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Lily Lane, Platt Bridge



Sacred Heart Church
Swan Lane, Hindley Green



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SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY 2018 – FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Frank Ingram	Missal Page Number
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Margaret & Thomas Morris	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Bill Roberts	
MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2018 – FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR B)				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Joan Gillespie	---
TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY 2018 (<i>Weekdays in Year Two of Ordinary Time begin</i>)				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Stan King	911
WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Intentions of Joan Baines (sick)	913
3.00pm	Belong	Mass	Parishioners	---
THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	The Turner Family	915
FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Kathleen Dennis	917
SATURDAY 13TH JANUARY 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	David Herbert	920
SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY 2018 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Ann Kalmus	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Doreen Leigh	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Terry Jones	

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEK FOR CRIB OFFERINGS (FOR CHRISTIAN FAMILIES IN NEED IN THE HOLY LAND)

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THIS WEEKEND'S RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CRIB OFFERINGS

The retiring collection for "Crib Offerings" which is being taken today will go to support families and children in need who are living in Bethlehem.

Archbishop Malcolm writes: *"Two thirds of all Christians in the Holy Land live in the Bethlehem area. Palestinian children who are orphaned or abandoned by their families in desperate situations have been taken in and cared for by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in their crèche. In the light of the hardships imposed by the continuing tensions of the region, our remembrance of these children in need at this Christmas-time is greatly appreciated in the place where Our Lord himself was born in poverty."*

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of those who have died recently and whose funeral rites we are soon to celebrate:

Jean Prescott from Downing Close, Platt Bridge who died on the 28th of December aged 82 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church on Monday the 15th of January at 1.00pm prior to burial at Westwood Cemetery.

Minnie Kelly, formerly from Carr Street, Platt Bridge and then Coniston Drive, Abram, and more recently a Care Home in Leigh. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

May the Lord welcome them home.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION COURSE

The fourth meeting of the Preparation Course for parents and baptised Catholic children in Year Four or above, seeking to make their First Holy Communion, takes place this week: Next Wednesday the 10th of January at 5.45pm in Holy Family School or next Thursday the 11th of January at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart School. To be able to celebrate these sacraments, parents and children are expected attend each of the seven meetings of the course and must be present in church for Mass each weekend. This fourth meeting has as its theme: *"Following Jesus: A New Way of Living"*

THANK YOU GIFT AIDERS

Our deepest thanks to those of you who Gift Aid your regular weekly offering and/or your other occasional donations to the parish. For the previous Tax Year of 2016/2017 our two parishes have recently received from HMRC the sums of £6,205 for Holy Family Parish and £7,118.54 for Sacred Heart Parish.

If you are not already a Gift-Aider but pay tax on your earnings (wages, investments or pension) then please do consider joining the scheme. Gift Aid allows you to maximize any donations you make to the Church so that for every £1 you give, the Tax Man will return a further 25p to us at the end of the Tax Year. So if, for example, you give £10 a week to the church, over the course of a year your total giving will be £520.00. But if you Gift Aid, then the total the parish receives would be £650.

If you would like to begin Gift-Aiding just pop a note with your name, address and phone number into the offertory collection basket saying "I want to Gift Aid!" and someone will contact you.

Our deep gratitude to the two individuals in our parishes who do all the paperwork and administer the Gift Aid Scheme for us to make it all possible.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE HOLY LAND

The Irenaeus Project are leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land between the 11th and the 20th of June 2018. Initially staying in the Old City of Jerusalem and visiting all the Holy places, then moving on to Galilee and the areas associated with Jesus' ministry. The cost will be in the region of £1800 with a single room supplement. There are a few places left. For further details contact Jenny at The Irenaeus Project on 0151 949 1199 or email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

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Holy Family

Sunday Offertory £404.77

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory £535.00

THE BRICK BOX

The box in the piety shop at the back of each church is there to receive any contributions you may wish to make towards the food bank which is run by The Brick to support those who are homeless or down on their luck in the Wigan area. Donations are welcome of any non-perishable food items - tins, packet food and dried goods such as rice and pasta, as well as baby food and nappies and basic toiletries.

HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL

DECEMBER WINNERS

December 6th No. 16

December 13th No. 40

December 20th No. 16

December 27th No. 50

MONTHLY SUNDAY ROSARY

The Legion of Mary will lead the praying of the Rosary at 8.30am in Sacred Heart Church today (The First Sunday of the Month) just before the 9.00am Mass. Everyone is welcome to come along and join them in prayer.

HOLY FAMILY

LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION

It's been suggested that we carry on making available the Loose Change Collecting Tins for Holy Family Church – and it's a suggestion that we're delighted to go along with, at least until they're all used up. So please continue to take a tin from the back of church to put your loose change in and then, when it's full, return it to church and take another one to fill. A total of £267 has been donated so far via the tins towards the cost of the works carried out at Holy Family Church. Thanks to all those who take part in this.

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MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2018				
▶ 1.00pm ◀	Holy Family	Funeral Mass for Jean Prescott		
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Jim Dennis	922
TUESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	In Thanksgiving (S)	924
WEDNESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2018 – MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANTHONY OF EGYPT				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	In Thanksgiving (AV)	926
<i>Please Note: No Celebration of Mass at Belong on Wednesday of this week</i>				
THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Agnes Turner	928
FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Brenda Speers	930
SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Intentions of LISCF	933
SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY 2018 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)				
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FROM THE ARCHBISHOP'S DESK

One of the hazards of being tall is that I look up more than I should. Inevitably, I trip over things from time to time, which brings me down to earth with a bump. Sometimes people think that I'm being rude because I don't acknowledge them if they are below my line of sight, and that can get me in trouble too. Of course, there are some advantages to being tall too, such as being able to see over the heads of people in a crowd, or lifting luggage onto the rack in train. But being able to look over and beyond our past and present experience and see further, is something that everyone can do.

During the Christmas season we were encouraged to look up by the shepherds who, in seeing the night sky filled with angels glorifying and praising God, were led to someone who was very down to earth – to God's Son, Jesus. The wise men also looked up and saw a star which led them to the true King. They prostrated themselves on the ground before him and offered the homage due to a king.

Throughout the year ahead, we should keep looking up: Because, by broadening our vision and taking in the magnificence of creation, even if it is likely that sooner or later we may trip over and find ourselves humbled, it is there that we will surely encounter the Lord.

**+ Malcolm
Archbishop of Liverpool**

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The Funeral Rites of Jean Prescott from Downing Close, Platt Bridge and who died on the 28th of December will be celebrated at Holy Family Church on Monday at 1.00pm followed by interment at Westwood Cemetery.

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WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER?

Wigan Catholic Primary Schools Direct (WCPD) are looking for individuals who are passionate about working with younger children and have the potential to be outstanding teachers. They're holding Open Days for anyone interested at Saint Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Hardybutts, Wigan, WN1 3RZ on Tuesday the 23rd of January and Tuesday the 27th of February from 4.00pm to 6.00pm each day. For those who then wish to go on to take the next step, study days at Liverpool University will lead to a PGCE and QTS in primary teaching. For more information and updates visit www.wcpsd.org.uk

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

A Retreat Weekend for young adults in their 20s and 30s on the theme of Prayer and Discernment is being held between Friday the 26th and Sunday 28th of January 2018 in Salford. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input, prayer, reflection and discussion with other young adults. Cost is £40. More information from Sister Anouska at anouskafcj01@gmail.com

SAINT OF THE WEEK: WEDNESDAY - SAINT ANTHONY OF EGYPT

Born in 251 in upper Egypt, Anthony died in 356. At an early age, Anthony gave away all his possessions and sought the austere life and solitude of the desert. He attracted disciples who formed communities of hermits. Anthony was involved in the theological controversies of his day, especially defending the divinity of Christ. He is venerated as the father of monasticism.

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Holy Family

Sunday Offertory £418.45
Crib Offerings £ 79.88

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory £631.50
Crib Offerings £261.00

2018 DIARY DATES

Sat 3rd & Sun 4th February

Annual Foreign Mission Appeal by a priest of the Kiltegan Fathers

Wed 7th & Thurs 8th February

First Communion Course Session Five: *"Teach us to Pray"*

Wed 14th & Thurs 15th March

First Communion Course Session Six: *"Jesus brings us Together"*

Saturday 17th March

Day of Reflection led by Father Chris Thomas in Holy Family Parish Hall

Wed 18th & Thurs 19th April

First Communion Course Session Seven: *"Jesus call us to Follow him"*

Friday 4th May at 7.00pm

Feast of the English Martyrs

Mass at Holy Family followed by a Presentation on "The Lancaster Martyrs" by Christopher Robson from Lancaster Diocese.

Saturday 12th May

Wedding at Sacred Heart: Megan Crompton & James Bithell

Saturday 19th May at 12 noon

Sacred Heart First Communions

Saturday 26th May

Wedding at Holy Family: Donna Southern & Daniel Lloyd

Sunday 3rd June

Feast of Corpus Christi

Day Exposition at Holy Family

Friday 8th June

Feast of the Sacred Heart

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Saturday 9th June at 12 noon

Holy Family First Communions

Saturday 16th June

Wedding at Holy Family: Stacey Makinson & Brett Draper

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MONDAY 22ND JANUARY 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Mary Ann O'Connell	935
Tuesday 23rd January 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Bill Mangnall	937
▶ 12 noon ◀	Sacred Heart	Funeral Service for Alessia Depasquale		
▶ 2.30pm ◀	Holy Family	Funeral Service for Doreen Southworth		
WEDNESDAY 24TH JANUARY 2018 – MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Intentions of Mrs. E. Flynn	938
3.00pm	Belong	Mass	Parishioners	---
THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY 2018 – FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL				
▶ 11.00am ◀	Holy Family	Funeral Mass for Minnie Kelly		
FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 2018 – MEMORIAL OF SAINTS TIMOTHY AND TITUS				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	The Naughton Family	943
SATURDAY 27TH JANUARY 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Terry Chadwick	945
SUNDAY 28TH JANUARY 2018 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Jane Davies	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Joseph Clarkson	
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PUBLICATION OF THE BANNIS OF MARRIAGE

The following couples have expressed a wish to be married in our churches during this year. If you know of any legitimate reason or of any lawful impediment why they should not do so, please inform Father Tony as soon as possible:

Megan Crompton and James Bithel, both from Cashmore Drive, Hindley
on Saturday 12th May 2018 at Sacred Heart Church

Donna Southern and Daniel Lloyd, both from Oak Avenue, Abram
on Saturday 26th May 2018 at Holy Family Church

Stacey Makinson and Brett Draper, both from Lymm Street, Platt Bridge
on Saturday 16th June 2018 at Holy Family Church

Please hold these couples in prayer before the Lord as they continue to prepare for their Wedding Day and for their future married life together.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of:

Alessia Depasquale from Conway Road, Hindley Green who died on the 1st of January aged 20 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church next Tuesday the 23rd of January at 12 noon prior to burial at Hindley Cemetery.

Doreen Southworth from Webster Street, Platt Bridge who died on the 4th of January aged 84 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church also next Tuesday the 23rd of January at 2.30pm prior to committal at Wigan Crematorium.

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RECOVERY FROM DIVORCE AND SEPARATION

"*Restored Lives*" is a series of informative and confidential small group meetings to offer support to any who are divorced or separated or recovering from a broken relationship, recently or in the past. The next series of meeting starts in mid-February with groups based in South Liverpool and Aintree. More details from Maureen O'Brien at LACE on 0151 522 1044 or email m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday: Saint Francis de Sales

Born in Savoy (France) in 1567, Francis died in Lyons in 1622. As Bishop of Geneva, he played a major part in the renewal of French Catholicism in the seventeenth century and is seen by many as an early proponent of ecumenical dialogue. With Saint Jane Frances de Chantal he founded the Visitation order, and his writings promoted a spirituality for laypeople. Francis de Sales is remembered as a preacher, writer, and spiritual director, who combined firmness with patience and gentleness.

Thursday: The Conversion of Saint Paul

This feast celebrates the work of God's grace at a major turning point in the life of Paul himself and in the history of the infant Church.

Friday: Saints Timothy and Titus

Disciples and associates of Apostle Paul who attended the Council of Jerusalem with him, and to whom the pastoral letters of the New Testament are addressed. Timothy represented Paul to various communities and, according to tradition, was eventually placed in charge of the Church at Ephesus. Titus was asked to organise the Church in Crete, where he died at the end of the first century.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family

Sunday Offertory £391.99

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory £749.00

Our sincere thanks for a donation of £50 to Holy Family Church in memory of Brian Ormshaw.

THANK YOU FROM LIMA, PERU

Colette Burke returned from her latest visit to the Missionaries of Charity in Lima, Peru recently and brought with her their thanks for your continued support.

Brother Juan writes:

"Thank you so very much once again for your really wonderful donations of £445 from Sacred Heart Parish and £167 from Holy Family Parish and from the Bible Sharing Group.

This has been a busy year for the Home. We have carried out further building works to provide modern bedrooms for the nine more capable boys who sleep apart from our severely disabled boys. How delighted they are with their new rooms!

As always we rely on divine providence and it a great privilege and inspiration for us to receive your help and support in our work with our special boys. We are very grateful to you all. Your donations assist us greatly in providing for the day to day needs of the boys including their food, clothing and medication.

Be assured that we keep you all in our daily prayers. We wish you a year ahead full of blessings."

Colette will continue to receive any donations you may wish to make to the work of the Brothers of Charity in Lima, Peru. These can be given through Colette or paid directly into the Brothers' bank account. Colette can be contacted on 07877 114534 or colette.burke@btopenworld.com

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TUESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	James Carlon	950
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▶ 11.00am ◀	Sacred Heart	Funeral Mass for Michael Joseph Lynch		
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10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Fr. Harding Rees	955
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7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Ints. of Marie & Vincent Clare	1580
SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Ints. of L.I.S.C.F.	960
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MISSALS FOR WEEKDAY MASS

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SUNDAY 28TH JANUARY 2018 TODAY IS RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales write:

In a world steeped in violence, conflict and discrimination, Racial Justice Sunday is a great opportunity to promote the values of the Gospel that speak of the dignity of the human person, the priorities of building peace, a just living for all, and the appreciation of one another.

