

CATHOLIC CARE –the Diocesan Charity who works with vulnerable people as they enter life right through life’s journey....

- THANK YOU for buying their Christmas cards in October.
- Christmas stocking fillers / gifts for teenage boys in particular. Wendy will post full details of the washing line labels collection in the Bulletin in November’. Again, she is happy for a parishioner to get involved with her to get the gifts delivered to CC head office before the school term closes
- Gianna Project. This will be the 3rd year we will collect for the new babies [up to one year] We will pop out the cradle as a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas CHRIST IS Born..., HE CAME AMONG US ..., HE IS WITH US..., WE ARE HIS HANDS..., HE IS THE REASON FOR OUR CELEBRATION It is wonderful how you fill the cradle with so many beautiful and practical gifts Again if anyone wishes to share in this pleasurable collection and delivery please tell me it is so good for all the Parish Family to get involved.

NEW FOR 2018...HANDBAG [Ladies and Gentlemen] APPEAL

Adults arrive in this country with nothing –would you like to fill a discarded handbag with toiletries for a refugee, asylum seekers. Also, our own new Mother in prison, new mothers, teenage Mums without family support shampoo, body wash, soap, tissues – the very basics If you add a label to say who you would like to send your love to that would be amazing.

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF CHRISTMAS

SS JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

MONDAY 24TH DECEMBER AT 6PM

The children are invited to dress up as Shepherds, Kings, sheep, Angels. Every child is welcome especially the Babies.

Would the children please bring their bells to ring and a small torch and/ or a lamb if they have one

MIDNIGHT MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT MIDNIGHT

CHRISTMAS MORNING FAMILY MASS

10:00AM

**News from
Pastoral Parish Council Meeting
held 11th October 2018**

Dear Everyone,

It was a busy meeting in content and good to have nearly 20 people present at the meeting.

As Chair of the PPC I have composed this message on coloured paper to help you keep it safe for future reference as I would like to draw your attention to:

1. The start dates for the Sacramental Preparation Programmes
2. The special devotion to Our Lady every month
3. The special Parish Family celebration of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Parish Family Prayer on 11th November
4. Advent and Christmas activities

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

All enrolment for all Sacraments will take place after 9am Mass and 11am Mass on Sunday 18th November. Please bring a pen and meet in the Parish Hall. Parents and Carers will be given the meeting dates of the programmes.

Each Sacrament will have its own initial meeting for Parents and then programmes for younger and Youth members of the Parish Family will begin in January.

First Reconciliation meeting for all Parents and Carers **in Church Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at 7pm**

First Communion meeting for all Parents and Carers **in the Parish Hall Thursday 10th January 2019 at 7pm**

Confirmation meeting for all Parents **in Church after 11am Mass Sunday 16th December 2018**

Year 3 and above pupils are invited to begin Preparation for First Reconciliation in January

Year 4 and all children who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to begin their Preparation for First Holy Communion in January

Year 6 and Year 7 and above are invited to begin their Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in January. The Sacrament will be celebrated in February by Canon Michael Mahady. THE DATE OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT IS **28TH FEBRUARY** ---the last day of the month which is very easy to remember

Year 5 pupils will be contacted later in the year as their Celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation will be in November 2019 when they are Year 6 pupils

FIRST FRIDAY of EVERY MONTH at 9:15 in the Lady Chapel. Parish Family join to say the Rosary. Please consult the weekly Bulletin or Parish website www.fishermore.co.uk for full details each month.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND PARISH FAMILY PRAYER. Our Parish undertakes this celebration on Remembrance Sunday this year -such a special day. Exposition will begin at 12noon at the end of 11am mass and conclude with Benediction at 6pm. The 6hour long devotion should make it possible for each of us to spend a short time in prayer in front of the Blessed sacrament. Reflecting the Parish family there will be times for Silent prayer and a time for families to come along when quiet activities can take place [there will be some ideas]

THERE IS A LIST IN THE CHURCH FOYER SO THAT WE CAN SIGN UP SO THAT every slot is covered by several people ----it is nice to be in the company of others even in silent prayers ---please do not be shy to sign the list

IF transport is a problem please let us know through Friday Friends or myself 07939063120

ADVENT ACTION

Every year in Advent the Parish family of Ss John Fisher and Thomas More remember many people who have very difficult lives, for whom Christmas is not happy but we can in a small way make a difference

The List of opportunities is long, and everyone should only respond according to their own circumstances [please do not worry if you cannot contribute]

PAFRAS ---we will have our routine monthly collection on the First weekend of December, but the baskets are there every Sunday when the memory fail!

PAFRAS looks after the Refugees and asylum seekers --- Please would 2 Or 3 people like to get involved by offering to provide a decorated box to serve as a Christmas hamper which together we could fill with traditional Christmas items for the Refugees and asylum seekers. We will collect between the 1st and 17th December. Ring Sue 07939063120. Hopefully we will need a car to go with Marie and her car to deliver the goods to Leeds PAFRAS centre. There is an information sheet about PAFRAS in the Church foyer /entrance hall.

St Ann's Shelter for the homeless ---the traditional collection of warm hats and socks etc will take place. Wendy will be organising this and fuller details will appear in the Bulletin. Wendy would like someone to work with her on this little activity Please let Wendy or myself know if you would like to speak to Wendy and learn more.