

People of the Word: Twelve Tribes of Israel

Last week we met Jacob, son of Isaac and grandson of Abraham. Having 'wrestled with God', he was given the name Israel. Jacob had twelve sons, from whom came the **Twelve Tribes of Israel.**



The twelve sons gave their name to these tribes: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Joseph and Benjamin. The twelve tribes were all known by these names, except the tribe descended from Joseph, which later split and became two: Ephraim and Manasseh. Later, when God led His people to the Promised Land, each tribe inherited a portion of land, except the tribe of Levi, which was devoted to the service as God's people as priests and ministers. The Levites did not live off their own land or resources, but received offerings from the people in exchange for their service.



The Twelve Tribes formed an extended family of one nation, though they did not always see eye to eye, and there were times of great division. Later, Jesus chose Twelve Apostles to lead the new Israel, the Church, spread across the world.

Questions for reflection:

- The twelve tribes inherited land given to them freely by God. What is my inheritance from the Lord? How grateful am I for all that He has given me?
- How do my thoughts, words and actions promote unity and heal division?

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Office: Psalter Week 2; Sundays: Year A; Weekdays: Year 2

| Date | Time | Occasion | Intention/Details |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday 15 th | 6pm (vigil) | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mary & Ronald Airey RIP |
| | 7pm (vigil) | | <i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i> |
| Sunday 16 th | 9:30am | | Doris & Jim Mattinson RIP |
| | 6pm | | People of the Parish |
| Monday | 9:15am | | Catherine Marie Howson RIP |
| | 5:15pm | | <i>Mass in hospital chapel</i> |
| Tuesday | 7pm | | Special Intentions of Richard Cockburn |
| Wednesday | 9:15am | | Holy Souls |
| Thursday | 9:15am | Kathleen Cornwell RIP | |
| Friday | 12noon | Mary and William Wilson RIP | |
| Saturday 22 nd | 10am | The Chair of St Peter, Apostle | Shirley Gilleade RIP |
| | 6pm (vigil) | Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Prayers answered – Saint Francis thanksgiving |
| | 7pm (vigil) | | <i>NeoCatechumenal Way</i> |
| Sunday 23 rd | 9:30am | | Anne Connolly RIP |
| | 6pm | | Joan Burton RIP |

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for all who have died recently.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday 7am-8am; Saturday 10:30am-12noon.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 11am-12noon and on request.

ROSARY: Prayed after 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass. These prayers are offered for the protection of human life from conception to natural end.

ST ANTHONY: February wall box donations will go to local people in need of help.

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick Eager, Helen Hesketh, Richard Counsell, Jean Kirby, George Livesey, Keith Foster, Maud Melling, Maria Jakimovicz, Jack Bennett, Margaret Gavell, Anthony Holt.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FEBRUARY: We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

LENT IS APPROACHING! This holy season begins on Ash Wednesday, 26th February. Think now about how to keep it with special acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2021: We are looking at the possibility of a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the October half term next year (2021). There will be an initial meeting for those who may be interested at 7pm on Sunday 1st March.

CONGRATULATIONS to Catherine Calvey and Michael Teahan, and to Anna Myerscough and Alex Swatridge, two couples being married here this weekend. Please pray that the Lord may give both couples a long and happy married life.

LECTIO DIVINA: On Tuesdays during Lent, after the evening Mass, an opportunity to pray together this form of meditation on the Word of God. More details soon.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE YOUTH: Young people (school year 10 and over) are invited to take part in the diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage this summer, 23rd July-1st August. The parish may be able to provide funding towards your travel. If you are interested in going on the pilgrimage, please speak to Fr Andrew.

CTS BOOK CLUB: Next meeting Sunday 16th March after the evening Mass. The booklet is *Living Fruitfully: Self-control* by Fr John Hogan. Copies available soon.

CTS BOOK SALE: We have some CTS booklets which will be on sale for a bargain price after Masses on the first Sunday of Lent (29th February/1st March).

DAY OF RENEWAL: Saturday 29th February, led by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal who visited us last March. Begins with Mass at 10am. See poster.

FOOD BANK: This Sunday (16th). Please leave items in the presbytery porchway.

FR LAKELAND'S GRAVE is located at the Ribbleton Avenue end of Preston Cemetery. His headstone is now in place. If you would like to visit and need more precise directions, call in at the cemetery office on Blackpool Road.

YEAR OF THE WORD: Metanoia's 'The God who speaks' series continues this Thursday, 7:30pm at St Wilfrid's. Poster with full details in the narthex.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES 2020: On sale now in the narthex. Price £3.50. Please put money in the wallbox marked 'CTS, Books etc'.

WINCKLEY SQUARE COVENT ANNUAL REUNION at Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Hall next Saturday (22nd), 1-4pm. Please spread the word!

FAIRTRADE CHOCOLATE EVENING: with film, talk, quiz, tastings and drinks. Tues 25th Feb, 7.30pm at the Xaverian Centre. For more info phone 07813 870641.

LEPRA APPEAL: Next Sunday there will be an appeal at all Masses on behalf of the charity Lepra, which works to help those who suffer with leprosy.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 484; Collection: £1,147.22; Thank you.

Events this week (occasional/one-off events in bold type)

| Day | Time | What? | Where? |
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| Sat/Sun | At Mass | Food Bank Collection | House porch |
| Sunday 16 th | 10:30am | After-Mass tea/coffee | Parish Hall |
| | 7pm | Anointed/Sent Groups (years 7-11) | Parish Hall |
| Monday | 6:45pm | Baptism Preparation (1) | Chapel |
| | 7:30pm | Journey in Faith | Presbytery |
| Tuesday | 7:30pm | Marriage Preparation (5) | Parish Hall |
| Wednesday | 9:45am | After-Mass tea/coffee | Narthex |
| | 7:30pm | NCW Liturgy of the Word | Chapel/Narthex |
| Saturday | 8:45am | Pilates | School |
| Sunday 23 rd | 10:30am | After-Mass tea/coffee | Parish Hall |
| | 7pm | Visiting Group Meeting | Presbytery |

Diary Dates

Sunday 1st March: First Sunday of Lent. Stations of the Cross, 3pm; Vespers, 3:30pm

Wednesday 4th March: First music practice for Holy Week, 6:30pm

Friday 6th March: Lenten lunch; First Friday Holy Hour, 7pm; CAFOD Lent Fast Day

Thursday 19th March: Solemnity of St Joseph. Mass at 9:15am

Wednesday 25th March: Solemnity of the Annunciation. Mass at 9:15am

Saturday 28th March: Messy Church, 1:30pm

Sunday 29th March: Rededication of England to Our Lady

Further ahead and further afield...

Communicating the Invisible: A talk by Reverend Leo Daley examining the spirituality of Caravaggio. This Thursday (20th February), 7:30pm at the Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst (BB7 9PT)

Vocations Weekend: for women in their 20s and 30s interested in exploring a vocation to religious life. Liverpool, 28th February-1st March. Organised by the FCJ sisters. More details: Sr Lynne (lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or www.fcjsisters.org

Mercy Brothers Concert: a rock band made up of six priests give a concert on Friday 28th February, 7:30pm at Bamber Bridge Catholic Club. In aid of a local programme to support Syrian refugees. £10 including Hot Pot supper (£3.50 u/16s)

Family Day on English Christian History: Saturday 7th March at the Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst. Talks, workshops and a history walk for adults, led by Joanna Bogle, and treasure hunts, stories and creative activities for children. Theme: "Our English History and its Saints". Entry fees. Booking closes 1st March. More details: www.christianheritagecentre.com/events or see poster/flyers in the narthex.