

## Thought for the Day

### *National Marriage Week (7-14 February)*

Pope John Paul II wrote a wonderful document on the family: 'Familiaris Concoctio'. It places the family at the very centre of the Christian Mission in the modern world. The family is the nucleus or basic cell of the Christian community. Here are some thoughts from the document.

#### **Guardian of Life and Love**

- Love is the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being (FC11). Our faith tells us that we are created in God's image. The most fundamental consequence of that is our capacity to love. To love is to be most truly human. But we cannot love in isolation. We require a network of relationships. The most original and profound form of human relationship is the family. The family is God's design for human growth.
- In God's plan, the family has been established as 'the intimate community of life and love' charged with the mission 'to guard, reveal and communicate love... through the daily realities of marriage and family life' (FC17). To guard and communicate love, this is precisely what the Christian family is about:
- Living love and so revealing God – for God is love.
- Guarding and nurturing the uniqueness and dignity of each person.
- Reflecting the faithful and constant love of God for all people.
- Building respectful and loving relationships with self, one another, the wider community and God 'in the daily realities of marriage and family life'.

#### **Finding God 'in the daily realities of family life'**

In the realities of family life today with all the stresses, fractures and brokenness, it is important to keep the hope, the joy and the love alive. In these realities God is always available. Whatever is happening on the surface, families are rooted in love. Love (i.e. God's presence) lives in the everyday sharing of family life. Everyday events are God-laden. May we take time to notice, to delight in and to share (witness) our recognition of God present and at work in our experience of family.

#### **The Mission of Family**

The mission of the family, then, is to be an active Christian community of love and an example to enrich the wider faith community.

- 'Leaders of a new season of hope', charged with the mission 'to guard, reveal and communicate love... through the daily realities of marriage and family life' (FC17). Family is firmly placed at the very centre of Christian endeavour. Families are the guardians of life and love. The bottom line of this teaching is that the vitality of the church depends on the vitality of Christian families. This is a profound invitation and a profound responsibility for Christian families

Donal Lucey

#### **Catholic Parliamentary & Public Policy Internships**

For the last nine years the Catholics Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer 8 internships: Five interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster; two in Public Policy with CAFOD and CARITAS Social Action Network; and one in a media internship at Archbishop's House Westminster.

All internships will run from September 2012 - July 2013 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details and an application form can be found on our website: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/interns> Completed application forms must either be emailed to [interns@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:interns@cbcew.org.uk) or posted to: Michaela Kelly, Head of HR, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. The closing date is 5pm on 29th February 2012 and Assessment days will be 28th and 29th March 2012.

## Welcome to the Parish of Our Lady & St. Robert

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**tel:** (01423) 529 771   **e-mail:** info@strobertycentre.co.uk   **website:** under construction

#### **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) - Mass Book p134**

<b>Sunday 5th February 2012</b>	Sat Vigil 6.15pm 9.00am 10.15am 11.30am 6.00pm	Mass (Pat Kerr) Mass (Jean Grant) Mass (Fr Stephen Bartlett) [St John Fisher School Chapel] Mass (George Hughes) Mass (PARISH)
<b>Monday 6th</b>		<b>Ss Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</b>  8.30am              Mass (Margaret Kirby and Joseph Kirby) 9.00am              Morning Prayer
<b>Tuesday 7th</b>		<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>  11.30am              Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00noon              Mass (Mary Hourigan)
<b>Wednesday 8th</b>		<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>  11.30am              Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00noon              Mass (Pat Kerr)
<b>Thursday 9th</b>		<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>  11.30am              Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00noon              Mass (Georg Fischer and Maria Birnkammer)
<b>Friday 10th</b>		<b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>  11.30am              Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00noon              Mass (Michelina Iavagnilio) 6.40pm              Evening Prayer 7.00pm              Mass (Holy Souls)
<b>Saturday 11th</b>		<b>St Scholastica, Virgin</b>  11.00am              Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 12.00noon              Mass (Gill Moodie) 5.00pm              Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
<b>Sunday 12th</b>		<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) - Mass Book p134</b>  Sat Vigil 6.15pm      Mass (Maria McCabe) 9.00am              Mass () 10.15am              Mass () [St John Fisher School Chapel] 11.30am              Mass (Arthur Kirby) 6.00pm              Mass ()

#### **Please Pray For:**

**The sick and those caring for them:** Christopher Browne, Mary Buck, Theresa Buck, Joe Buck, Stewart Hawkeswell, Bernard Preston, Isabel Starkey and Florence Tracey.

**Those who have died recently:** Jean Grant.

**Those whose anniversary occurs at this time:**

**We also pray for:**

## REGULAR EVENTS

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 11am—11:45am, 5pm—5:45pm.  
Also available by appointment with a priest.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays to Fridays, 11:30am—12 noon.  
Saturdays, 11am—12 noon, 5pm—6pm.