In his message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2018, Pope Francis says: *"Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for us to have an encounter with Jesus, who identifies himself with the strangers of every age."* We are called to open our hearts to those who are discriminated against, those who are lonely, those who are hurting and feeling cut off from their own communities.

Today we invite you not to neglect the tragedy of suffering migrants among us, for Jesus says "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome." In our task as disciples of Christ, we all have a part to play in making strangers feel that they are welcome.

The Catholic Bishops' website contains updated news and information regarding Racial Justice Sunday. Visit www.catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2018

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday - Saint John Bosco

Born in Piedmont (Italy) in 1815, John died at Turin on this day in 1888. He grew up in extreme poverty and, after ordination to the priesthood, devoted his whole life to educating young people, especially the poor. For this he founded the Salesians, men and women who continue this work with youth throughout the world. John is remembered for his cheerfulness and total trust in providence.

Friday - The Presentation of the Lord

Celebrated forty days after Christmas to commemorate the prescribed Mosaic ritual following the birth of a child, this feast recalls the encounter of Jesus with Simeon and Anna in the temple: The Lord meets his people. The feast celebrates Christ as "The Light to enlighten all nations," and so the tradition arose of carrying candles in procession on this day.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Michael Joseph Lynch from Crossdale Road, Hindley Green who died on the 16th of January aged 90 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church next Wednesday the 31st of January at 11.00am followed by committal at Howe Bridge Crematorium. May the Lord welcome him home.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

Next weekend, (3rd / 4th of February) we will be joined by Father John Garry, a priest of Saint Patrick's Missionary Society (The Kiltegan Fathers) who has worked on the missions in Kenya and the Sudan and will share with us some of his experiences from his work there. There will be a Retiring Collection after each Mass next weekend to support the work of the overseas Missions.

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SACRED HEART ALMS BOX

Sincere thanks to all those who contributed donations via the Alms Box in the wall near the door at the back of Sacred Heart Church. During 2017 you gave a total of £976 which was divided equally between *Aid to the Church in Need* to support their work with persecuted fellow Christians and *CAFOD* to support their projects with developing communities in Third World countries.

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Sunday Offertory £381.96

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory £603.00

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Sincere thanks for the wonderful response which you make to this appeal for our support of those who are in need here in our local community.

HOLIDAYS REINSTATED

Our bishops have re-instated two Holydays of Obligation to their original days which were previously transferred to the nearest Sunday: The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord will be celebrated on the 6th of January (unless that falls on a Saturday or Monday, which was the case this year) and the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord returns to the Thursday of the Sixth week of Easter.

MONTHLY SUNDAY ROSARY

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MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2018 – MEMORIAL OF SAINT AGATHA				
► 1.00pm ◀	Holy Family	Funeral Service for Mary Nash		
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	William, Mary & Thomas Brown	961
TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2018 – MEMORIAL OF THE MARTYRS OF JAPAN				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Harry Robinson	963
WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Francis Rigby	966
3.00pm	Belong	Mass	Parishioners	---
THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Archbishop Derek Worlock	968
FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Ethel & Joseph Reid	970
SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2018 – MEMORIAL OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Peter & Natasha Cumberbirch	971
SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2018 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)				
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Foreign Mission Appeal. There will
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Overseas Missions.

REGULAR SOCIAL GROUPS – EVERYONE WELCOME

LINE DANCING - Monday afternoons from 1.00pm to 3.00pm in Holy Family Parish Hall.
Contact Sylvia Delargy on 01942 521482.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP - Monday evenings at 7.00pm in Saint Wilfrid's Church, Bolton Road,
Stubshaw Cross, Ashton. Contact Deacon Mike Swift on 01942 715177.

LEGION OF MARY - Tuesdays at 10.30am in Holy Family Church or Thursdays at 7.00pm in
Sacred Heart Church. Contact Mary Marsh (Holy Family) on 01942 701091 or Susan Mines
(Sacred Heart) on 07952 822440

OVER 60's FRIENDSHIP CLUBS - Wednesdays at 12.30pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Contact
Kath Prior on 01942 861995. Also on Wednesdays at 2.00pm in Sacred Heart Club. Contact
Maureen Dalton on 01942 253132.

BROWNIES & GUIDES - Wednesday in Holy Family Parish Hall from 6.30pm to 8.00pm for
Brownies and from 8.00pm to 9.00pm for Guides. Contact Sheila Marcroft on 861981

MOTHERS' PRAYERS - Mothers praying for their children. Thursdays in Holy Family Parish
Hall at 2.00pm. More details from Mary Marsh on 01942 701091.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT - For all finding it hard to cope after the loss of a loved one. Meets
on the last Saturday of each month at 12.15pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Contact Mary
Marsh on 01942 701091

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday – Saint Agatha

Agatha was a virgin martyred in Sicily, perhaps during the persecutions of the third century. She has been venerated in Rome on this day since the sixth century. In legend she is remembered for her faith and for remaining resolute under torture.

Tuesday – Saints Paul Miki and Companions

This group of twenty-six martyrs was crucified at Nagasaki (Japan) on 5 February 1597. Most were Japanese and laypeople, some still youths. They were the first of many martyrs in a young Church. Paul Miki, aged thirty-five years at his death, was a Jesuit from an aristocratic Japanese family. He is remembered as a notable preacher who inspired the local Church of his time and in the centuries that followed to be strong in faith during persecution and isolation.

Saturday – Saint Scholastica

Scholastica was born at Norcia (Italy) about 480 and died near Monte Cassino in the 540s. Like Saint Benedict, her brother and by tradition her twin, she dedicated herself to God through the monastic life and is remembered for the part she played in establishing Benedictine monasticism.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Our prayers are with the family and friends of Mary Nash, once from Millers Lane, Platt Bridge, then Claydon Avenue, Ince and who died on the 10th of January aged 98 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated in Holy Family Church on Monday at 1.00pm prior to interment in Westwood Cemetery. May the Lord welcome her home.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION COURSE

The fifth meeting of the Preparation Course for parents and baptised Catholic children in Year Four or above, seeking to make their First Holy Communion, takes place this week: Next Wednesday the 7th of February at 5.45pm in Holy Family School or next Thursday the 8th of February at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart School. Parents and children are expected attend each of the seven meetings of the course and to be present in church for Mass each weekend. This fifth meeting has as its theme: *“Lord, Teach to Pray”*.

MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Liverpool Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Association invite you to join them for a celebration of Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes next Saturday the 10th of February at 12 noon at Christ the King Church, Queens Drive, Wavertree, Liverpool L15 6YQ. Bishop Tom Williams will be principal celebrant.

FIRST ANNIVERSARIES

Our congratulations to those who will be celebrating their First Anniversaries of Baptism during this month: Martha Elizabeth Guest, daughter of Michael and Jade Guest from Davy Road, Abram, who was baptised at Holy Family Church on the 5th of February 2017 by Deacon Mike; and Penelope Rivera-Arill, daughter of Alexandro Rivera and Samantha Fairhurst from Willow Road, Newton-le-Willows, who was baptised at Holy Family Church on the 12th of February 2017 by Deacon Mike.

And we continue to hold in our hearts and in prayer those whose First Anniversary of Death will occur during February: Jeff Hickey from Repton Avenue, Spring View, who died on the 5th of February 2017 aged 72 years; Joan Price from Vicarage Road, Abram who died on the 10th of February 2017 aged 85 years; Joan Morris from Smallbrook Lane, Leigh who died on the 14th of February 2017 aged 90 years; Elizabeth Cooke from Atherton Road, Hindley Green, who died on the 19th of February 2017 aged 95 years; Madeline Burke from Windermere Road, Hindley who died on the 21st of February 2017 aged 64 years; and Agnes Dierden from Richmond House Care Home, Leigh who died on the 23rd of February 2017 aged 88 years.

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Sunday Offertory £436.62

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory £644.50

SUNDAY ROSARY

The Legion of Mary will lead the praying of the Rosary at 8.30am today (Sunday) in Sacred Heart Church before the celebration of Mass at 9.00am. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

RECOVERY FROM DIVORCE AND SEPARATION

“Restored Lives” is a series of informative and affirming and confidential group meetings to offer support to any who are divorced or separated or recovering from a broken relationship, recently or in the past. The next series of meeting starts in mid-February with groups based in South Liverpool and Aintree. More details from Maureen O’Brien, Marriage & Family Life Coordinator at LACE on 0151 522 1044 or email m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk

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MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Jess Harrison	973
TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Betty Lace	975
ASH WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2018 - THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT				
▶ 10.00am ◀	Sacred Heart	Mass	Marcus Reid	
▶ 7.00pm ◀	Holy Family	Mass	Parishioners	
<i>Please Note: No Mass at Belong Village on Wednesday of this week</i>				
THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Tom Sheehan	155
FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2018				
6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Stations of the Cross		
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Edith & John Burke	158
SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Fr. Tom Kennedy	161
SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2018 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	The Allen Family	
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LENT SPIRITUAL READING

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of daily Lent reflections. Copies of
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there is a range of booklets on sale at
the back of Holy Family Church.

THE SEASON OF LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday of this week we begin to embrace the Season of Lent through the sign of receiving ashes on our heads. Ashes will be distributed during Mass at 10.00am in Sacred Heart Church and at 7.00pm in Holy Family Church. Please also remember that Ash Wednesday is a Day of Fasting (cut down on the amount of food we eat) and Abstinence (eat no meat or, for any vegetarians and vegans, keep to a more simple diet on this day).

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Friday evenings during Lent at Sacred Heart Church at 6.15pm. If any group or individual would like to lead this prayer on a particular Friday please see Deacon Ken.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

On Sunday afternoon during Lent we will keep a Holy Hour at Holy Family Church from 3.00pm. This will be a reflection on the Way of the Cross (different each week) in the presence of the Lord exposed in the Blessed Sacrament.

LENT AND EASTER AWAY DAYS OF REFLECTION

The following Away Days are being offered at Saint Joseph's Prayer Centre, Formby, L37 1PH. Each day lasts from 10.30am until 3.30pm and includes lunch (donations welcome). For more details or bookings phone 01704 875850 or 07712 178670.

Saturday 17th February 2018 - Lenten Reflection Day: *The Poetry of the Psalms leading us deeper into the Mystery of Easter* led by Sister Annie Lunney SMG

Thursday 22nd February 2018 - *How to be a Catholic in the Twenty First Century* led by Father Chris Thomas

Saturday 3rd March 2018 - *Into the Wilderness with Jesus* led by Donna Worthington

Wednesday 14th March 2018 - Spirituality for the Autumn of Life: An inspiring DVD Course for the over sixties.

Tuesday 20th March 2018 – *Jesus: A Revolution of Tenderness and Love* led by Father Eamonn Mulcahy CSSP

Tuesday 24th April 2018 - A Day of Reflection for the Easter Season led by Bishop John Arnold of Salford Diocese

WELCOME

This weekend we welcome into the People of God and our Parish Community through the Celebration of Baptism: Isabella Jane Fitzpatrick-Maher, born on the 12th of February 2017, the daughter of Paul Maher and Sophie Fitzpatrick from Fourth Street, Bamfurlong.

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OSCAR ROMERO PRESENTATION

At the invitation of the Legion of Mary, Steve Atherton, Fieldworker with the Justice and Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, will be giving a Presentation about the life and work of Blessed Oscar Romero and his relevance for us today. This will take place in Sacred Heart Club, Hindley Green on Saturday the 24th of February from 2.00pm. If you intend to go along, please either sign the list on the notice board at the back of Sacred Heart Church or advise Susan Mines on 07952 822440.

HEALING, SIGNS & WONDERS CONFERENCE

The *Cor et Lumen Christi Community* invite you to join them at a "HEALING, SIGNS AND WONDERS" Conference taking place at Saint Paul's Catholic High School, Firbank Road, Wythenshawe, Manchester M23 2YS on Saturday the 3rd of March (9.30am to 9.30pm with Healing Service from 6.30pm) and Sunday the 4th of March (9.30am to 4.00pm) led by Damian Stayne, founder of the Vatican-endorsed Cor et Lumen Christi Community, and Father Pat Deegan, Parish Priest in Moss Side and Old Trafford. Mass will be celebrated each day and apart from an initial registration fee of £10 the conference is donation only. For booking and more details phone 07516 0785896 or see the website at www.coretlumenchristi.org Among responses to previous conferences are: "The combination of powerful praise, clear preaching, inspiring testimonies and faith-filled prayer make for a life-changing encounter" and "I was overwhelmed by the feeling of being flooded with love from the Lord."

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Mission Appeal	£221.80

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CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

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HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL JANUARY WINNERS

January 3rd	No. 44
January 10th	No. 45
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MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Jean McSheen	164
TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Raymond Hardinge	167
WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Mary Somers	170
3.00pm	Belong	Mass	Parishioners	---
THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2018 – FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Fr. Tom Kennedy	1606
FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2018 – COMMEMORATION OF SAINT POLYCARP				
6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Stations of the Cross		
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Alan Gorton	176
SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Jimmy Farrell	179
SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2018 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Annie Barrett	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Winifred & William Denton	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Johanna Bolger	
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The three "spiritual weapons" of
Lent are Prayer and Fasting and
Almsgiving. This annual Lenten Alms
Collection goes to a worthy cause
nominated by the Archbishop.

LENT MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

Dear friends, Lent is the favourable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, in the sacraments and in our neighbour, and for living in his word. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the various Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favour the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.

Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

With affection and the promise of my prayers for all of you, I send you my blessing. And, please, do not forget to pray for me.

Franciscus

Thursday – The Chair of Saint Peter

The chair (“cathedra”) of a bishop is a sign of his teaching authority and pastoral oversight of a local Church. This feast, which was first observed in fourth century Rome, celebrates Peter, first among the apostles, as the focus of unity for all in the communion of one faith.

