Father. Bring those you know who are sick and give them to Jesus at that most sacred moment.