### Prayer of the Church (Divine Office)

Mondays at 9am and Fridays at 6.40pm in Church  
Contact: Debra Reynolds (528271)

### Carers' Support Group

Tuesdays, 12.30pm in Church (prayer) and then  
St Robert's Centre (tea and coffee)  
Contact Rita Hartigan (881071)

### Catenian Association

Second Tuesday of the month 7.30 pm  
Contact Denis Connery (01423 705205)  
[www.harrogatecatenians.org.uk](http://www.harrogatecatenians.org.uk)

### Catholic Women's League

Third Wednesday of the Month 7.30 pm at  
St. Robert's Centre. Contact: Barbara Stitt  
(563846).

### Children's Liturgy Group

Contacts: Karen Hennessy (01423 888665)

### Choir—(Sundays 11.30 am Mass)

Practice: Thursdays, 8:30pm—9:45pm in the Or-  
gan Loft. Contact: Brenda Boyle (885439).

### Journey in Faith

Mondays, 7:30pm—9:00pm, St. Robert's Centre.  
Contact: Fr. Stephen (504988).

### Knights of St Columba

Third Wednesday of the month 8.15pm  
St Robert's Centre Contact: John Holmes  
(548926)

### Mothers' Prayers

Meetings held fortnightly Contact: Jackie Tevlin  
(529035)

### Praying the Gospels

Contact: Maureen Green (871116).

### Parent and Toddler Group

Tuesdays in term time.  
9am—11am, St. Robert's School.  
Contact: Kate Mortimer (07834 266545).

### Rosary Group

Tuesdays, 2pm in Church.  
Contact: Philomena Patten (567145).

### St Robert's Brownies

Wednesdays 6pm—7:15pm  
Contact: Sarah Mansfield (566651).  
Email: [mansfield.sarah@gmail.com](mailto:mansfield.sarah@gmail.com)

### St Robert's Guides

Wednesdays 6.30pm—8pm, St Robert's School.  
Contact: Sarah Philp (568578)

### St Vincent de Paul Society

Mondays, 7:45pm, St. Robert's Centre.  
Contact: Bernard Antram (781999) Furniture: Paul  
Barry (564240).

### Youth Ministry

Contact: Joy Medina. (529771).  
[strobertyouth.harrogate@gmail.com](mailto:strobertyouth.harrogate@gmail.com)

## OFFERTORY

28th/29th January 2012

Loose Cash	£907.62
Gift Aided Envelopes	£627.00
Planned Giving	£127.90
Standing Orders	£729.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2391.52</b>

*Many thanks for your generosity*

### Retiring Collection:

After all Masses this weekend for the **Catholic Education Service**. There is an envelope in your box for this collection.

### Who is my neighbour? & The Sign of Peace at Mass:

Our celebration of the Mass is a wonderfully rich community event in which we receive the fullness of Communion with the Lord. Before we go to receive Holy Communion we celebrate the 'Rite of Peace' - this is an ancient practice of the Church and is response to St Matthew's Gospel (Mt 5:23-24) and more-so the invitation to receive Holy Communion in the best way possible. In our parish there are five different Masses offered over the weekend, and there may be many people in Church whom you may recognise merely by sight, if at all. As we celebrate the Rite of Peace in these coming weeks, let us make the most of the opportunity to learn the names of those around us, that we may continue the work of building our Community of Faith.

### Safeguarding:

Attention is drawn to the Parish Safeguarding Policy Statement displayed on the notice board in Church and in Chapel. Everyone in the parish who is engaged in a relevant Ministry MUST have a Leeds Diocese sponsored CRB Disclosure otherwise they must cease practising their Ministry. This is not optional, it is the direct instruction of our bishop, Arthur Roche. More information from Pat O'Donnell (Safeguarding Rep) on 562956 or one of the priests. Thank you.

### Parish Social:

**Friday 24th February 7.30pm** in St Robert's Centre. Come for drinks and nibbles after Stations of the Cross and meet the Parish and the members of the new Parish Pastoral Council. Mingle with parishioners belonging to all our varied parish groups, discover what they do. Let us gather socially as a community, get to know each other at the start of Lent and take a step forward as a ministering community.

### Coffee at St John Fisher's Chapel:

The Coffee Makers Team made a surplus of £120 which has been split and donated equally between: Chapel flowers, Mary Meals, Aid to Eastern Europe and a donation to the 2012 Lenten Appeal. We hope that this meets with your approval, further information Bridie 867050 or Maureen 871116

### St Vincent De Paul Society - Open Evening Monday

**6 February at 7.30pm** in St Robert's Centre. All parishioners are invited to come along and see what we do in the Parish. All welcome. If you can't come but would like to find out more about the work of the SVP, then please contact the President, Bernard Antram on 781999.