Friday – Saint Polycarp

Born about the year 69, Polycarp died on this day about 155 at Smyrna (Turkey), where he had been the beloved and respected bishop. He was a disciple of Saint John the apostle and wrote to the Philippians to strengthen their faith and to defend the Church against heresy. Because of the account of his martyrdom he is remembered for his fearless acknowledgement of Christ. Polycarp is honoured as one of the apostolic fathers of the Church.

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Sunday Offertory £416.64

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NEXT FRIDAY: PRAY AND FAST FOR PEACE

Pope Francis has invited Christians, together with members of all faiths, and all women and men of goodwill, to join him in praying for an end to violence and conflict, especially in South Sudan and in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He has called a Day of Prayer and Fasting for next Friday, the 23rd of February, which falls during the first full week of Lent, when fasting from food and extra acts of charity are encouraged as a sign of penitence. He specifically asks members of other faiths to join in the initiative in any way they can and has highlighted the vital role that religions play in achieving and consolidating peace. He urges members of all faith communities to take up the appeal and to join in “moments of prayer, fasting and reflection, according to their own traditions and in their own places of worship Everyone, in their own conscience, before God, should ask: What can I do for peace? We certainly can pray, but we can act too: Each one of us can say concretely “no” in our own way to violence in any form.”

NEXT SATURDAY: OSCAR ROMERO PRESENTATION

At the invitation of the Legion of Mary, Steve Atherton, Fieldworker with the Justice and Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, will be giving a Presentation about the life and work of Blessed Oscar Romero and his relevance for us today. This will take place in Sacred Heart Club, Hindley Green next Saturday the 24th of February at 2.00pm. If you intend to go along, please either sign the list on the notice board at the back of Sacred Heart Church or advise Susan Mines on 07952 822440.

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SCRIPTURE MORNINGS AT IRENAEUS IN 2018

Reflections on the Book of Jeremiah Thursdays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March

A Look at the Acts of the Apostles Thursdays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th May

Exploring the Letter to the Philippians Thursdays 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th November

All taking place at Irenaeus, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 1RD from 10.30am to 12 noon and led by Father Chris Thomas. More details from jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or telephone 0151 949 1199 or visit www.irenaeus.co.uk

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR CAFOD'S LENT FAST DAY

As part of its aim to ensure that its overseas aid budget is now given to reputable organisations and used only for genuine humanitarian aid, the UK Government will match pound for pound whatever the Catholic community donates to CAFOD through next weekend's Lent Fast Day Appeal retiring collection.

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Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Johanna Bolger	
Sun. 3.00pm	Holy Family	Holy Hour with Way of the Cross		
MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Marie Burrows	181
TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Turner Family	184
WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Private Intention (V)	187
3.00pm	Belong	Mass	Parishioners	---
THURSDAY 1ST MARCH 2018 – FEAST OF SAINT DAVID, PATRON OF WALES				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Kevin Peter Carlon	190
FRIDAY 2ND MARCH 2018				
6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Stations of the Cross		
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Patrick McGlone	193
SATURDAY 3RD MARCH 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Raymond Southworth	196
SUNDAY 4TH MARCH 2018 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)				
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SAINT OF THE WEEK

Thursday – Saint David, Patron of Wales

The only native-born patron saint of the countries of Britain and Ireland. Born around the year 500, David became a renowned preacher, founding monastic settlements and churches in Wales, Brittany and southwest England. He and his monks followed a simple, austere life. They ploughed the fields by hand, rather than using oxen, and refrained from eating meat or drinking beer. David himself was reputed to have consumed only leeks and water – which is perhaps why the leek became a national symbol of Wales. David died on the 1st March 589 and was buried at the site of St. David's Cathedral, where his shrine was a popular place of pilgrimage throughout the Middle Ages. His last words to his followers came from a sermon he gave on the previous Sunday: 'Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do.'

WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER?

Wigan Catholic Primary Schools Direct (WCPSD) are looking for individuals who are passionate about working with younger children and have the potential to be outstanding teachers. They're holding an Open Day for anyone interested at Saint Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Hardybutts, Wigan, WN1 3RZ next Tuesday the 27th of February from 4.00pm to 6.00pm. For those who then wish to go on to take the next step, study days at Liverpool University will lead to a PGCE and QTS in primary teaching. For more information and updates visit www.wcpsd.org.uk

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RETREAT BREAK IN THE NORTH EAST

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HEALING, SIGNS & WONDERS CONFERENCE

The *Cor et Lumen Christi Community* invite you to join them at a "HEALING, SIGNS AND WONDERS" Conference taking place at Saint Paul's Catholic High School, Firbank Road, Wythenshawe, Manchester M23 2YS next weekend on Saturday the 3rd of March (9.30am to 9.30pm with Healing Service from 6.30pm) and Sunday the 4th of March (9.30am to 4.00pm) led by Damian Stayne, founder of the Vatican-endorsed Cor et Lumen Christi Community, and Father Pat Deegan, Parish Priest in Moss Side and Old Trafford. Mass will be celebrated each day and apart from an initial registration fee of £10 the conference is donation only. For booking and more details phone 07516 0785896 or see the website at www.coretlumenchristi.org Among responses to previous conferences are: "*The combination of powerful praise, clear preaching, inspiring testimonies and faith-filled prayer make for a life-changing encounter*" and "*I was overwhelmed by the feeling of being flooded with love from the Lord.*"

ROSARY AT SACRED HEART NEXT SUNDAY

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THE BRICK BOX

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THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family

Sunday Offertory	£472.17
Lenten Alms	£108.57

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	£588.50
Lenten Alms	£233.00

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Sun. 3.00pm	Holy Family	Holy Hour with Way of the Cross		
MONDAY 5TH MARCH 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Charles Hitchen	204
TUESDAY 6TH MARCH 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Fr. Tom Kennedy	207
WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Isabella Mills	210
3.00pm	Belong	Mass	Parishioners	---
THURSDAY 8TH MARCH 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Thelma Hewson	213
FRIDAY 9TH MARCH 2018				
6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Stations of the Cross		
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Kathleen Murphy	216
SATURDAY 10TH MARCH 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Turner Family	219
SUNDAY 11TH MARCH 2018 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)				
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Easter Cards other devotional
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this weekend?

TICKETS ARE ON SALE AFTER MASS AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH FROM THIS WEEKEND FOR THIS YEAR'S EASTER RAFFLE

"ADOREMUS" NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS FRIDAY 7TH TO SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018



Details are now emerging about the arrangements for the National Eucharistic Congress being held in Liverpool in September of this year with an estimated 10,000 delegates attending: Friday will be a Symposium Day with workshops for elected delegates, five of whom will be from our Deanery; Saturday will be the main Congress Day where presentations will be given by Bishop Robert Baron from the USA with two delegates attending from each parish in England and Wales; Sunday will be Pilgrimage Day with Solemn Mass in the Cathedral celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and all the Bishops of England and Wales. If you would like to be a Parish Delegate for the Congress Day on Saturday the 8th of September (two needed from Sacred Heart and two from Holy Family) please let Father Tony have your contact details ASAP. In the event of there being more than two people interested there will be a ballot.

FIRST ANNIVERSARIES

We continue to hold in our hearts and in prayer those whose First Anniversary of Death occur during March: Peter Sykes from Park Lane, Abram who died on the 3rd of March 2017 aged 78 years.

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IRENAEUS PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

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PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH THE SUFFERING CHURCH

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) invite you to join them in praying the Stations of the Cross for the Suffering Church at Our Lady Immaculate Church, Downall Green Road, Bryn next Friday the 9th of March at 7.00pm. Join in a moving spiritual pilgrimage, reflecting on the Stations of the Cross with each station being accompanied by a story and reflection based around one of the countries around the world where Christians are persecuted for their faith. The texts can be downloaded in advance from the resources section of the ACN website at www.acnuk.org

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

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VOCATION RETREAT FOR MEN AGED 30+

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Holy Family

Sunday Offertory	£440.01
Cafod Fast Day	£166.08

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RETIRING COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND

FOR NUGENT CARE (CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES)

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7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Bernard Derbyshire	225
TUESDAY 13TH MARCH 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Olive Green	227
WEDNESDAY 14TH MARCH 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Service of the Word with Communion		231
3.00pm	Belong	Service of the Word with Communion		---
THURSDAY 15TH MARCH 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Victoria Mills	234
FRIDAY 16TH MARCH 2018				
6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Stations of the Cross		
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Private Intention (V.)	238
SATURDAY 17TH MARCH 2018 – FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK, PATRON OF IRELAND				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Fr. Tom Kennedy	241
SUNDAY 18TH MARCH 2018 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)				
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Saint Patrick, Patron of Ireland

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FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION COURSE

The sixth meeting of the Preparation Course for parents and baptised Catholic children in Year Four or above, seeking to make their First Holy Communion, takes place this week: Next Wednesday the 14th of March at 5.45pm in Holy Family School or next Thursday the 15th of March at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart School. Parents and children are expected attend each of the meetings of the course and to be present in church for Mass each weekend. This sixth meeting has as its theme: *"Eucharist and Community: Jesus Brings us Together"*

DAY OF REFLECTION BY FATHER CHRIS THOMAS

Father Chris Thomas will lead a Day of Reflection next Saturday the 17th of March in Holy Family Parish Hall, Tram Street, Platt Bridge from 10.00am until 3.00pm. A buffet lunch will be included. In order to cater for the correct number, admission will be by tickets which are available from Deacon Mike Swift before or after Sunday Mass at Holy Family Church or telephone him on 01942 715177. The cost of each ticket is £7 to cover the cost of the buffet lunch.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Archbishop Malcolm invites you to join him in celebrating the Annual Marriage and Family Life Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool today, Sunday the 11th of March, at 11.00am. The Mass will include a special blessing for those celebrating significant anniversaries this year.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Archdiocese of Liverpool Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year will be from the 20th to the 27th of July with prices ranging from £749 to £849, depending on the standard of hotel accommodation, Contact Joe Walsh Tours on 0151 909 2871 for more details or visit the website www.joewalshstours.co.uk. In addition to welcoming independent and assisted pilgrims, there is an urgent need for doctors, nurses, healthcare professionals, adult helpers (age 18+ no experience required, just a willing pair of hands), musicians and singers. Contact 07484 911623 if you can help or see the website at www.liverpool-lourdes.co.uk

RETIRING COLLECTION AFTER MASS NEXT WEEK FOR CHURCH FLOWERS DURING EASTERTIME

THE SEASON OF LENT

FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Friday evenings at Sacred Heart Church at 6.15pm. If any group or individual would like to lead this prayer on a particular Friday please see Deacon Ken.

CELEBRATING RECONCILIATION

A priest will be available for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with anyone who may wish to do so, each Friday at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Church and each Saturday at 11.30am in Holy Family Church. At any other time on request.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

On Sunday afternoons we will keep a Holy Hour at Holy Family Church from 3.00pm. This will be a reflection on the Way of the Cross (different each week) in the presence of the Lord exposed in the Blessed Sacrament.

HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL FEBRUARY WINNERS

February 7th	No. 57
February 14th	No. 05
February 21st	No. 38
February 28th	No. 29

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family	
Sunday Offertory	£459.73
Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	£623.00

Our sincere thanks for recent donations to Holy Family Church:

From the members of the *Tramliners* Line Dancing Group a further donation of £500;

From the members of the Wednesday Afternoon Over 60's Friendship Club at Holy Family a further donation of £150;

From the family of the late May Fazakerley a donation of £100 in her memory.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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SUNDAY 18TH MARCH 2018 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Parishioners	Daily Missal Page Number
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Fr. Tom Kennedy	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Olive Green	
Sun. 3.00pm	Holy Family	Holy Hour with Way of the Cross		
MONDAY 19TH MARCH 2018 – SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Fr. Tom Kennedy	1638
TUESDAY 20TH MARCH 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Fr. Joseph Rimmer	253
10.30am	Holy Family	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.30am		
WEDNESDAY 21ST MARCH 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Ellen Connolly	257
3.00pm	Belong	Mass	Parishioners	- - -
THURSDAY 22ND MARCH 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Turner Family	260
1.00pm	Holy Family	Funeral Service for Dorothy Blinkhorn		
FRIDAY 23RD MARCH 2018				
6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Stations of the Cross		
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Intentions of L.I.S.C.F.	264
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SATURDAY 24TH MARCH 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Fr. Tom Kennedy	267
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
11.30am	Holy Family	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon		
SUNDAY 25TH MARCH 2018 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Frank Walsh	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Intentions of Joan Baines	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Bill Mangnall	
Sun. 3.00pm	Holy Family	Stations of the Cross (Bible Sharing Group)		

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING EASTERTIME

ANNUAL MASS OF CHRISM

WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH AT 7.30PM IN THE CATHEDRAL

Just once a year, during Holy Week in every diocese throughout the world, the diocesan family gathers to celebrate the Chrism Mass.

In the Archdiocese of Liverpool it will be celebrated this year on Wednesday of Holy Week, the 28th of March, at 7.30pm. The priests of the Archdiocese will gather to renew their Commitment to Ordination before the Archbishop and their parishioners, and the three Holy Oils will be blessed and consecrated before being taken to all the parishes of the Archdiocese to be used with families and individuals throughout the coming year in the celebration of the sacraments.

Especially if you've never attended the Chrism Mass before, why not come along this year? No need to sign up – just turn up on the day. A coach will leave at 6.00pm on the day from Sacred Heart Church, picking up from the old Monaco Ballroom in Hindley at 6.05pm and from Holy Family Church at 6.10pm to arrive at the Cathedral for 7.00pm in good time for the Mass. Departure from the Cathedral will be at around 9.30pm, getting you home for about 10.30pm.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Dorothy Blinkhorn of Westwood Lodge Care Home, Wigan and formerly from Marlborough Avenue, Spring View who died on the 11th of March aged 88 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church on Thursday of this week at 1.00pm prior to burial at Westwood Cemetery. May the Lord welcome her home.

