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After Hospital

Message from the Chaplain

Welcome to the June edition of the Chaplaincy newsletter. Many of you over the next few months will be taking your summer holidays; this will mean that some people may have to cover different wards depending on who is off. Any changes would be kept to a minimum to avoid disruption to people's normal routine. I know I can count on your support during the coming months.

Prayers and best wishes

Fr. Darren

What happens after hospital?

As many of you will be aware, a good number of patients that we encounter at the Royal Preston Hospital have been away from the faith for one reason or another.

A frequent reason for people being away from Church seems to be because they have fallen off the radar. This often happens when people have become ill or house bound and they can no longer manage to get to Church through limited mobility or ill health.

In these cases I feel it is important that we try as much as possible to facilitate the sacraments for them when they leave hospital. To be able to facilitate this will require sensitivity especially with regard to patient confidentiality

If you come across anyone who is in this situation then please refer them to me and I will visit them and try to ensure they continue to receive the Sacraments when they return home.

Reflection on Hospital Ministry called to heal continued

Pastoral Care and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament in which the sick are anointed with holy oil was, until recent years, called Extreme Unction. That it is now called the Sacrament of the Sick signifies a big change in understanding and practice.

"Every priest, but only a priest, can validly administer the anointing of the sick". (Canon 1003#1) If a sickness grows worse, or is on-going, family, friends and those who care for the sick, have the responsibility to inform the pastor, and help prepare the sick person for the reception of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

In the celebration of the Sacrament we convey HOPE: God is always the healer, and we are open to the possibility of miracle. It may be pastorally appropriate to invite all who need healing, whether they are suffering severely or slightly to the comfort of the Sacrament.

The celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick can be one occasion for education about the Sacrament, especially by encouraging family participation. There is a need for such education to deepen people's understanding of the Sacrament as "healing" and strengthening. For some it is still a cause for fear.

A full appreciation by lay ministers of the purpose and scope of the new rite for the Sacrament is essential.

- Lay ministers often prepare the sick and their families to participate in the sacrament: they may encourage a family to celebrate the Sacrament with a sick family member or support a frail parishioner in attending an Anointing Mass.
- Lay ministers have a key role in educating the wider faith community in understanding the new rite for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

By the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick the Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them. The Sacrament is a personal encounter of the sick person with our loving, healing God, but it is also a Sacrament of community.

Family, friends and the whole of the Christian community gather together and rejoice in the presence of the healing Christ. For this reason communal celebrations of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at "Anointing Masses" are particularly appropriate for the faithful.

Like all Sacraments, the Anointing of the Sick is a liturgical and communal celebration, whether it takes place in the family home, a hospital or a church for a single person or a whole group of sick persons. Through the sacrament of the sick God offers the anointed person the grace to be healed and comforted, to overcome anxiety and despair and to be made whole. It is an affirmation for Christians that they are supported in their suffering, and that there are others who care about them in their time of need.

June scripture readings and reflections for Sunday's Year A

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 1st June 2014

Office: Psalter Week 3 Readings: Sunday: Cycle A: Weekdays: Year II

1st Reading Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14; Psalm 26, 2nd Reading 1st Letter of St Peter 4:13-16; Gospel St John 17: 1-11a

This joyful feast is a foretaste of the glory that awaits us in heaven. Jesus, having completed his work, returns to the Father and takes with him our human nature. He is the first human to take his place in heaven. Where he has led, there we hope to follow.

PENTECOST SUNDAY 8th June 2014

Office: Psalter Week 2 Readings: Sunday: Cycle A: Weekdays: Year II

1st Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; Psalm 103, 2nd Reading 1st Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; Gospel St John 20:19-23

Today's feast celebrates the birthday of the Church. The descent of the Holy Spirit empowered the Apostles to preach boldly about the good news of Jesus Christ. This is a good day on which to pray for a new out-pouring of the Holy Spirit.

THE BLESSED TRINITY 15th June 2014

Office: Psalter Week 3 Readings: Sunday: Cycle A: Weekdays: Year II

1st Reading Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; Psalm (DN 3) 52b; 2nd Reading 2nd Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 13:11-13; Gospel St John 3:16-18

This feast sets before us the essential community! God has chosen to reveal himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit – not three Gods, but one God in three persons. Each person of the Holy Trinity loves and serves the other two. This is the example for all families, groups, communities and individuals.

CORPUS CHRISTI 22nd June 2014

Office: Psalter Week 4 Readings: Sunday: Cycle A: Weekdays: Year II

1st Reading Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Psalm 147; 2nd Reading 1st Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10: 16-17; Gospel St John 6:51-58

Today's feast recognises the most wonderful gift of Jesus present for us in the Blessed Sacrament. Not only can we receive him Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity into our hearts at Holy Communion, but also we can come into his presence for prayer and consolation each time we come into church, for He is here, in the tabernacle in the most Blessed Sacrament.

ST PETER AND ST PAUL 29th June 2014

Office: Psalter Week 1 Readings: Sunday: Cycle A: Weekdays: Year II

1st Reading Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11; Psalm 33; 2nd Letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Today's feast celebrates the two founders of the Church in the city of Rome and has been observed in Rome since the fourth century. This date was traditionally considered the foundation day of the city of Rome by Romulus and Remus.

Chaplaincy Activity 2014

May Total

Total	1270
Gone home	25
Total	1245
Chat	266
Prayer	312
H/C	409
Not interested	4
Not Seen	254
Total	1270
Other Visits	0

Chaplaincy Activity 2013

May Total

Total	1005
Gone Home	10
Total	995
Chat	223
Prayer	156
H/C	397
Not interested	18
Not Seen	201
Total	794
Other Visits	0

Worship in the Chapel

Monday 2nd June 2014

Holy Mass 17:15

Friday 6th June 2014

Holy Mass 17:15

Monday 9th June 2014

Holy Mass 17:15

Friday 13th June 2014

Holy Mass 17:15

Monday 16th June 2014

Holy Mass 17:15

Friday 20th June 2014

Holy Mass

Monday 23rd June 2014

Holy Mass 17:15

Friday 27th June 2014

Holy Mass 17:15