### Love@Leeds 10th - 12 February 2012

#### Notre Dame Sixth Form, Leeds

Youth 2000 Love@Leeds Prayer Festival. If possible please book in advance for catering purposes. However, it is fine just to turn up or even to just come for part of the retreat. The retreat is donation only (recommended donation £40 for the weekend, or whatever you can afford). Any queries contact the Youth Office: [abcleedsdiocese@hotmail.com](mailto:abcleedsdiocese@hotmail.com) or phone 0113 2618058 or check out the Youth 2000 website [www.youth2000.org](http://www.youth2000.org)

### Sponsored Walk:

Lucy and Andrew completed their sponsored walk around Fewston and Swinsty reservoirs on Saturday. Anyone who kindly agreed to sponsor them and hasn't yet given them the money, they will be available after all Masses **next weekend (11/12 February)** to collect it with grateful thanks.

### Starbeck Methodist Church:

"An evening with The Harrogate Band" **Saturday 11th February 2012 @ 7.30pm** Tickets or pay @ the door Adults £6 Child £3 Family £15 available from Keith @ 887939 or email

[contact@starbeckmethodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:contact@starbeckmethodistchurch.org.uk)

### Catholic Women's League (Harrogate Section):

The next section meeting will be on Wednesday 15th February 2012 at 7.30 pm in St Robert's Centre. New members always welcome.

### Catholic Women's League: A Pre-Lenten Concert

Tickets for the Concert by the Harrogate Male Voice Choir, on **Friday evening, 17th February**, at St Robert's Church, will be on sale shortly at £6 per ticket, which will include interval refreshments in St Robert's Centre. Proceeds of the night (including a raffle) will be donated to REMAP (custom made equipment for people with disabilities) and The Apostleship of the Sea. Please let Barbara Stitt know on 563846 if you want tickets, and these will be on sale after weekend Masses.

### Aid to Eastern Europe - Bicycles!

I have around 20 bicycles, Reconditioned to a high standard to sell. All funds to Fr Ruslan in Transnistria. There are photos and details of each bicycle at the back of church. Many thanks John S.

### Aid to Eastern Europe: Logs for Sale!

Contact John Shackleton On 871255 for deliveries!

### Confirmation 2012:

If you will be 13 years of age on or before 31st August this year and you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, then please collect one of the forms from the Sacristy, complete it and return it to Fr Stephen and the presbytery on or before the 19th February 2012.

We will have an initial day retreat at Myddelton Grange on Saturday 25th February, after which, classes will begin properly after Easter.

### Short Courses at Hinsley Hall:

A number of five week courses begin on **Tuesday evenings on 28 February**. The subjects included are Catechesis, Catholic Schools and Religious Education, Catholic Social Teaching and Interreligious Relations. Everyone Welcome. For further information or to book please contact Janine Garnett on 0113 261 8040 or [janine.garnett@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:janine.garnett@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**Myddelton Grange:** Is seeking to appoint committed young Catholics to be part of their Retreat Team from September 2012 to July 2013. Are you considering a gap year and are interested in working with young people? For further details contact Su on 01943 607 887 or visit [www.myddeltongrange.org.uk](http://www.myddeltongrange.org.uk). Closing dates for applications February 29th.

### Youth Ministry Training Day:

**Saturday 10th March** from 9.30 - 4.00 there will be a day at Myddelton Grange for anyone who works with young people in the Church including parish catechists, youth ministry coordinators, parish volunteers, school chaplains, school ethos staff, RE staff and parish clergy. For further information or to book, please contact: Janine Garnett, Hinsley Hall, Tel:0113 261804 Email: [janine.garnett@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:janine.garnett@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) Or online [www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/evangelisation](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/evangelisation)

### Medjugorje:

Pilgrimage 13th - 20th May 2012 from Leeds  
Youth Festival 1st - 8th August 2012 from Leeds.  
Both cost £534 per person, includes flights, coach transfers and 7 nights half board. All very welcome. Please contact Katherine Baylis on 01423 734828 for more information.

### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2012:

Join Fr Stephen Webb on Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 7th June - 14th June 2012. The Pilgrimage is organised by Tangney Tours and is being advertised by them, if you would like further details please contact them on **0800 917 3572** or email: [info@tangney-tours.com](mailto:info@tangney-tours.com) The price is £1199 per person, half-board, departing from London & Manchester.

### APF Mill Hill Quarterly Collection:

This Quarter's collection was £604.41. Thanks to all Red Box collectors.



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