HOLY FAMILY CLUB - MANAGER VACANCY

There is a vacancy with immediate effect for a Steward / Bar Manager for Holy Family Catholic Club, Platt Bridge. Letters of Application should be sent to the Secretary, Graham Atkinson, at Holy Family Catholic Club, Tram Street Platt Bridge, Wigan, WN2 5JE. Applications for part-time Bar Staff also welcome. Interested parties are welcome to visit the Club which is open each day from 3.00pm. Closing date for applications is the 31st of March 2018.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you haven't already done so, the new Offertory Envelopes are available for you to collect from the Gordon Room at Sacred Heart Church and from the back of church at Holy Family. They come into use from Sunday the 8th of April. Gift Aiders have been allocated a numbered box of envelopes with their name and address written on the box: Unnumbered envelopes are available for any non Gift-Aiders to take.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS – OUR PARISH DELEGATES

We now have a delegate from each parish to attend the National Eucharistic Congress taking place in Liverpool in September this year: Peter Weatherhead for Sacred Heart and Elizabeth Fairhurst for Holy Family. Our thanks to them.

THE PIETY SHOP

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CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER VACANCY

The Archdiocese of Liverpool is seeking to recruit an exceptional candidate as our first Chief Operating Officer. Working closely with the Archbishop, the Moderator of the Curia, the Trustees and leads of each department in the Archdiocesan Offices, our Chief Operating Officer will lead the work of all lay personnel who work at the Archdiocesan Offices to ensure they provide the most effective and responsive support to the parishes within the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

You will be a collaborative, emotionally intelligent leader who has a passion for the Church and a proven track record of leading change in a large organisation(s). With significant commercial experience you will have the ability to make decisions to balance financial pressures with the diverse interests of the Archdiocese and the wider public. We are seeking a strategic thinker who is able to work with others to develop a strategy and create and sustain structures to successfully implement it. Exceptional communication skills are essential along with the ability to influence a variety of different types of people. This appointment represents an exciting opportunity for someone with vision, commitment and skill to develop the Archdiocesan Offices so they are best able to support parishes in the Archdiocese of Liverpool respond to the challenges and opportunities of the future.

For further details, please email recruitment@kinharvie.org.uk to receive an information pack which gives further information about the post and details how to apply for the position. Deadline for applications is 5pm on Tuesday, 3rd April 2018.

► CLOCKS GO FORWARD NEXT WEEKEND ◀

Don't forget that British Daylight Saving Time begins next weekend and the clocks will go forward by one hour at 2.00am on the morning of Sunday the 25th of March.

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FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS

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TUESDAY EXPOSITION

As part of our preparation for the National Eucharist Congress, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Family Church on the Tuesdays of Lent after Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am. During this time the children from Year Six at Holy Family School will visit the church to spend some time in prayer and adoration before the Lord. We hope many of you will come along to join them.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

This afternoon (Sunday) we will keep a Holy Hour at Holy Family Church from 3.00pm. This will be a reflection on the Way of the Cross in the presence of the Lord exposed before us in the Blessed Sacrament.

Next Sunday afternoon (Palm Sunday) members of the Monday Evening Bible Sharing Group will lead the praying of the Stations of the Cross in Holy Family Church at 3.00pm with members of other local Christian communities.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family	
Sunday Offertory	£490.74
Nugent Care	£ 54.91
Sacred Heart	
Sunday Offertory	£573.00
Nugent Care	£163.00

RETIRING COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND

FOR THE UPKEEP OF THE HOLY PLACES

SUNDAY 25TH MARCH 2018

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Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Intentions of Joan Baines	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Bill Mangnall	
Sun. 3.00pm	Holy Family	Stations of the Cross (Bible Sharing Group)		
MONDAY 26TH MARCH 2018				
12 noon	Sacred Heart	Funeral Service for Evelyn Silcock		
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	William Mills	270
TUESDAY 27TH MARCH 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	The Lloyd Family	273
WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Service of the Word with Communion		277
12 noon	Holy Family	Funeral Mass for Peggy Mason		
3.00pm	Belong	Service of the Word with Communion		---

THE EASTER TRIDUUM LITURGY

HOLY THURSDAY 29TH MARCH 2018 - A DAY OF PRAYER AND PREPARATION				
Please Note: No Morning Mass on this day				
8.00pm	Sacred Heart	Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper		
Silent Prayer and Watching at the Altar of Repose until Night Prayer at 10.00pm				
GOOD FRIDAY 30TH MARCH 2018 – A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Morning Prayer and Stations of the Cross		
3.00pm	Holy Family	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion		
HOLY SATURDAY 31ST MARCH 2018 – A DAY OF SILENCE AND ANTICIPATION				
Please Note – No Morning Liturgy on this day				
EASTER SUNDAY 1ST APRIL 2018 – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD				
Sat. 8.00pm	Sacred Heart	Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter		
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Eric Rawsthorne & Rita Hesketh	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Kevin Peter Carlon	

THE SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY 29TH MARCH 2018

Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper in Sacred Heart Church at 8.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY 30TH MARCH 2018

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion in Holy Family Church at 3.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY 31ST MARCH 2018

Easter Vigil & The First Mass of Easter in Sacred Heart Church at 8.00pm

The Easter Triduum is one continuous Liturgy which is celebrated by the same community but over three days, pausing between each day to reflect personally and in our homes on what it is that we are celebrating. As members of one community we move between Sacred Heart Church and Holy Family Church over the various stages of the three-day Easter Triduum Liturgy.

If you intend coming along to all three of the aspects of the Easter Triduum Liturgy at both Sacred Heart Church and Holy Family Church (and we sincerely hope you will) and you have a car, please consider offering a lift to someone who also wishes to come but who may need transport. Alternately, three or four individuals could get together and arrange to book and share a taxi.

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND **FOR THE UPKEEP OF THE HOLY PLACES**

The expense of maintaining the sites associated with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in the Holy Land is too much for the small Christian community which lives there. The whole catholic community shares that burden through this annual collection for the Upkeep of those Holy Places.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of:

Evelyn Silcock, formerly of Rathen Avenue, Higher Ince who died on the 6th of March aged 81 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church next Monday at 12 noon prior to burial at Westwood Cemetery.

Margaret (Peggy) Mason, formerly of Lily Lane, Platt Bridge, who died on the 13th of March aged 92 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church next Wednesday at 12 noon prior to burial at Ince Cemetery.

May the Lord welcome them home.

PALM SUNDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross this afternoon (Palm Sunday) will be led by members of the Monday Evening Bible Sharing Group with involvement by members of some of the other local Christian communities. If you haven't yet prayed the Way of the Cross during Lent, why not come along today?

TUESDAY EXPOSITION

As part of our preparation for the National Eucharist Congress, the last of our three Tuesday morning Hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at Holy Family Church this Tuesday after Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am. During this time the children from Year Six at Holy Family School will visit the church to spend some time in prayer and adoration before the Lord. We hope many of you will come too.

WEDNESDAY MASS OF CHRISM

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SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL MASS

Please note that the Vigil and First Mass of Easter will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church next Saturday at 8.00pm: There will be no earlier 5.30pm Sunday Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Church next weekend.

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POPE FRANCIS ON HOLY WEEK



"God's way of acting may seem so far removed from our own, that he was annihilated for our sake, while it seems difficult for us to even forget ourselves a little. He comes to save us: We are called to choose his way, the way of service, of giving, of forgetfulness of ourselves. Let us walk this path, pausing in these days to gaze upon the Crucifix.

I invite you during this week to gaze often upon this "royal seat of God", to learn about the humble love which saves and gives life, so that we may give up all selfishness, and the seeking of power and fame.

By humbling himself, Jesus invites us to walk on his path. Let us turn our faces to him, let us ask for the grace to understand at least something of the mystery of his obliteration for our sake; and then, in silence, let us contemplate the mystery of this Week."

Franciscus

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family

Sunday Offertory	£387.68
Easter Flowers	£56.96

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	£534.00
Easter Flowers	£116.00

The Easter Raffle raised £135 for Holy Family Church. Our Sincere thanks to those who organised it and to all who supported it.

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Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Kevin Peter Carlon	
EASTER MONDAY 2ND APRIL 2018				
▶ 10.00am ◀	Sacred Heart	Mass	Winifred Sherlock	289
EASTER TUESDAY 3RD APRIL 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Victoria Mills	293
EASTER WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Marcus Reid	295
3.00pm	Belong	Mass	Parishioners	---
EASTER THURSDAY 5TH APRIL 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Private Intention	299
12.45pm	Holy Family	Funeral Service for John Doran		
EASTER FRIDAY 6TH APRIL 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Thomas & Elizabeth Cooke	302
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
EASTER SATURDAY 7TH APRIL 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	In Thanksgiving (B)	305
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
11.30am	Holy Family	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon		
SUNDAY 8TH APRIL 2018 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Michael Mills	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Vincent Moore	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	In Thanksgiving (AFM)	
Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism		

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

When everyone thought that the final word had been spoken, God suddenly breaks in, upsets all the rules and offers new possibilities. This is God's surprise for his faithful people: "Rejoice! Hidden within your life is a seed of resurrection, an offer of life ready to be awakened."

That is what this day calls us to proclaim: The heartbeat of the Risen Lord. Christ is alive! That is what quickened the pace of Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. That is what made them return in haste to tell the news (Mt 28:8). That is what made them lay aside their mournful gait and sad looks. They returned to the city to meet up with the others.

Now that, like the two women, we have visited the tomb, I ask you to go back with them to the city. Let us all retrace our steps and change the look on our faces. Let us go back with them to tell the new in all those places where the grave seems to have the final word, where death seems the only way out. Let us go back to proclaim, to share, to reveal that it is true: The Lord is alive! He is living and he wants to rise again in all those who have buried hope, buried dreams, buried dignity. If we cannot let the Spirit lead us on this road, then we are not truly Christians.

Let us allow ourselves then to be surprised by this new dawn and by the newness that Christ alone can give. Let us allow his tenderness and his love to guide our steps. Let us allow the beating of his heart to quicken our faintness of heart.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of John Doran from Ruskin Crescent, Abram who died on the 20th of March aged 69 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family next Thursday at 12.45pm followed by committal at Howe Bridge Crematorium. May the Lord welcome him home.

FIRST ANNIVERSARIES

Our congratulations to those celebrating their First Anniversaries of Baptism during this month: Logan James Fairhurst, son of Jason Fairhurst and Danielle Roberts from Whistley Street, Platt Bridge, who was baptised at Holy Family Church on the 23rd of April 2017 by Deacon Mike; Benjamin Harraghy, son of Eion and Charlotte Harraghy from Long Lane, Hindley Green who was baptised at Sacred Heart Church also on the 23rd of April 2017 by Deacon Ken; Alex Andrew Lancaster, son of Darren and Deborah Lancaster from Ruskin Crescent, Abram who was baptised at Holy Family Church on the 30th of April 2017 by Deacon Mike; and Freya Dorothy Beardsworth, daughter of Steven and Laura Beardsworth from Askwith Road, Hindley Green who was baptised at Sacred Heart Church also on the 30th of April 2017 by Deacon Ken.

And we continue to hold in prayer those whose First Anniversary of Death will occur during April: Vera Brown from Carr Street, Platt Bridge who died on the 12th of April 2017 aged 77 years; Winifred Miller from Oak Avenue, Hindley Green who died on the 18th of April 2017 aged 83 years; Phyllis Hackett from Langdale Crescent, Abram who died on the 27th of April 2017 aged 96 years; and Sheila Lomas from Kenilworth Drive, Hindley Green who died on the 29th of April 2017 aged 78 years.

IRENAEUS SCRIPTURE WEEKEND

Celebrating Easter but with an eye towards Pentecost, the Irenaeus Team are hosting a Scripture Weekend led by Father Chris Thomas from Friday the 13th to Sunday the 15th of April with the theme *"The Advocate will teach you everything ..."* and reflecting on the Holy Spirit in the Gospel according to Saint John. The suggested donation is £85 (residential) or £60 (non-residential with meals) or £20 (non-residential bringing sandwiches). To book contact Irenaeus on 0151 949 1199 or email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

TAKE A BREAK WITH THE CATHOLIC PIC

The *Catholic Pictorial*, the free monthly magazine of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, is organising a series of breaks open to everyone:

Tuesday 24th to Friday 27th April - A Retreat-cum-Holiday Mid-Week Break led by Father Peter Morgan, a Liverpool Parish Priest, based at Minsteracres and visiting Lindisfarne, Durham and York. Cost is £325

Tuesday 22nd May - A Retreat Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Ladyewell, Preston led by Father Peter Morgan. Cost is £15

Away Days to Carnforth (6th June) and Clitherow (26th June) and Grasmere (10th July) and Ness Gardens (17th July). Cost is £15 for each Away Day.

For more details about any of the above, or to book a place on one or more of them, please telephone the Catholic Pictorial on 0151 733 5492

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH EASTER RAFFLE RESULTS

1st Prize	Jewellery (£250)	Pink 266	Jim Baker (Asda)
2nd Prize	Giant Teddy Bear	Yellow 76	Mary Marsh
3rd Prize	Easter Egg	Pink 11	Mr. Hampson
4th Prize	Easter Egg	Pink 461	Rita Wilkie

Any prizes not already received can be collected from Muriel McGuire

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Sunday Offertory	£430.20
Holy Places	£103.28

Sacred Heart

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Holy Places	£164.00

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Sunday following Easter Day and is celebrated by many Catholics as the Feast of Divine Mercy. Churches within the Archdiocese who would welcome you to join them next Sunday at 3.00pm in celebrating the Divine Mercy Devotions include Saint Mary's, Wigan; Holy Family, New Springs; Sacred Heart, Chorley; and Saint Mary's, Leyland.

