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SATURDAY, 11 AUGUST

6.30 pm Private Intention

SUNDAY 12 AUGUST – 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.00 am Parish 10.30 am Eileen & Frank Doney (A)

5 pm (at StJS) Parish

MONDAY, 13 AUGUST

9.30 am Special Intention (S.P.)

TUESDAY, 14 AUGUST – St Maximilian Kolbe

9.30 am Private Intention

6.30 pm (at StTs) Parish

WEDNESDAY, 15 AUGUST – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30 am (at StJS) Private Intention

6.30 pm (at StJS) Parish

THURSDAY, 16 AUGUST

9.30 am In thanksgiving (M.T.)

FRIDAY, 17 AUGUST

[No 9.30 am Mass]

10.30 am Funeral Mass: Aidan Mahood

SATURDAY, 18 AUGUST

9.30 pm Harry & Ellen Bradley 6.30 pm Rose Bonnar (A)

SUNDAY, 19 AUGUST – 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.00 am Private Intention 10.30 am Aidan Mahood (LD)

5 pm (at StJS) Thomas & Bernadette Delaney

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday 10.30-11.30 am and 6.00-6.20 pm

Attendance last Sunday:	St T's: 288
	StJS: 61
Collection:	StT's £820.21
	StJS: £116.21
received with thanks	

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS Enid Penn and Audrey Rostron whose Funerals were last week, and Aidan Mahood of Crescent Avenue whose Funeral Mass is at St Teresa's next Friday, 17 August, at 10.30 am. We remember them and their families, and all those whose anniversaries are at this time. May they rest in God's peace.

WE ALSO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS all our parishioners who are ill, especially Dominic Barlow, Francis McGarva, Thomas McShane, Christina Wadland, Rita Griffiths, Mavis McQuillen, Joan Woods, Monica and Harry Likover, Emily Richardson, Win and Peter Campbell, Ann Blyth, Colette Coates, Carol Rowlands, Rita and Frank Brown, Gerry Diamond, Margaret Sadler, Dennis White, Bill Ròse-Quirie, John Bostock, Sandra Delaney, Maureen Birkman and Diane McKenzie, and all those who receive Holy Communion at home.

THE SVP (the Society of St Vincent de Paul) have their monthly collection “for those in need” after each Mass this weekend, 11/12 August.

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY a Holy Day of Obligation, is celebrated this week on 15 August. The Masses at our two churches are as follows: Tuesday, 14 August (Vigil Mass) 6.30 pm at St Teresa’s. Wednesday, 15 August 9.30 am at St Teresa’s, and 6.30 pm at St John Southworth.

THE CHURCH’S INVOLVEMENT IN THE FRACKING DEBATE: The following is written by Stephen Garsed, a member of our own Lancaster Diocese Faith and Justice Commission:

Fracking has been a hot topic in Lancashire for the last seven years. The Environment Groups of the Anglican Blackburn Diocese and the Lancaster Catholic Diocese's Faith and Justice Commission looked independently at the issues five years ago and produced guidance for their communities. The main aim was to help Christians ask the right questions in a sea of claims and counter claims by the proponents and opponents of fracking. The two papers were considered and endorsed by the church leaders in Lancashire. We then received an invitation to present a Christian view at a public meeting in Preston Minster organised by Friends of the Earth. We used these two papers as our reference and set out the principles of love of God/love of creation and the consequent imperative for environmental stewardship from the First Commandment and for Social Justice from the Second. We stated that fracking itself was neither right nor wrong, but it was the context in which it was carried out that created the moral issues. We posed a number of questions about how the current proposals fitted with the concepts of stewardship and justice. The presentation was extremely well received. A number of people who evidently had little connection with faith commented that it gave them a framework within which to consider the complex and interacting issues.

One thing led to another and we were invited to give presentations to Lancashire County Council's Development Control Committee, which were listened to very attentively - concepts of environmental stewardship and social justice clearly resonated with Committee members. We also discussed the term "social licence" which is used by the industry to imply local acceptance of its activities. We pointed out that what was needed was actually "informed consent" (a much more positive acceptance by the community and one that had to be founded on "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth". To proceed without informed consent might be considered to be oppression. Other speakers had already brought to the Committee's attention areas where the industry had been very reticent on the true nature of the proposals and the environmental consequences. We ended with these words of Pope Francis: *"Brothers and sisters: creation is not a property, which we can dispose of at will; much less so is it the property of some, of a few: creation is a gift, it is a present, a wonderful gift that has given us to take care of and to use for the benefit of all, always with respect and gratitude"*

We believe that the councillors fully understood the Pope's message in the context of the tussle between those who wanted to exploit the Bowland shale gas and those who wanted to protect the environment from industrial-scale exploitation.

Some may question the churches becoming involved in this debate. However, it is very clear that decisions about the use and control of natural resources, particularly energy, are now moral issues and it is right that Christians have the opportunity to raise those questions. Furthermore, the fact that different denominations demonstrably worked together to bring a prophetic voice to the debate showed many non-believers that Christian concepts and values really are relevant to life in the 21st century.