## *Prayer for Peace*

*Last Tuesday Pope Francis hosted the International Interfaith Peace Conference at Assisi, established 30 years ago by Pope St. John Paul II. He spent the day praying for peace, together with two Orthodox patriarchs, the Archbishop of Canterbury Dr. Justin Welby and Muslim, Jewish and Buddhist Faith leaders. The Holy Father urges us all to pray more fervently, to " cry out for peace" in the face of the inhumanity of war and the escalating violence, such as the bombing of the humanitarian aid convoy destined to bring food and medicine to the suffering people of Aleppo. He pleads for us to 'hear the cry of the poor' who are affected by the inhumanity of war and to 'thirst for peace as Jesus did on the cross'.*

*There were also many events for "World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel" last week, and Wednesday was designated 'United Nations Day for Peace'. We will continue our daily prayer for peace here at mass at St. Gregory's, and let us all try to do more to establish 'peace on earth'.*

**Sunday 25th September**
9.30am John Shaw (A)
11.00am Mgr. Leo Alston (A)
6.30pm Frank Smith (A)

**Sunday 2nd October**
9.30am Madge & Bill Critchley
11.00am Jock Halton (A)
6.30pm Hugh O'Daly (FM)

**Weekday Masses**
Mon. 8.30am Bridget Mc Manus (90th b'day)
Tues. 8.30am Gray family
Wed. 8:30am Mgr. Leo Alston (A)
Thurs. 8.30am Alan (RIP) & May West
Fri. 8.30am David Lynch
Sat. 8.30am Special Intention

**Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters**

Kitty Ellison · Jayne Hodge · Kathleen Reynolds · Bridget Cain · Hazel Lee · Mary Patten · Agnes Martindale · Robert Stretton · Hilda Haworth · Mildred Bridge · Margaret Wood · Harold Sutton · Margaret Bower · Thomas Moss · Gerard Baker · Hugh Daly · Margaret Dearden · Maureen Jackson · Dorothy McDonald (Howarth) · Maureen McIver · Bill Burns · Lois Chiasson · Peter Molloy · Gerard McGuigan · Dorothy Scard · Moya Jones · Michael Rothwell

*Sadly we record the death of Monsignor Jack Kennedy on 13th Sept. He was born in Chorley to James and Alice Kennedy on 31st Dec. 1930, and during his 60 years of priesthood he served the Church eminently in the Archdiocese as well as for six years in Rome as rector of the Venerable English College. His requiem mass will be celebrated at 11.00am at Holy Family Parish in Southport on Monday. He will be gratefully remembered and sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. In Paradisum deducant eum Angeli.*

*Please also remember in your prayers Kevin Wilson who died on 17th September, and Nora Sherriff, who died last Monday, and their families. The funeral service for Kevin will be held here on Thursday at 3.00pm, whilst Nora's requiem mass has yet to be arranged. May they rest in peace.*

**Father Patsy**

All good things come to an end....! And with the advent of a new parish priest, my time here has come to an end. I have had great pleasure in sharing your faith life here at Weldbank during these last three years. I thank you all most sincerely for the welcome you gave me and the friendship you have shared. I will miss you, and the life here at St. Gregory's, but will keep you always in my prayers and hope that you will do the same for me. Special thanks to Monsignor for inviting me to come here, and I apologise for digging up his lawn! God bless you all, *Patsy Foley*

**Harvest Sunday**

Today is a day of special prayer in thanksgiving for the Harvest. The children of St. Gregory's School are collecting tins and other non-perishable foods to be presented to those in need in our community on 7th October. Your contributions may be left at the back of church or delivered directly at the School office.

**A birthday**

Congratulations to Bridget McManus who will be 90 tomorrow. May you enjoy many more years of good health, happy birthday Bridget!

**Baptism**

We welcome in Baptism Benjamin Thomas Wilcock and remember him and his family in our prayer.

**Collection**

Thank you for last week's collection of £836 and the special Home Mission collection of £151.

**ACTION REQUIRED! Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to the Cathedral**

**It is now urgent that you put your name on the list at the back of church if you will come on the bus for the deanery pilgrimage on Saturday, 8th October. £5 per adult, children free. The coach will leave here at 8:30, unless numbers are not high enough and we will join St. Mary's.**
**Please join in celebrating God's loving mercy, as the Archbishop has invited all the diocesan deaneries to come to the Cathedral "on pilgrimage" to celebrate this Year of Mercy.**
**It is intended that we arrive for 10.00am and enter the Cathedral through the "Holy Door". There will be a Reconciliation Service at 10.45am with Confessions. The Archbishop will celebrate Mass with us at 12.15pm. Please make a special effort to join in this special Holy Year event.**

**National Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham**

There is a letter about 'Rebuilding England's Nazareth' on the notice board, and envelopes and a basket to receive your donations at the back of the church. Thank you for supporting this work of 'upgrading and developing new services especially for disabled pilgrims and young people'.

**Feasts of the Week**

*St. Vincent de Paul* - Tuesday Please remember our own SVP conference who do such good work with the sick and housebound and those in need, and especially one of their key members who at this time is awaiting a heart operation.
*SS. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels* – Friday (with a special emphasis – according to tradition – on St. Michael!)
*St. Teresa of Lisieux* – Saturday Carmelite nun and Doctor of the Church - St. Teresa of the Child Jesus

**Ministering to the Assembly**

**Counters (26th September)** Eileen Snape and Rita McIntyre
**Rotas (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 2nd October)**

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| **S.A.S.** | Margaret Scard | | |
| **Dial a Ride** | Barry Crossen & Catherine Jackson | | |
| **Readers** | James McLeod | David Fairclough | Paul Tate |
| **Ministers** | Chris Huddy | David Chadwick | Terry Turner |
| | Linda Walmsley | Emmy Moss | |