THE BRICK BOX

The box in the piety shop at the back of each church is there to receive any contributions you may wish to make towards the food bank which is run by The Brick to support those who are homeless or down on their luck in the Wigan area. Donations are welcome of any non-perishable food items - tins, packet food and dried goods such as rice and pasta, as well as baby food and nappies and basic toiletries.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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SUNDAY 8TH APRIL 2018 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Michael Mills	Missal Page Number
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Vincent Moore	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	In Thanksgiving (AJM)	
MONDAY 9TH APRIL 2018 – SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Edith Harrison	1645
TUESDAY 10TH APRIL 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Intentions of L.I.S.C.F.	311
WEDNESDAY 11TH APRIL 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Thomas Winrow	314
3.00pm	Belong	Mass	Parishioners	---
THURSDAY 12TH APRIL 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	William Ronald Lloyd	317
FRIDAY 13TH APRIL 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Frances Dales	320
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SATURDAY 14TH APRIL 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Holy Souls	323
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
11.30am	Holy Family	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon		
SUNDAY 15TH APRIL 2018 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Peter & Esther Flynn	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Vincent Scott	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Kevin Hesketh	

"Truth on my tongue, his way to guide my walking – and I shall live, not I but Christ in me." Those of us of a certain age may recognise these words as being part of the hymn specially composed for the National Pastoral Congress hosted by the Archdiocese in 1980, and they sum up well the attitude of an Easter People whose song today and in this great 50-day season of Eastertide is "Alleluia!"

The reason the Church's liturgy 'fasted' from the use of this familiar word during the days of Lent was precisely so that when it did make its return at the proclamation of the Resurrection in the great Vigil and First Mass of Easter Day it had all the more impact. The singing of the great triple "Alleluia" of Easter Day allowed the church to burst into song almost as Christ bursts into the upper room with the words 'Peace be with you'. The Alleluia (the 'Praise God') of the Church on Easter Day is as if we are saying to the world, 'You can be assured, be at peace, be confident that even that which is most feared, that which is most perturbing, that which is seemingly the final end to all your hopes and expectations is itself conquered by the One who has died and is now Risen.'

The Paschal Candle which now stands in church next to the Lectern, the place of the Proclamation of the Word of God in the liturgy, enlightens not only our hearing and understanding of the Scriptures but also the reality of our own stories, our own everyday experiences and lives. It is literally 'in the light of Christ' that we are brought to understand and appreciate the working of God's Holy Spirit in our world, in our parish, in our family and community.

Canon Philip Gillespie

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Monday

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

The date of this feast is usually the 25th of March but, since that date fell on Palm Sunday this year, the celebration is transferred to the first available free date after Easter Week. It is a feast of the Lord, commemorating the Incarnation, the announcement to the Virgin Mary of the Word made flesh, Mary's acceptance of God's will, and the conception of Christ nine months before Christmas. Its occurrence close to Easter links the incarnation with the whole mystery of redemption in Christ.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS

The Pastoral Formation Department of the Archdiocese of Liverpool are hosting a one-hour Dementia Information Session for the parishes of our deanery. It takes place next Thursday the 12th of April at 7.00pm at All Saints Church, Golborne. Those suffering from dementia should feel welcomed, accepted and un-threatened, and especially in our churches. This brief session helps us to be aware of that and better equipped to respond to their needs. Everyone is welcome to go along.

ARE YOU A TAX PAYER?

We have just begun a new Tax Year so, if you are not already a Gift-Aider, but pay tax on your earnings (wages, investments or pension) then please do consider joining the scheme. Gift Aid allows us to maximize any donations you make to the Church so that for every £1 you give, HMRC will return a further 25p to us at the end of the Tax Year. So if, for example, you give £10 a week to the church, over the course of a year your total giving will be £520.00. But if you Gift Aid, then the total the parish receives would be £650. If you would like to begin Gift-Aiding just pop a note with your name, address and phone number into the offertory collection basket saying "I want to Gift Aid!" and someone will contact you. Our deepest thanks to Kath Morris at Sacred Heart and Elizabeth Fairhurst at Holy Family who do all the paperwork and administer the Gift Aid Scheme for us in our two parishes to make it all possible.

DEFENDING THE UNBORN

In light of the current situation in the Republic of Ireland, the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) has launched a petition calling on the Prime Minister not to give any parliamentary support to any moves to decriminalise abortion in the UK. Decriminalising abortion would strip unborn children of any remaining legal protection. The petition can be signed online by going to www.spuc.org.uk. The closing date for signing the petition is the 27th of April.

MEN IN THE ARENA

Care for the Family are holding an Event for Men on Wednesday the 2nd of May at Claremont Church, Bolton, BL1 2BY. This evening event hopes to give men the chance to hear some practical and tested advice that will help to face life's challenges, ready to deal with the problems which can affect important relationships, work, and the Christian life. The event promises: "With the help of God and those around you, find the inner strength to establish winning habits, beat burnout, find the balance, develop a world-class attitude." The speakers will be Rob Parsons OBE, founder of *Care for the Family*, and Gerrit Bantjes, a former British Army paratrooper and fitness coach to Cardiff Rugby Club. For more information and to book a place, visit the website at www.cff.org.uk/inthearena

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THANK YOU

Holy Family

Easter Offertory £605.23

Sacred Heart

Easter Offertory £724.50

The Offertory Collection taken during the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at Sacred Heart Church realised £150 for Aid to the Church in Need which supports persecuted Christians around the world.

Heartfelt thanks for a donation of £50 to Sacred Heart Church funds given on Holy Thursday night by an anonymous donor.

And our thanks for a further donation of £150 to Holy Family Church from the members of the Wednesday Friendship Club.

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HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL MARCH WINNERS

March 7th	No. 29
March 14th	No. 15
March 21st	No. 45
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Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Kevin Hesketh	
Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism and Confirmation		
MONDAY 16TH APRIL 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Thomas O'Connell	325
TUESDAY 17TH APRIL 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Private Intention	328
WEDNESDAY 18TH APRIL 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Fr. Thomas Maher	331
3.00pm	Belong	Mass	Parishioners	---
THURSDAY 19TH APRIL 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Private Intention	334
FRIDAY 20TH APRIL 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Smyth and Burke Families	337
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SATURDAY 21ST APRIL 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Intentions of LISCF	340
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
11.30am	Holy Family	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon		
SUNDAY 22ND APRIL 2018 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Intentions of Chris & Bill England	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Intentions of Joan Baines	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Richard and May Eddleston	

Can you really become who you want to be? That is a common question these days and, in many cases, it is possible. As social, financial and class restrictions have diminished, opportunities have increased for my generation and those that follow. But what are the limits to this kind of aspiration? Because of better education, many people over the last 100 years have been lifted out of poverty and have careers that would have been reserved for people of a different class. Many of us have become world explorers as we travel the globe on holiday or business experiencing people and cultures which at one time were only available to us through film and literature. Much of what we have achieved is through hard work and the progress of technology. One difficulty for me is that this can exclude God from our understanding of ourselves. Dr Stephen Bullivant's recent research at St Mary's Catholic University shows that religion plays no part in the life of many of the younger generations. Could this be because they believe that God played no part in their creation and does not feature in their futures?

The resurrection of Jesus puts a very different slant on this modern way of thinking. It reminds us that our ultimate aim is not to satisfy our own ambitions but to be the way God wants us to be. Through the trials of life, we will rise to life, not because of our own efforts but because the Son of Man, lifted up from the earth, has drawn all people to himself.

Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP
Archbishop of Liverpool

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

The seventh and final meeting of the Preparation Course for parents and baptised Catholic children in Year Four or above, seeking to make their First Holy Communion, takes place this week: Next Tuesday the 17th of April at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart School or next Wednesday the 18th of April at 5.45pm in Holy Family School. **Please note a change of date for the meeting at Sacred Heart – from Thursday to Tuesday.** This meeting has as its theme: “*Jesus Calls us to Follow him – Receiving the Eucharist.*”

The children will receive their First Holy Communion during Masses celebrated on Saturday the 19th of May at 12 noon at Sacred Heart Church and on Saturday the 9th of June at 12 noon at Holy Family Church. Please continue to hold them and their parents in prayer during these final weeks of their preparation.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

We welcome into God’s Easter People and our Parish Family through the celebration of Baptism and Confirmation this weekend at Sacred Heart Church: Lucy Erica Crossland, aged nine years, the daughter of Steven Crossley and Rachael Leyland from Boscombe Place, Hindley. Lucy is among those who are preparing to begin to receive the Lord in the Eucharist and so will go on to make her First Holy Communion with the rest of the children on Saturday the 19th of May at Sacred Heart Church.

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And please continue your financial generosity, because the work continues: The exterior of the church (gutterings, drains, doors and windows) will very shortly be repainted, to be followed in the near future by the church car park being resurfaced to (finally!) eliminate the potholes. This will complete the renovation work.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Fully escorted Five Day Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland from Monday the 10th of September 2018. Cost is £599 per person sharing. Price includes flights with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights board in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and Four Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at a supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings are welcome. Please contact Patricia by phone on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

PUTTING THE FUN INTO FUNDRAISING

Wigan and Leigh Hospice are holding a series of fundraising challenges throughout 2018 which may be of interest to some: Skydive on the 10th of June – Jump out of a plane 11,000 feet about the ground! A 63 mile Bike Ride from Manchester to Blackpool on the 8th of July. A 10k Fun Run around Leigh town centre on the 12th of August. A 300 mile Bike Ride from London to Paris through the English and French countryside. For more details about these and other exciting events see www.wlh.org.uk or email fundraising@wlh.org.uk or telephone 01942 525566 between 9.00am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

THE PRIESTS IN CONCERT

Nugent Care together with the Friends of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral present “THE PRIESTS – LIVE IN CONCERT” at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall with guest soprano Danielle Thomas on Friday the 1st of June from 7.30pm. Tickets are available from the Philharmonic Hall Box Office on 0151 709 3789 or at www.liverpoolphil.com or from the Metropolitan Cathedral Gift Shop. All proceeds in aid of Nugent Care and the Metropolitan Cathedral.

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REQUESTS FOR BAPTISM

Expectant parents are always welcome to take part in the Baptism Preparation Course even before the birth of their child. See Father Tony after Mass any weekend to pick up a Baptism Information leaflet. Preparation Courses for parents requesting Baptism for their children take place four times a year, in March, June, September and December.

► **Advance Notice** ◀

**RETIRING COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE
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MONDAY 23RD APRIL 2018 – SOLEMNITY OF SAINT GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	In Thanksgiving (V)	1665
TUESDAY 24TH APRIL 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Ita Mary Harrington	347
WEDNESDAY 25TH APRIL 2018 – FEAST OF SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Intentions of Mrs. E. Flynn	1671
3.00pm	Belong	Mass	Intentions of All in Belong	- - -
THURSDAY 26TH APRIL 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Private Intention	353
FRIDAY 27TH APRIL 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Sanches Family	356
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SATURDAY 28TH APRIL 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Parishioners	358
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
11.30am	Holy Family	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon		
SUNDAY 29TH APRIL 2018 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	60th Birthday (Keane)	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Ints. of Nora & Maureen Delaney	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Francis Turner	
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism		
Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism		

RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY FOR THE PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

TODAY IS VOCATIONS SUNDAY AND A DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Although the number of new priests ordained each year never equals the number of those who retire or will die, this year we will be blessed with three new priests: Philip Carr, Anthony Kelly and Carl Muggan are due to be ordained to the priesthood at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday the 7th of July. This will be a diocesan celebration and everyone is welcome to attend. (To obtain tickets email church@stcharles.org.uk and they will be posted to you). Please hold Philip, Anthony and Carl in prayer during these final weeks of preparation.

We currently have twelve men in various stages of formation for priesthood in futures years and two men who are in the process of applying for seminary. Them too we hold before the Lord, praying that more will be inspired to join them in the coming years maybe even some from our own families and parishes. If you, or someone you know, feels called to serve God as a priest then they may wish to join the discernment group which meets at Saint Charles Borromeo Church in Aigburth, Liverpool on the first Saturday of each month. Contact Father James Preston, the Vocations Director, for more details at frjamespreston@gmail.com



SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday: Saint George

George was martyred at Lydda (Israel) around 303 during the persecution of Christians by the emperor Diocletian. Devotion to him spread quickly. During the crusades, George was seen to personify the ideals of Christian chivalry, and he was adopted as patron of several countries, including England.

Wednesday: Saint Mark

Mark died about the year 74. He is usually identified with the John Mark whose mother's house in Jerusalem was a meeting place for the apostles, and with the young man who followed Christ after his arrest (Mark 14:51). A cousin of Saint Barnabas, Mark accompanied Apostle Paul on his first missionary journey and later went with him to Rome. A companion of Apostle Peter, he is traditionally credited with the gospel which reflects Peter's teaching and memoirs. Mark is honoured as the founder of the Church in Alexandria.

Coming Soon ... INSPIRED BY THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

On Friday the 4th of May we will keep the Feast of the English Martyrs. Mass will be celebrated in their honour at 7.00pm on that day in Sacred Heart Church followed by a Presentation on the Lancaster Martyrs given by Christopher Robson, representative for Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) in the Lancaster Diocese. All are welcome and we hope many will come along - bring your Catholic friends from other parishes too! A retiring collection will be taken after the Presentation for the work of ACN which supports Christians who are being persecuted for their faith today.

Coming Soon ... INSPIRED BY MARY, MOTHER AND DISCIPLE OF THE LORD

The Legion of Mary are running a new DVD Course on the life of Mary and entitled "Let it Be Done Unto Me According To Your Word" and filmed around the world with inspiring scenes, well-known contributors and down-to-earth speakers about how the example of Mary, the Mother and Disciple of the Lord, can help us grow in our everyday faith. The Course will take place between 2.00pm and 3.30pm over five Saturdays beginning on the 26th of May in Sacred Heart Club, Hindley Green. All welcome – bring your friends, children and grandchildren along! (Please sign your name on the list at the back of each church if you intend to come so that enough copies of the book accompanying the course can be provided)

REGULAR SOCIAL GROUPS - NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

LINE DANCING - Monday afternoons from 1.00pm to 3.00pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Contact Sylvia Delargy on 01942 521482.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP - Monday evenings at 7.00pm in Saint Wilfrid's Church, Bolton Road, Stubshaw Cross, Ashton. Contact Deacon Mike Swift on 01942 715177.

