

Holy Family Little Church

'Jesus said: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look "Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir", the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

K E Q J O S E L E H D I G G A
 Z Q D T H J C A A I A Y L P L
 Q U B O G Z R T L O O K J A O
 L D A L V I N E Y A R D T R N
 W E E D P T R C S L X J L A E
 Z K X X R H L O X B K S P B V
 F R U I T R V H K R R B Q L V
 V V Y L F E R T I L I Z E E W
 K G P U D E K A F X O L P Z A
 H R K T S Y E A R S F O D G E
 M T U S D E Y Q L C N N U E N
 F C I G O O W O E M I Q R K G
 S S B F K I W L A F L T L I Z
 I I L M A N L N V D S V F C Z
 P L A N T E D W E P M H Z H L

LEAVE	PARABLE	FRUIT	LOOK	THREE
VINEYARD	MAN	SOIL	FERTILIZE	FIG
TOLD	TREE	DIG	FIND	DOWN
YEARS	USE	PLANTED	CUT	ALONE

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Sunday Mass: 11.00 am.

Weekday Mass: Mon & Thur: 9.15am. (Other weekdays: 9.15am at St. Anthony's)

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Choose life

Lent is intended to be a time of new life, a new springtime. The story of the fig tree is a reminder of the areas where there is zero growth in our lives. That stagnation could be the consequence our fears, prejudices, judgments and condemnations, the need for control, the victimisation of others and our impoverishment of God. Without even being noticed, buried anger can drain away the energy that could foster growth and peace. God does not cut down life. God gives, sustains, and grows life. He is a compassionate and caring gardener who seeks to nourish life, who is willing to get down on his hands and knees, to dig around in the dirt of our life, to water, even spread a little manure, and then trust that fruit will grow. This gardener sees possibilities for life that we often cannot see in our own or each other's lives. Fruit, for this gardener, is not a payment, a transaction, or a ransom for being permitted to live another day. It is instead the result of mutual love, relationship, and presence. It is the evidence of life. Jesus does not seem as concerned about why people die as why people do not live. Everyone dies but not all truly live. Jesus' call to repentance (i.e. change of heart) is the invitation to choose life. Now is the time to examine the fig tree of our life. Where is our life bearing fruit? Where is it not? Where do we need to spend time, care, and energy nurturing life and relationships? What are our priorities and do they need adjusting? Who or what orients our life? Are we growing or are we "wasting the soil" in which we have been planted? Repentance is the way to life, the way of becoming most authentically who we are and who, at the deepest level, we long to be. Ultimately, repentance is about choosing to live and live fully.

Michael Marsh

In Spanish the word manana means tomorrow or some unspecified time in the future. In common usage it often refers to postponing something, putting it on the long finger, delaying a response, not getting ruffled by events but adopting a carefree attitude. When one Irish man was asked if his language had a similar word to manana, he said that it had in fact three words but none of them conveyed the same sense of urgency!

Third Sunday in Lent Year C

24th March 2019

Eucharistic Prayer: Reconciliation

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 23rd March 2019

Sat 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	William Devereux	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Philip Morris For our Parish	<i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>
Mon 9.15am	<i>Holy Family</i>	Mr & Mrs P. Harvey	<i>Feast: Annunciation of the Lord</i>
Tue 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	Frances Copp	
Wed 9.15am	<i>St Anthony</i>	Joan Wane	
Thur 9.15am	<i>Holy Family</i>	For our Parish	
Fri 11.00am 6.00p.m. 6.30-7.30pm	<i>St Anthony</i> <i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	FUNERAL: Bernard Simpson	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> <i>Exposition & Holy Communion</i>
Sat: 6.00pm	<i>St. Anthony</i>	Catherine Holmes	
Sun 9.30am 11.00am	<i>St. Anthony</i> <i>Holy Family</i>	Marie & Tom Hooper Evelyne Mary Bamber	<i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Laetare Sunday</i>

Last Weekend: Attendance 72 Offertory: £150. Thank you for your generosity.

Masses received this week:

Marie Hooper, Janina Drewek, Bernard Moore, Joe Rogers, Helen Duffy, Mr & Mrs P. Harvey, Mr & Mrs W Atherton, Philip Atherton.

Monday 'Surgery'

Fr. Peter will be in Holy Family Church from 5.30-6.30pm this Monday evening especially for anyone who wants a word about baptisms, weddings, Sacrament of Reconciliation etc.

Please remember in your prayers

Bill O'Shaughnessy, Malaya, Ray Mannion, Bob Blacoe, Rhoda Case, Bill York, Lawrence Dunnagan, Trevor Hughes, Claire, Rowland Eyre;

those who have died recently: Lucia La'Velle, Bernard Simpson.

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Annie MacHale, Edward Holland, John Anderton, Dorothy Barrett, Margaret Vandome, Agnes Ainsworth, Leonard Riley, Joe Walmsley, Darren Kaye, Brian O'Kane, Elizabeth Harrison, Elizabeth Hodgkinson, Charles Anderson, Elizabeth Dunn, Edwin Kelsey, Mabel Caries. May they rest in peace.

LENT

Stations of the Cross. Every Friday in St. Anthony's at 6pm.

'Lent in the Minster'- The annual talks will take place on Monday evenings during Lent but this year they will be at Central Methodist Church, Lune Street, starting at 7.20pm for 7.30pm until 9.00pm.

St. Anthony's project - "Genesis to Jesus"

- our Lent course giving an opportunity to deepen knowledge of the Bible started last Thursday. You can follow the free 6 week course in your own time or join a small group each Thursday evening to watch the videos together. Meet in the Presbytery at 7.00pm. Contact Jackie Stopyra on jackie.stopyra@gmail.com or 07934 667292. Sign up for the course at the St Paul Center, USA - <https://stpaulcenter.com/>

Ignatian Lent Retreat - At Xaverian Missionary Spirituality Centre (Tabor) on 6 Tuesdays in Lent from 7.30—9.00pm. Details from Rose McCrave on 07866 736067.

Clergy Deanery Conference

Thanks to those who came along to help with the hospitality at the Clergy Deanery Conference last Tuesday. It was much appreciated.

Holy Family's Christian Passover.

In the Pastoral Centre on Monday 15th April at 6.30 for a 7.00 start. The cost is £11.00 adults drinking wine, £9.00 adults not drinking wine, and £7.00 for children. Soft drinks will be provided, as will a 3 course meal. Tickets available from Caroline or Jane Hesketh. Payment with the tickets please. Please let us know by Monday 8th April.

Welcome into the family of faith

...Deneo and Bridget Shorrock who were baptised in Holy Family recently.

Southern Africa Cyclone - Appeal

You will probably have seen or heard of the disaster caused by the cyclone in Southern Africa which has killed over 300 people and left thousands needing to be rescued. If you wish to contribute to the Disaster Appeal there will be a bucket at the back of church next week. CAFOD are part of the Disasters Emergency Appeal.

Discernment Day for the Priesthood in the Diocese of Lancaster

Young Catholic men (16+) in the Diocese are invited to discern and reflect on this vocation. Come and see on Saturday 30th March at St Joseph's Church, Lancaster, LA1 2HU. The Day begins with Mass at 10.00am and concludes at 2.00pm. For more information please contact Fr D Etienne on 01253 762227 at: frdanieletienne@gmail.com

Our Lady & St. Edward's Ladies Group

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 28th March and will be an illustrated talk with music called "Down Forget me not Lane 1960-65" by Brian Hallworth."

Share-It Food Bank (at Holy Family)

Thank you for your donations of food. Priority items for the next few weeks are:
biscuits and coffee sachets