

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for MARGARET PEEL who died during the week. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

SANCTUARY LAMP: This week the lamps in both churches burn for OUR PARISH PRIESTS

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK: Bobby & Kathleen Stitt (70th Wedding Ann), Tommy Kelly (A)

THE PARISH SICK LIST whilst not in the bulletin is still very much in operation. It has been placed at the statues of The Sacred Heart and Our Lady in both of our churches so that you can pray for those who need our prayers whilst you're lighting your candles. Please let Fr Simon know if we need to add (or remove) anyone from the sick List. Copies are also available at the back of church for you to take home and put in your prayer books.

SP 100 CLUB: No. 28 (name not checked) **HS 150 CLUB:** No.52 Anne Hollington

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS take place in St Paul's church on 9th September (10am-2pm) and in Holy Spirit church on 15th September (12noon-4pm) & 16th September (10am-2pm). Prior to the Holy Spirit openings, assistance is required for setting up displays etc at the church at 6pm on Thursday 14th September. Photographs and information about both churches can be sent to the organisers (Fran Glover at St Paul's and Kathy Bevans at Holy Spirit). PLEASE, if you are able to help with welcomers and stewards on the various days, DO let Fran and Kathy know. It is important that we create a very good impression because for some people this may be a kind of 'window' into our community and it may be that your kindly welcome encourages visitors to think about becoming a Catholic.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS can be left in the receptacles at the back of both of our churches.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Moving house/job is full of bright promise, excitement, refreshment. It's also a downright pain in the backside! My week has been full of cardboard, bubble wrap and trips to the tip. It was ingloriously crowned with someone alerting me at a busy roundabout in Leeds that "Your back wheel is about to drop off, mate." Just what I needed in the week that I needed the car the most.

Anyway, "Everything works for the good for them that trust in God" says St Paul. And indeed, it appears to have been the case. Peppered throughout the priest's normal working life is the celebration of the Divine Office. (Honestly, I thank God Holy Mother Church bound me to the recitation of The Office at my ordination, otherwise I sometimes wonder whether I'd ever have time for God during my busy days!) During one of the midweek Offices, I was reminded that an ancient Jewish practice – one which Our Lord would have been familiar with – was to praise God in EVERY situation; even a tricky or disturbing situation was an opportunity to praise Him for his justice. It's not easy to do this in challenging times, but reflecting on it does remind one that 'many things, whilst important, are NOT the centre of the universe'; only God holds that distinction. Prayer is *the* way of adding this most essential balance to our hectic lives which is why the Church makes it a duty on all of us, priest and people, no matter our age or ability. A prayerful priest is a boon to a parish, sure; but a prayerful parish is cosmic energy to a priest. So, let's get busy! Please pray for me and be assured of my daily prayers. God bless you and all whom you love.

Fr Simon

LAST LAUGH: Two cannibals eating a clown. One says to the other, "Does this taste funny to you?"
(Tommy Cooper)