LEGION OF MARY - Tuesdays at 10.30am in Holy Family Church or Thursdays at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Church. Contact Mary Marsh (Holy Family) on 01942 701091 or Susan Mines (Sacred Heart) on 07952 822440

OVER 60's FRIENDSHIP CLUBS - Wednesdays at 12.30pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Contact Kath Prior on 01942 861995. Also on Wednesdays at 2.00pm in Sacred Heart Club. Contact Maureen Dalton on 01942 253132.

BROWNIES & GUIDES - Wednesday in Holy Family Parish Hall from 6.30pm to 8.00pm for Brownies and from 8.00pm to 9.00pm for Guides. Contact Sheila Marcroft on 861981

MOTHERS' PRAYERS - Mothers praying for their children. Thursdays in Holy Family Parish Hall at 2.00pm. More details from Mary Marsh on 01942 701091.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT - For all finding it hard to cope after the loss of a loved one. Meets on the last Saturday of each month at 12.15pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Contact Mary Marsh on 01942 701091

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FUNCTION ROOM FOR HIRE

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WIGAN HOSPICE FARMERS' MARKET

There's a Farmers' Market and Craft Fayre taking place at Wigan and Leigh Hospice in Kildare Street, Hindley next Sunday the 29th of April between 9.00am and 3.00pm. Be tempted by delicious food, shop for gifts, and soak up the atmosphere while supporting the work of our local hospice.

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MONDAY 30TH APRIL 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	In Thanksgiving (V)	361
TUESDAY 1ST MAY 2018 – OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Edna Hurst	364
WEDNESDAY 2ND MAY 2018 – MEMORIAL OF SAINT ATHANASIUS				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Private Intention	367
3.00pm	Belong	Mass	Intentions of All in Belong	---
THURSDAY 3RD MAY 2018 – FEAST OF SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Private Intention	1688
FRIDAY 4TH MAY 2018 – FEAST OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Private Intention	1691
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Presentation on The Lancaster Martyrs		
SATURDAY 5TH MAY 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Fr. Gerald Hurst	376
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
11.30am	Holy Family	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon		
SUNDAY 6TH MAY 2018 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Parishioners	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Private Intention	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Maurice McCarthy	
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The challenge of Easter for all of us is to ask where our faith lies. Is it in the words of the Bible? Or in the Church who gave us the Bible? Or is our faith in a living Lord who is bigger than Church and Bible, a Lord who is with us and whose presence gives our lives an energy and a dynamism that we wouldn't have without him?

I came across this from the Canadian Oblate priest Ronald Rolheiser: "The resurrection of Christ challenges us to new life – to believe, precisely, that there are surprises hidden at the heart of death: that every scream, tear and cry is redeemed, and that God's laughter is stronger than death. Ultimately, belief in the resurrection asks us to believe that, despite a strong experience to the contrary, reality is gracious, light does triumph over darkness, love over self-interest, justice over oppression, peace over chaos, fulfilment over hunger. Faith in the resurrection is the trust that, in the end, everything is good."

Let us pray in this Easter season for the courage to look beyond and to believe that God can be trusted, and let us look at what can be, at times, a very troubled and broken world, for glimpses of the risen Lord so that our faith in him will not be overcome.

Father Chris Thomas
From the Ireneus Family of Prayer

COMMEMORATING THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

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This commemoration, instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955, proposes the example and intercession of Joseph as worker and provider for the family of Nazareth. On this date many countries celebrate the dignity and cause of human labour.

Wednesday – Saint Athanasius

Athanasius was born in 295 and died in 373 at Alexandria (Egypt). He attended the first ecumenical Council of Nicaea as a deacon. Later, as bishop of Alexandria, he upheld that council's doctrine in the face of great opposition from Arians, including several emperors. Athanasius was sent into exile a number of times. He is venerated as the "Father of Orthodoxy" for championing the true and equal divinity of the incarnate Son of God.

Thursday – Saints Philip and James

Philip, from Bethsaida in Galilee, became a disciple of Jesus and one of the twelve. He is recorded in the Fourth Gospel as recognising in Jesus the one foretold by Moses and the prophets (John 1:45) and as introducing Gentiles to the Lord (John 12:20-22). According to Acts 8:5, he was the first to preach the gospel to non-Jews. James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve called by Jesus (Mark 3:18ff.). Known as James the Less, he has been venerated traditionally as the author of the letter of James and as leader of the Church in Jerusalem, where he died in the year 62. The joint feast of Philip and James has been celebrated in Rome since at least the sixth century.

Friday – The English Martyrs

This feast commemorates the many who gave their lives during the years of the English Reformation in the 16th and 17th Centuries. They came from every walk of life: There are among them rich and poor, married and single, women and men, old and young, ordained and lay. They are remembered for the example they gave of constancy in their faith and courage in the face of persecution.

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VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN

The FCJ (Faithful Companions of Jesus) Sisters invite young women in their 20's and 30's to a vocation discernment weekend being held at their home in Liverpool from the 25th to the 27th of May, giving an opportunity to live community life and meet some sisters. There will be input from the sisters on different aspects of the vowed life as well as time for reflection, prayer and discussion with other young women who may also be considering a vocation to religious life. For more information contact Sr. Lynne at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit the FCJ website at www.fcjsisters.org

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family

Sunday Offertory	£372.13
Priests Training Fund	£150.38

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	£549.00
Priests Training Fund	£303.00

Our deep thanks to Pat Scholes for a donation of £100 to the cost of the renovation work at Holy Family Church in memory of her brother, the late Father Gerald Hurst.

ARCHDIOCESAN VACANCY SYNOD 2020 CO-ORDINATOR

This is a 3-year Project role, required from the 1st of September 2018, working for 35 hours per week, to include evenings and weekends. Salary is £24,000 to £26,000 per annum with five weeks holiday plus pension scheme. Applicants must have pastoral experience in a Church context, experience of encouraging and mentoring others, the ability to manage and deliver projects, a good standard of education to degree level or equivalent and be a committed member of the Catholic Church. A qualification in theology and some experience working collaboratively would be advantageous. The closing date is Wednesday the 9th of May 2018, with an interview date of Wednesday the 30th of May 2018.

To apply please visit:
www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs

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Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Parishioners	Weekday Missal Page Number
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Private Intention	
Sun. 9.50am	Sacred Heart	Praying of the Rosary (Legion of Mary)		
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Maurice McCarthy	
MONDAY 7TH MAY 2018				
▶ 10.00am ◀	Sacred Heart	Mass	Private Intention	379
TUESDAY 8TH MAY 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Fr. Gerald Hurst	381
WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY 2018				
Please note: No Morning Mass at Sacred Heart Church – Mass at 7.00pm today				
3.00pm	Belong	Mass	Intentions of All in Belong	
THURSDAY 10TH MAY 2018 – SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD				
Wed. 7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Parishioners	
Thurs. 10am	Holy Family	Mass	Private Intention	
FRIDAY 11TH MAY 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Private Intention	398
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SATURDAY 12TH MAY 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Thomas John Lloyd	401
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
11.30am	Holy Family	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon		
1.00pm	Sacred Heart	The Wedding of Megan Crompton & James Bithell		
SUNDAY 13TH MAY 2018 – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Annie Holt	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Parishioners	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Vincent Kelly	
Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism		

THURSDAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD AND A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION FOR ALL CATHOLICS

The Ascension has always been an important part of the joyful celebration of the fifty days from Easter to Pentecost but was singled out for commemoration on the fortieth day (see Acts 1:3) toward the end of the 4th century. The feast develops the glory of the resurrection by acclaiming the exaltation of Christ as Lord of heaven and earth. It serves to prepare the Church, toward the end of the season of Easter, for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.



For a number of years this feast lost its significance as the Fortieth Day of Easter by being transferred to the following Sunday in England and Wales. But, as from this year, the bishops have returned it to its original place in the calendar. So the feast is now restored as a Holyday of Obligation for all Catholics, to be observed by gathering as a community to celebrate Mass together on that day

Mass for the Holyday in our two parishes will be a Vigil Mass at 7.00pm on Wednesday evening in Sacred Heart Church and Mass on the Thursday itself at 10.00am in Holy Family Church.

FAREWELL - UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of those who have died recently:

Annie Holt from Ludlow Avenue, Hindley Green who died on the 22nd of April aged 98 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Howe Bridge Crematorium next Tuesday the 8th of May at 10.00am.

Vincent Kelly, from Belong Residential Village who died on the 27th of April aged 95 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church on Monday the 14th of May at 1.45pm prior to committal at Howe Bridge Crematorium.

May the Risen Lord welcome them home.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Our best wishes and prayers are with Megan Crompton and James Bithell from Cashmore Drive, Hindley who are to be married at Sacred Heart Church next Saturday, the 12th of May. We pray they will be blessed with a long and happy married life together.

FIRST ANNIVERSARIES

Our congratulations to those celebrating their First Anniversaries of Baptism during this month: Eliza Rose White, daughter of Zoe Jennings and Lee White from Mains Avenue, Bamfurlong who was baptised at Holy Family Church on the 7th of May 2017 by Father Tony; and Phoebe Marie Culkin, daughter of David and Jennifer Culkin from Ludlow Avenue, Hindley Green who was baptised at Sacred Heart Church on the 14th of May 2017 by Deacon Ken.

And we continue to hold in prayer those whose First Anniversary of Death will occur during this month of May: Dorothy Sheridan from Belong Village, Platt Bridge who died on the 19th of May 2017 aged 79 years; Peter Foster from Lily Lane, Platt Bridge who died on the 24th of May 2017 aged 83 years; and Elsie Baines from Juniper Drive, Hindley Green who died on the 30th of May 2017 aged 87 years.

A GLOBAL NOVENA OF PRAYER

The time between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday each year is the original Novena (nine days) of Prayer in the Christian community. *"Thy Kingdom Come"* is an initiative of prayer which was begun by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 2016 for the Anglican Church and is now a global initiative shared by all Christians. Cardinal Vincent Nichols writes: *"I am very pleased to invite you to join in this time of prayer as part of Thy Kingdom Come from the 10th to the 20th of May 2018. We do this, with a deep realisation that our world is not right. But we do it with a profound hope and trust in the promise of Jesus, that his kingdom will come. And in that hope and trust we pray."*

Whether as an individual or as a family, everyone is welcome to take part and to join with the hundreds of thousands who have already pledged to do so. A number of resources including Morning Prayer of the Church is available for download and to print off from the website at www.thykingdomcome.global

SPONSORED WALK FOR LIFE

Join Archbishop-Emeritus Patrick Kelly, together with Lord David Alton of Liverpool and comedian Jimmy Cricket, on *Right to Life's* sponsored Walk for Life taking place on Bank Holiday Monday the 28th of May with an eight-mile circular trek beginning and ending at Saint Michael and Saint John Church, Clitheroe. Please contact Moira Billinge at moira.billinge@btinternet.com or phone her on 0754 511 8743 as soon as possible to obtain sponsor and booking forms.

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ARE YOU READY FOR THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS?

A National Eucharistic Congress is taking place over three days in Liverpool in September of this year, to help us appreciate and celebrate a truth which is at the heart of our Catholic Faith - the presence of the Lord among us in the Eucharist. To help us prepare for the Congress, Redemptorist Publications have produced *"Adoremus Extra"*, a collection of reflections, articles and prayers to help us grow in our knowledge of the Eucharist, and our love for the Lord who is present there. There are also special children's pages with lots of activities for them to do and so to learn more.

"Adoremus Extra" is on sale from the back of each of our churches at £4.50p a copy (at a reduction from the recommended selling price of £4.95).

HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL APRIL WINNERS

April 4th	No. 14
April 11th	No. 28
April 18th	No. 58
April 25th	No. 12

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RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE WORK OF THE CATHOLIC MEDIA OFFICE

SUNDAY 13TH MAY 2018

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Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Vincent Kelly	
Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism		
MONDAY 14TH MAY 2018 – FEAST OF SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE				
▶ 1.45pm ◀	Holy Family	Funeral Mass for Vincent Kelly		
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Barrie Seddon	1699
TUESDAY 15TH MAY 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Edna Hurst	407
WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Father Don Gordon	410
3.00pm	Belong	Service of the Word with Holy Communion		
THURSDAY 17TH MAY 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Intentions of Father Tony M.	413
FRIDAY 18TH MAY 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Parishioners	416
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SATURDAY 19TH MAY 2018				
Please Note: No Mass or Confessions at Holy Family Church today				
▶ 12 noon ◀	Sacred Heart	Celebration of First Holy Communion		
SUNDAY 20TH MAY 2018 – SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Marie Jackson	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Father Don Gordon	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Alice Whittle	
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism		

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA OFFICE

FATHER DON GORDON

Please hold in prayer before the Lord, Father Don Gordon, Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Hindley Green for 26 years from 1976 until his retirement in 2002, and who died last Tuesday morning after a long illness and in his 67th year of priesthood. His funeral arrangements are not yet known. May this good and faithful servant of the Lord know the eternal embrace of his Master's love.

FROM FATHER TONY

After not feeling too good for the last few weeks (as some had noticed) you may have already heard the news that I was admitted to hospital during the week after having suffered a stroke. I am already on the way to a good and hopefully almost-full recovery (if I do what I'm told, which will be a first for me!) and I am so very grateful for the concern and prayers offered by so many. But nobody is indispensable, and certainly not me, so the life of the parishes will continue more or less as normal thanks to the kind help of so many priests and deacons (who already have enough to do without being burdened with my inaction) and of many members of the parishes keeping things flowing smoothly behind the scenes. There may be some slight alterations on occasion to Masses but these will be notified in advance wherever possible. I look forward to being "back in the saddle" as soon as I can (I'm already bored with inactivity!) and until then apologise for any inconvenience.

TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2018

On this World Communications Day we pray for those who work in the media and also for the valuable work carried out by the Communications Office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, which uses the latest digital channels to work with journalists across both national and international media outlets, providing a professional news service for the Church to the world. You may wish to visit their website at www.catholicnews.org.uk and, if you would like to sign up for the twice-daily news bulletins, please email ccn@cbcew.org.uk.

