



St Elizabeth's Catholic Church Scarisbrick

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Parish Priest: Fr Hugh Somerville Knapman OSB

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SUNDAY OF WEEK 25 *Per Annum*

SATURDAY 18/9 6.30PM	MASS (VIGIL)	† Mary Ashcroft <i>Confessions at 6 pm</i>
SUNDAY 19/9 9.30AM	MASS	† Mark Houghton <i>11am Baptism: Cooper Smith</i>
MONDAY 20/9 9.30AM	MASS	† Maureen Dobson <i>(First Anniversary)</i>
WEDNESDAY 21/9 9.30AM	MASS	† Mary Ethna Kearney
THURSDAY 22/9 7.00PM	MASS	† Tom Williams <i>Rosary & Confessions at 6.30 pm</i>
FRIDAY 23/9 9.30AM	MASS	† Charlie & Helen Simpson
SATURDAY 24/9 6.30PM	MASS (VIGIL)	† Frank Porter <i>Confessions at 6 pm</i>
SUNDAY 25/9 9.30AM	MASS	† Maureen Fletcher

From the Pastor's Desk

One thought for this section of the bulletin was to change its title each week according to whatever little theme in the Sunday readings took my eye. However, it is probably not ideal to have something that looks too much like another little sermon. So, instead, it will be place for notes and updates that would be too long or too out of place at Mass.

A fixed title it is, then. Yet, the one chosen may seem slightly odd. "Parish priest" is something of a clumsy title—try saying "parish priest's desk" five time quickly, *without* dropping the *s* after the apostrophe in "priest's." Everywhere else seems to be able to designate the parish priest with one word: in French it is *curé*, in German *pfarrer*, in Italian *parroco*; even the Anglicans have *vicar* or *rector*. In America they call the parish priest the *pastor*. So, for the sake of a smoother title, I am grudgingly going yankee just this once.

There is much bustle about the presbytery at present. Links are being renewed with our parish school, St Mary's. The staff and pupils need our support, and we need to involve them more in the life of the parish. A start is being made on Friday, 24 September, when we will have a school harvest service in the church at 2.30pm. With myself, Mary Ormsby and Les Rippon coming on as governors there is much enthusiasm to resurrect the strong links that historically marked the relationship between the school and parish.

Soon lectors and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist will have training days to ensure a common standard, one of best practice. Eucharistic visits have been underway for a few weeks now, with my sole responsibility for these over the last few months lately being shared already with some of the ministers. This is in part due to the return of baptisms to Sunday mornings. A couple of weddings, too, are in the offing.

The new finance committee and pastoral council will soon meet. Among other things they will be/are helping me get to grips with a neglected presbytery and its necessary repairs and updating, which we are trying to do well but at reasonable cost. For the presbytery garden I have some ideas for us to pursue that will make it both a more positive environmental contributor, and somewhere the school and others can find some peace and even some enlightenment. But, for now, in the parish we have much to be thankful for, to pray for, and to work towards. May the Lord bring to completion the good work He has begun in and through us.

Fr Hugh

» Office Hours «

Please note that from now on Mary will be in the parish office from after morning Mass on Mondays and Fridays, until 12.30pm.

Retiring Collection

This weekend there is a retiring collection for the Home Missions.

The sick and others needing prayer



Jim Charnock, Sarah Gibbons, Stuart C, Terry Turner, Sue Carver, Winnie Church, Eva Molyneux

Anniversaries this week (within the last 10 years)



Maureen Dobson

Thank You

Thank you for your support for the farewell to Fr Boniface last Sunday. He was delighted with the cheque and the send-off. We wish him well in his new role back at the abbey.

Welcome

After Mass this Sunday Fr Hugh will baptise Cooper Smith. Let us welcome him into the Church, and keep him and his family in our prayers. We look forward to seeing more of him and his family at St Elizabeth's.

Improvements & Repairs

The process has begun of making repairs and improvements to the presbytery and parish office, as well as in the church and its grounds. The presbytery suffers from significant damp, so a main priority is repairing walls and floors, as well as fitting out a parlour for interviews and small meetings, and making up a proper guest bedroom. Unhelpful or unnecessary furniture is being given away where possible, often to people of limited financial means, including nurses and young families. The electrics, central heating, hot

water, and parish office are all receiving some much-needed renovation as well. Thanks to all those who have been helping in the work itself or through donations.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival is next Sunday, 26 September. As is our custom, our farming parishioners will be presenting some of their produce in thanksgiving to God. Everyone else is asked to contribute with non-perishable food which we can distribute to those in need. Please bring these to church at any of the weekday Masses or drop it at the presbytery during the week. This Friday Fr Hugh will lead a harvest service in the church for St Mary's school at 2.30 pm. The Year 5s will help a little in the decoration as well!



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