

# ROYAL PRESTON HOSPITAL CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2014 ISSUE 6

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## Message from the Chaplain

Welcome to February's Newsletter. These Newsletters come around far too fast. We are fast approaching Lent and as the day of reflection was cancelled in Advent I will shortly be arranging a day of reflection during Lent. The last day we arranged on a Saturday to enable those who work during the week to come to this day. I propose this time to offer two dates, one during the week and one on a Saturday. The day with the most people being able to attend will be the day chosen. I feel it is important that we take the time to reflect on our ministry during these important seasons of the Churches' year.

Fr. Darren Carden Chaplain

## The Sacrament of the sick

### Receiving the Sacraments while in hospital

#### Sacrament of the Sick

#### A sign of life

Some people have the idea that this sacrament is like the sign of death or approaching death or only offered when all hope is lost. In fact the reverse is true, it is a sign of life, the eternal life promised by Jesus Christ, here and now as well as in the future. Christ came to show us how we can have life to the full in whatever situation we find ourselves. His Spirit, active and dynamic in our sickness and frailty as well as in our health and strength, is a real presence. The sacrament of the sick confirms this in a tangible way.

#### Advanced Years

The frailty of old age is recognised too. An older person may not be seriously ill but the years do impose burdens upon the elderly which can be difficult to adjust to and which can make the older person feel isolated and at times lonely. Again this sacrament helps and strengthens the Christians in this stage of life so that they can continue to be an active part of the family of God, for older people have so much to offer younger Christians.

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*The Sacrament of the  
sick*

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## New Chaplaincy Roles

As you are aware an invitation was extended in the last Newsletter with regard to taking on other responsibilities within the Catholic Chaplaincy Department. I will be happy to meet with any volunteers who have been exercising ministry within the chaplaincy for over two years and who are interested in taking up these new roles. I would be available on Tuesday 11/02/2014 from 10:30 till 12 Noon and also Thursday 13/02/2014 from 09:30 till 10:30. I would ask that you email me with your intentions and I confirm the time that we will meet on those days.

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### *New Chaplaincy Roles*

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### *Messages from families*

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## Messages to the Catholic Chaplaincy

Letters and cards Received

28<sup>th</sup> Jan 14

Dear Fr. Darren and Hospital Visiting Team. Thank you for visiting my uncle Henry Cole in Ward 10 at RPH. He appreciated receiving Holy Communion. Harry came out of hospital today and is spending a few days at my Dad's house at Warton to build up his strength.

Thanks again Best wishes

Sally O'Brien

To Father Darren, Sister Anne and the team

Thank you for your kindness & prayers when our mum was in hospital. Although she was unconscious most of the time I am sure she took great comfort in your daily visits.

From the Moss family

To Father Darren

On behalf of my brother and sister we all would like to say thank you for the time you and your team gave my mum prior to her passing. The fact that you were with her 1 hour before she died and prayed for her will live with us forever.

Thank you and god bless

Nigel

## February scripture readings and reflections for Sunday's Year A

### PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

**Office:** Psalter Wk.4. **Readings:** Sunday: Cycle A, Week days year 2

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading Malachi 3: 1-4 Psalm 23: 7-10 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading to the Hebrews 2: 14-18 Gospel St Luke 2: 22-40*

With Joseph, Mary and Jesus, we celebrate this feast and are joined by two other important people from the scriptures: Simeon and Anna. They represent every expectant heart, every person who ever longed for the promised Messiah to come. We hear how Jesus is consecrated to the Lord and, more than this, how he is consecrated with sacrifice as an act of cleansing and purification. For those who were wealthy this sacrifice was to be made with a year old lamb; for those who were poor with a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. In their humble poverty, Joseph and Mary offer the two birds, for Jesus himself is the true lamb of God who will take away the sins of the world.

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9th February 2014

**Office:** Psalter Wk.4. **Readings:** Sunday: Cycle A; Weekdays Year 2

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading Isaiah 58:7-10 Psalm 111: 4-9. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-5 Gospel St Matthew 5:13-16*

In this weekend's second reading from St Paul he tells that God often chooses what we regard as something foolish or lowly and turns it into something great, such as humility or what many regard as weakness or foolishness. Paul tells us that what the world regards as foolish and weak is actually turned into something powerful and transforming by the Lord.

### 6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 16th FEBRUARY 2014

**Office:** Psalter Wk.4. **Readings:** Sunday: Cycle A; Weekdays Year 2

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20, Psalm 118: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2:6-10 Gospel St Matthew 5:17-37*

There are a lot of hard sayings in today's Gospel, morality of a very stunning kind. Why would Christ call us to such a strict way of living? Peace! He wants peace for us; and he knows the only way to peace is to avoid sin.

### 7th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 23RD FEBRUARY 2014

**Office:** Psalter Wk.4. **Readings:** Sunday: Cycle A; Weekdays Year 2

*1<sup>st</sup> reading Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18, Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading St Paul to the Corinthians 3: 16-23. Gospel St Matthew 5:38-48*

In the Old Testament, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth' was a doctrine to reduce violent warfare. But in 'eye for an eye' the danger is that everyone ends up blind! Jesus proposes another way forward – going the extra mile, turning the other cheek. Yes, surprising your opponent with your mercy.

### 8th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 2ND MARCH 2014

**Office:** Psalter Wk.4. **Readings:** Sunday: Cycle A; Weekdays Year 2

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading Isaiah 49: 14-15, Psalm 61: 2-3, 6-9, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 4:1-5 Gospel St Matthew 6:24-34*

We sing it often enough and now we hear it on the lips of our Lord in the Gospel: Seek ye First the Kingdom of God and all other things will be added unto you. Put God in the first place in all things and blessings will be ours. Oh we will not be spared the usual difficulties of life, but we will be better able to make sense of them.

## Chaplaincy Activity 2014

### January

Total	1200
Gone Home	16
Total	1184
Chat	417
Payer	183
H/C	349

Not Interested	11
Not Seen	226

Total	960
Other Visits	0
	81%

## Chaplaincy Activity 2013

### January

Total	845
Gone Home	9
Total	836
Chat	204
Payer	102
H/C	326

Not Interested	8
Not Seen	196

Total	640
Other Visits	0
	77%

### Worship in the Chapel

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014

#### No Mass

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2014

#### No Mass

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Holy Mass 17:15

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Mass Commissioning 9.30 am

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Holy Mass 17:15

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014

#### No Mass

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014

#### No Mass

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Holy Mass 17:15

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Holy Mass 17:15