The retiring collection which is being taken after the Masses this weekend is to support this work of evangelisation.

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FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Some of our children in School Year Four and above in both parishes have been preparing since September last year to begin to join with us in receiving the Eucharist. Next Saturday the first of those two groups will receive their First Holy Communion during Mass celebrated at 12 noon in Sacred Heart Church. Following on from their Baptism, this will be the second step of their becoming fully-initiated as members of the Christian Community; the third and final step will be their Confirmation during their teenage years. Please hold our children and their parents in prayer.

AVAILABLE FROM THE CHURCH SHOP

The Piety Shop at the back of each of our churches has a wide range of First Communion Cards and Gifts available for purchase, together with other occasional cards and devotional gifts. Why not pay the church shop a visit after Mass today?

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ADOREMUS - YOUTH CONGRESS

As well as there being a National Eucharistic Congress for adult delegates there is a Congress for young people aged 13 to 20 in the Auditorium at the Liverpool Echo Arena on Saturday the 8th of September. As host diocese we have an allocation of tickets for the Youth Congress. The Youth Congress aims to give young people a positive experience of being a young Catholic today, to help young people experience how God speaks to them through the celebration of the Eucharist, and to help enable young people to live the Eucharist through witness, proclamation, care for the broken in society and love for the planet. Contributions will include Katie Prejean, Jo Boyce, Rise Theatre, Cafod, Animate, Salesians, One Hope, Joel's Bar, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon and much more. Cost is only £10. Booking forms available from www.adoremusyouth.co.uk

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Monday: Saint Matthias

A companion of Jesus and a witness to the resurrection, Matthias was chosen by lot to take the place of Judas and so to share the ministry of the twelve apostles (Acts 1:15-26).

PENTECOST ACT OF WITNESS

Since the 1980's a Joint Service of Prayer has celebrated both the faith we already share and the growing unity which we seek with our fellow Christians. This year this will take the form of a Walk of Witness in Liverpool next Sunday, beginning at the Anglican Cathedral at 3.00pm with a short Act of Worship, then processing along Hope Street with music and celebration, to culminate with a Service of Prayer on the steps of the Metropolitan Cathedral. All are welcome to come along.

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Sunday Offertory £369.71

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory £591.00

Sincere thanks to the members of *Trammers Line Dancing* Group for yet a further recent donation of £500 to Holy Family Church – bringing the total amount they have donated to Holy Family Church to £9,000. Magnificent!

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Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Alice Whittle	
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism		
The Season of Eastertime ends with the Solemnity of Pentecost				
MONDAY 21st MAY 2018 – MEMORIAL OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Marcus Reid	984
TUESDAY 22ND MAY 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Thomas John Lloyd	987
WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Private Intention	989
3.00pm	Belong	Service of the Word with Holy Communion		
THURSDAY 24TH MAY 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Fr. Gerald Hurst	990
FRIDAY 25TH MAY 2018 – MEMORIAL OF THE SAINT BEDE THE VENERABLE				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Fr. Don Gordon	992
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SATURDAY 26TH MAY 2018 – MEMORIAL OF SAINT PHILIP NERI				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Private Intention	994
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SUNDAY 27TH MAY 2018 – SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Mary Higham	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Parishioners	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Intentions of Vivean Harles	
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism		

Today concludes the Easter season, the fifty days following Jesus' resurrection that are marked in a particular way by the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is in fact the Easter Gift *par excellence*. He is the Creator Spirit, who constantly brings about new things. Today's Mass readings show us two of those new things: In the first reading, the Spirit makes of the disciples *a new people*; in the Gospel, he creates in the disciples *a new heart*. The Holy Spirit is the fire of love burning in the heart of the Church and in our hearts, even though we often cover him with the ash of our sins.

"I will not leave you orphans" says the Lord. Today, on the Feast of Pentecost, Jesus' words remind us also of the maternal presence of Mary in the Upper Room. The Mother of Jesus is with the community of disciples gathered in prayer: She is the Mother of the Church. We entrust to her intercession, in a particular way, all Christians, families and communities that at this moment are most in need of the Spirit, the Paraclete, the Defender and Comforter, the Spirit of truth, freedom and peace.

So today let us pray, through Mary's intercession: "Spirit of God, Lord, who dwell in my heart and in the heart of the Church, guiding and shaping her in diversity, come! Like water, we need you to live. Come down upon us anew, teach us unity, renew our hearts and teach us to love as you love us, to forgive as you forgive us."

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday – Mary, Mother of the Church

This is a new Memorial in the calendar, to be observed from this year on the day following Pentecost Sunday, and instituted by Pope Francis at the beginning of this year. The title of “Mother of the Church” was given to Mary by Pope Paul VI in 1967 following the end of the Second Vatican Council since when the devotion to her under this title has grown in popularity

Friday – Saint Bede the Venerable

Born at Wearmouth in the North East of England in 673, Bede died at Jarrow on this day in 735. He was a monk and a historian of the early English Church. Known for his scholarly writings, especially on the scriptures and the writings of the Fathers of the Church, he is venerated as the “Light of the Church” in the period called the Dark Ages and as a forerunner of the eighth and ninth century renaissance of the Western Church.

Saturday – Saint Philip Neri

Philip was born in Florence, Italy in 1515, and died at Rome on this day in 1595. An outstanding proponent of Church reform after the Council of Trent, he worked among the young and the poor in Rome and founded the Congregation of the Oratory (Oratorians). He is remembered for his practical pastoral initiatives, and for his great humour, simplicity, and charity.

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FATHER GORDON’S FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

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SACRED HEART PARISH MEETING

There will be a Parish Meeting on Monday of this week, the 21st of May, after the Mass at 7.30pm in the Gordon Room at Sacred Heart Church. All Sacred Heart parishioners welcome to come along. If you can’t make the meeting but still wish to be involved please see Deacon Ken.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

Wigan and Leigh Hospice would welcome new faces to join their team of volunteers to help in the local community, especially to staff their various hospice shops around the area. For more information call into one of the hospice shops and ask for a volunteer pack, or call the Retail Team on 01942 524207 or email retail@wlh.org.uk

DON ORIONE GARDEN FETE

The Annual Garden Fete takes place at Cardinal Heenan House, Roby Mill, Upholland on Bank Holiday Monday the 28th of May from 12 noon to 4.00pm. Fun for all the family!

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family

Sunday Offertory	£461.19
Communications Day	£ 99.66

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory	£687.50
Communications Day	£173.00

WEEKDAY LITURGY CHANGES

Until Father Tony is able to return to active ministry:

Wednesday Mass in Belong:

Instead of Mass, Deacon Ken will celebrate a Service of the Word with Holy Communion. Lay ministers will then take Communion to the bed-bound afterwards.

Mass on Weekdays:

On some weekdays, if no priest is available to celebrate Mass, it may be necessary to celebrate at short notice a Service of the Word with Holy Communion instead. In which case the Mass Intention published for that day will be offered at a later date.

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Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Mary Higham	Missal Page Number
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Parishioners	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Intentions of Vivean Harles	
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism		
MONDAY 28TH MAY 2018				
▶ 10.00am ◀	Sacred Heart	Mass	Private Intention	995
TUESDAY 29TH MAY 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Private Intention	997
WEDNESDAY 30TH MAY 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Fr. Thomas Delaney	999
3.00pm	Belong	Service of the Word with Holy Communion		
THURSDAY 31ST MAY 2018 – FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF OUR LADY				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Private Intention	1723
FRIDAY 1ST JUNE 2018 – MEMORIAL OF SAINT JUSTIN				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Margaret Vose	1003
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SATURDAY 2ND JUNE 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Parishioners	1005
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SUNDAY 3RD JUNE 2018 – SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (YEAR B)				
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The mystery of the Trinity also speaks to us of ourselves: Through baptism, the Holy Spirit has placed us in the heart and the very life of God, who is a communion of love. God is a "family" of three Persons who love each other so much as to form a single whole. This "divine family" is not closed in on itself, but is open. It communicates itself in creation and in history and has entered into the world of humanity to call everyone to form part of it. The trinitarian horizon of communion surrounds all of us and stimulates us to live in love and fraternal sharing, certain that where there is love, there is God.

Our being created in the image and likeness of God-Communion calls us to understand ourselves as beings-in-relationship and to live interpersonal relations in solidarity and mutual love. Such relationships play out, above all, in the sphere of our Christian communities, so that the image of the Church as icon of the Trinity is ever clearer. But also in every social relationship, from the family to friendships, to the work environment: they are all concrete occasions offered to us in order to build relationships that are increasingly humanly rich, capable of reciprocal respect and disinterested love.

The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity invites us to commit ourselves in daily events to being leaven of communion, consolation and mercy. In this mission, we are sustained by the strength that the Holy Spirit gives us: he takes care of the flesh of humanity, wounded by injustice, oppression, hate and avarice.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Thursday

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast celebrates Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth while bearing the Expectant Jesus within her, as told in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:39-56), and her example of faith in God's word and her sensitivity to the work of the Spirit in and through her life.

Friday

Saint Justin

Born about 100 at Nablus (Palestine), Justin died about 165 in Rome. After lengthy study of Greek philosophies, he came to faith in Christ as the source of all truth. As a lay intellectual, a Christian philosopher, and an apologist, he is remembered for his reasoned defence of Christian belief and practice and for the ultimate witness given by his martyrdom.

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JOIN POPE FRANCIS IN IRELAND

Pope Francis has confirmed that he will be travelling to Ireland to take part in the World Meeting of Families 2018 which is taking place in Dublin from the 21st to the 26th of August. He will attend the Festival of Families at Croke Park on Saturday the 25th of August and will celebrate an open-air Mass in the Phoenix Park on Sunday the 26th of August. Want to join him? For tickets and registration please go to www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration

ADOREMUS HOLY HOURS

As part of our build-up to the National Eucharistic Congress, and of our preparation for our Diocesan Synod in 2020, Archbishop Malcolm is leading Holy Hours of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at various venues throughout the archdiocese. Two of these are being held at churches which are within the Wigan area: Next Wednesday the 30th of May at Saint Joseph's Church in Leigh, and on Tuesday the 5th of June at Saint Teresa's Church in Upholland. Both of these Holy Hours start at 7.30pm and everyone is very welcome to go along and join Archbishop Malcolm in prayer.

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

An inspiring range of speakers, workshops and events to empower and encourage our life's witness to the Lord Jesus. Taking place at Liverpool Hope University from the 22nd to the 24th of June 2018. For more information and registration details please visit the website at www.northerncatholic.co.uk

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DON ORIONE GARDEN FETE

The Annual Garden Fete takes place at Cardinal Heenan House, Roby Mill, Upholland this Bank Holiday Monday, the 28th of May from 12 noon to 4.00pm. Fun for all the family!

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR RETIRED & SICK PRIESTS

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Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Maurice McCarthy	
MONDAY 4TH JUNE 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	May & Danny Feeley	1007
TUESDAY 5TH JUNE 2018 – MEMORIAL OF SAINT BONIFACE				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Celebrant's Intention	1009
WEDNESDAY 6TH JUNE 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Intention	1011
3.00pm	Belong	Service of the Word with Holy Communion		
THURSDAY 7TH JUNE 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Celebrant's Intention	1013
FRIDAY 8TH JUNE 2018 – SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	The People of Both Parishes	441
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SATURDAY 9TH JUNE 2018 – MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY				
► 12 noon ◀	Holy Family	Celebration of First Holy Communion		
SUNDAY 10TH JUNE 2018 – TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)				
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The Eucharist speaks the Lord's love for us, a love so great that it nourishes us with Himself; a love freely-given, and always available to every person who hungers to be Loved. To live the experience of faith means to allow oneself to be nourished by the Lord and to build one's own existence, not with material goods, but with the reality that does not perish: the gifts of God, his Word and his Body.

If we look around, we realise that there are so many offers of food which do not come from the Lord and which may at first appear to be more satisfying. So, some nourish themselves with money, others with success and vanity, others with power and pride. But the food that truly nourishes us and satisfies our real hunger is that which only the Lord gives us!

The food the Lord offers us is different from other food, and perhaps it doesn't seem as flavourful to us as may certain other dishes the world offers us. So, we, today, may ask ourselves: What about me? Where do I want to eat? At which table do I want to be nourished? At the Lord's table? Or do I dream about eating flavourful foods, but which do not nourish? We may ask ourselves: Which really satiates my soul? Let us learn to recognise the false bread that deceives and corrupts, because it comes from selfishness, from self-reliance and from sin. And let us be nourished with Jesus, the true Bread of God, come down from heaven to give Life to the world.

Pope Francis

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday - Saint Boniface

Born in Devon in England about 675, Boniface was killed in the Netherlands on this day in 754. As a monk and teacher, Boniface went to evangelise the Germanic peoples. Ordained bishop, he was given wide-ranging papal commissions throughout Germany and Gaul. He founded monasteries and established dioceses. Boniface is remembered as a determined missionary and as a Church organiser and reformer whose work shaped the future of Europe. He is buried at his abbey of Fulda and is honoured as The Apostle of Germany.

Friday - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

This devotion, which dates back to the Middle Ages, flowered in France in the seventeenth century as a result of the visions of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. The feast recalls the mystery of God, who is love, and honours the heart of Jesus as the source and centre of the incarnate love of God.

Saturday - The Immaculate Heart of Mary

This commemoration celebrates Mary as the model of ready acceptance of God's will in all life's circumstances. It was instituted by Pius XII for the octave day of the Assumption and was moved by Paul VI in 1969 to the Saturday after the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

FIRST SUNDAY ROSARY

The Legion of Mary will lead the praying of the Rosary immediately after the 9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart Church today (Sunday) and also on the First Sunday of every month. All are welcome to join them in this prayer.

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION

Next Saturday the second of our two groups of Children will receive their First Holy Communion during Mass celebrated at 12 noon in Holy Family Church. Following on from their Baptism, this will be the second step of their becoming fully-initiated as members of the Christian Community; the third and final step will be their Confirmation during their teenage years. Please hold our children and their parents in prayer as they celebrate this milestone in their journey of discipleship of the Lord.

FIRST ANNIVERSARIES

Our congratulations to those celebrating their First Anniversaries of Baptism during this month: Tyler Jaden Daniel Whittaker and Seren Joanne Marian Whittaker, the children of Daniel Whittaker and Helen Ward of Windsor Road, Hindley, who were baptised at Sacred Heart Church on the 4th of June 2017 by Deacon Ken; Ryleigh Christina Williams and Ruby Maria Williams, the children of Dean Williams and Katie Rourke of Warrington Road, Abram, who were baptised at Holy Family Church on the 11th of June 2017 by Deacon Mike; Aaron Philip Cox, the son of Philip Cox and Ingrida Slajene of Kintbury Street, Bamfurlong, and Tyler Andrew Jones, the son of Andrew and Joanne Jones of Holcroft Avenue, Abram, who were baptised at Holy Family Church by Father Tony on the 25th of June 2017.

And we continue to hold in prayer those whose First Anniversary of Death will occur during this month of June: Michelle Ward from Westleigh Lane, Leigh, who died on the 8th of June 2017 aged 48 years.

ORDINATIONS TO THE DIACONATE

Next Sunday afternoon, the 10th of June, at 3.00pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool, Archbishop Malcolm will ordain three men to be Permanent Deacons within the Archdiocese of Liverpool. You are very welcome to go along to join in the celebration. The three men being ordained are Tony Downes, Chris Housbey and Anil Lukose. Please hold them in prayer, that the Lord may bless and make fruitful their future ministry among his holy people.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

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Sunday Offertory £478.64

Sacred Heart

Sunday Offertory £621.00

Our thanks to the members of the Holy Family Wednesday Over 60's Friendship Club for a further donation of £150 to Holy Family Church funds.

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PREPARING FOR THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Adoremus ("Let us Adore") is the overall theme of the National Eucharistic Congress taking place over three days in Liverpool in September of this year, to help us appreciate and celebrate a truth which is at the heart of our Catholic Faith - the presence of the Lord among us in the Eucharist. To help us prepare for the Congress, Redemptorist Publications have produced "Adoremus Extra", a collection of reflections, articles and prayers to help us grow in our knowledge of the Eucharist, and our love for the Lord who is present there. There are also special children's pages with lots of activities for them to do and so to learn more. We have copies on sale from the back of each of our churches at £4.50p a copy (a reduction from the recommended price of £4.95).

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Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Fr. John Kennedy (Anniv)	
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism		
MONDAY 11TH JUNE 2018 – MEMORIAL OF SAINT BARNABAS				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass or Communion Service		1750
TUESDAY 12TH JUNE 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass or Communion Service		1021
WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE 2018 – MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass or Communion Service		1023
3.00pm	Belong	Service of the Word with Holy Communion		
THURSDAY 14TH JUNE 2018				
▶ 12.45pm ◀	Holy Family	Funeral Mass for Colm Granaghan		
FRIDAY 15TH JUNE 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass or Communion Service		1027
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Confessions (<i>Only if a priest is available</i>)		
SATURDAY 16TH JUNE 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass or Communion Service		1029
11.30am	Holy Family	Confessions Only (<i>if a priest is available</i>)		
12.30pm	Holy Family	The Wedding of Stacey Makinson and Brett Draper		
SUNDAY 17TH JUNE 2018 – ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Lilian Oakes	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Ints. of Lucy O'Connell	
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WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Our best wishes to Stacey Makinson, from Lymn Street, Platt Bridge, and Brett Draper from Lowther Drive, Leigh, who are to be married at Holy Family Church next Saturday, the 16th of June, at 12.30pm. We pray they will be blessed with a long and happy married life together.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Colm Granaghan of Winstanley Road, Bamfurlong who died on the 30th of May aged 66 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church next Thursday at 12.45pm followed by committal at Wigan Crematorium. May the Lord welcome him home.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday – Saint Barnabas

Barnabas was a Jew from Cyprus and one of the first converts in Jerusalem. He was a leading member of the Church there, though not one of the twelve. He introduced Saint Paul to the twelve and worked with him in Antioch and on missionary work in the Mediterranean world. Barnabas championed the Gentiles at the Council of Jerusalem and is remembered as “a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith” (Acts 11:21).

Wednesday – Saint Anthony of Padua

Anthony (whose baptismal name was Ferdinand) was born in Lisbon (Portugal) in 1195 and died at Padua (Italy) on this day in 1231. At first an Augustinian presbyter and scholar, he joined the Franciscans to be a missionary in north Africa but was thwarted by illness. Instead, he became a teacher of theology and a brilliant popular preacher in southern France and Italy. He is remembered and loved as an inspired preacher, a servant of the poor, and a worker of miracles.

MARY COMES TO LIVERPOOL

The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham, which is normally venerated at her shrine there in Norfolk, will be visiting various cathedrals throughout England as part of the “Dowry of Mary Tour”. From the 21st to the 23rd of June she visits the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool. On Thursday the 21st of June there will be the Opening of the Dowry Exhibition at 6.00pm followed by the Opening Mass at 7.30pm and a Talk on the Exhibition after the Mass. On Friday the 22nd of June there is Mass in Honour of Our Lady at 7.30am followed by the Opening of the Dowry Exhibition at 9.00am until Mass and Adoration at 7.30pm. On Saturday the 23rd of June there will be Mass in Honour of Our Lady at 7.30am with the Dowry Exhibition open from 9.00am until a Closing Mass at 12 noon. All welcome to go along to any or all of the above.

LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION

Please continue to take a white tin from the back of Holy Family church to put your loose change in and then, when it’s full, return it to church and take another one to fill. A total of £482 has been donated so far via the tins towards the cost of the work carried out at Holy Family Church. Thanks to all who support this.

HOLIDAY OR RETREAT IN WALSINGHAM

Fancy some time on Retreat at Walsingham? Or need a base to stay for a holiday in Norfolk? Elmham House is Walsingham Shrine’s own guesthouse, open from March to December. It can accommodate over 100 guests, catering for groups as well as individuals, with single and twin-bedded en-suite and standard rooms as well as two en-suite family rooms. For more details or bookings phone 01328 820217 or email elmhamhouse@walsingham.org.uk. Dowry House is the Shrine’s Retreat House situated opposite the ancient priory grounds and an ideal place to recharge spiritual batteries or attend one of the many course organised by the Shrine. For more details or bookings phone 01328 801018 or email dowryhouse@walsingham.org.uk. For more information on either of the above or the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham in Norfolk please see the website at www.walsingham.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK, IRELAND

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, from the 10th of September 2018. Cost is £599.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight from Liverpool with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights’ in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at a supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. For more details and booking contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL WINNERS FOR MAY 2018

May 2nd	No. 41
May 9th	No. 05
May 16th	No. 57
May 23rd	No. 05
May 30th	No. 16

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7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass or Communion Service		1030
TUESDAY 19TH JUNE 2018				
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WEDNESDAY 20TH JUNE 2018 – OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF SAINT ALBAN				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass or Communion Service		1034
3.00pm	Belong	Service of the Word with Holy Communion		
THURSDAY 21ST JUNE 2018 – MEMORIAL OF SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass or Communion Service		1037
FRIDAY 22ND JUNE 2018 – FEAST OF SAINTS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass or Communion Service		1039
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Confessions (<i>Only if a priest is available</i>)		
SATURDAY 23RD JUNE 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass or Communion Service		1041
11.30am	Holy Family	Confessions (<i>Only if a priest is available</i>)		
SUNDAY 24TH JUNE 2018 – SOLEMNITY OF THE BIRTH OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	The People of Both Parishes	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Michael Halliwell	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Agnes Turner	
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism		
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RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR DAY FOR LIFE

FAREWELL - UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with Vince and all the family and friends of Angela Thomas from Ince Green Lane, Ince who died on the 6th of June, aged 86 years. Angela was the organist at Holy Family Church for many decades and, more recently when ill health caused her to retire, remained a member of Holy Family Choir. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church next Tuesday, the 19th of June, at 11.30am followed by committal at Wigan Crematorium. May the Lord welcome her home.

THE "DAY FOR LIFE" AND THIS WEEKEND'S RETIRING COLLECTION

This year the Day for Life focuses on all those who are suffering or have survived human trafficking and modern slavery, an opportunity for us to pray, reflect and – through the Retiring Collection being taken today – to support ways in which action, as well as practical and emotional support, is given to ensure the dignity of human life at every stage of a person's life. Many people throughout the world today are traded as objects and not recognised as persons, having fallen victims to the scourge of human trafficking and modern slavery which are an assault on a person's innate human dignity. Pope Francis has often spoken out about this. More information from the Santa Marta Group website at www.santamartagroup.com

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday – Saint John Rigby

John Rigby is one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. Born in 1570 at Harrock Hall, near Wigan, Lancashire, the fifth or sixth son of Nicholas and Mary Rigby. In 1600, while working for Sir Edmund Huddleston, whose daughter Mrs. Fortescue was summoned to the Old Bailey for recusancy, John Rigby appeared for her because she was ill, was compelled to confess his Catholicism, and sent to Newgate. The next day he signed a confession that he had been reconciled to the Catholic faith. He was twice given the chance to recant, but twice refused. His sentence of execution was carried out and he was executed on the 21st of June 1600.

Wednesday – Saint Alban

Alban is venerated as the first-recorded British Christian martyr. He is believed to have been beheaded in the Roman city of Verulamium (modern St Albans) sometime during the 3rd or 4th century, and he has been venerated there since ancient times.

Thursday - Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

Born into an Italian noble family in 1568, devout and ascetical from the time of his childhood, Aloysius pursued a religious vocation as a Jesuit against enormous family opposition. He died of the plague at the age of only 23, contracted while caring for its victims. He is remembered for his youthful ideal of perfection and for his determination to achieve it. He is a patron saint of young people.

Friday – Saints John Fisher & Thomas More

Made famous by his holiness of life and featured in the movie "A Man for All Seasons," Saint Thomas More is the patron of those in the law profession. Husband, father, chancellor, and lawyer, Thomas More stands out as a leading figure in British history. He was martyred by King Henry VIII in 1535.

John Fisher's name is usually associated with Thomas More and their difficulty with King Henry VIII. Saint John Fisher, a bishop and cardinal, refused to agree with Henry VIII's divorce and remarriage as well as the idea that the king, rather than the pope, was the head of the Church in England. He was imprisoned and eventually martyred.

MARY COMES TO LIVERPOOL THIS WEEK

The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham, which is normally venerated at her shrine there in Norfolk, will be visiting various cathedrals throughout England as part of the "Dowry of Mary Tour". Next weekend she visits the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool.

Next Thursday (21st of June) there will be the Opening of the Dowry Exhibition at 6.00pm followed by the Opening Mass at 7.30pm and a Talk on the Exhibition after the Mass. On the Friday (22nd of June) there is Mass in Honour of Our Lady at 7.30am followed by the Opening of the Dowry Exhibition at 9.00am until Mass and Adoration at 7.30pm. On the Saturday (23rd of June) there will be Mass in Honour of Our Lady at 7.30am with the Dowry Exhibition open from 9.00am until a Closing Mass at 12 noon. All welcome to go along to any or all of

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CHANGING TIMES

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HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL

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Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Michael Halliwell	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Agnes Turner	
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism		
Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism		
MONDAY 25TH JUNE 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	In Thanksgiving (D)	1044
TUESDAY 26TH JUNE 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Fr. Gerald Hurst	1045
WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1048
3.00pm	Belong	Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion		
THURSDAY 28TH JUNE 2018 – MEMORIAL OF SAINT IRENAEUS				
Please Note: No Morning Mass at Holy Family Church today. Mass is at 7.00pm				
FRIDAY 29th JUNE 2018 – SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES				
Thurs 7.00pm	Holy Family	Mass	Sarah Lloyd	
Fri 10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	The People of Both Parishes	
SATURDAY 30TH JUNE 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Thomas John Lloyd	1054
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SUNDAY 1ST JULY 2018 – THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)				
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NEXT FRIDAY IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

On Friday of this week we celebrate the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul which is a Holyday of Obligation, celebrated by Catholics as a "mid-week Sunday" by joining together for the Eucharist. The Masses for the Holyday will be a Vigil Mass on Thursday at 7.00pm at Holy Family Church and Mass on the Friday itself at 10.00am at Sacred Heart Church.



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CELEBRATING THE SAINTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 24th June

The Birth of Saint John the Baptist

The Church holds John the Baptist in such great esteem that the feast of his birth replaces the normal Sunday in Ordinary Time this year. John is one of the few saints who has two feast days: His martyrdom (which we celebrate on the 29th of August) and also his birth, which Luke tells of in his Gospel, where a connection is drawn between the births of Jesus and of John, pointing to the vital supporting-role which John would play in the history of salvation.

Thursday 28th June

Saint Irenaeus

While we know little about Irenaeus, we do know that his life's work of fighting Gnosticism had a tremendous influence on the theology of the Church. A man of learning and high passions, Irenaeus refuted the Gnostic claims of "secret knowledge" and supported the teachings of the Apostles and Scripture. Irenaeus is remembered for his fidelity to apostolic tradition and is venerated as a martyr.

Friday 29th June

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

This pre-eminent feast day of the city of Rome has been observed on this date since the mid-third century. It commemorates the martyrdoms at Rome under Nero, between 64-67, of Peter the "chief of the apostles" and Paul the "Apostle to the Gentiles." It recalls their faith, their courage, and their leadership during the difficult days of the birth of the Church.

PRO-LIFE SUMMER FETE TODAY IN WARRINGTON

If you're at a loose end today (Sunday the 24th of June and appropriately the Feast of the Birth of Saint John the Baptist) then why not pop along to the Pro-Life Summer Fete being held from 12.30pm at Saint Mary Shrine, Smith Street, Warrington, WA1 2NS. Entrance is free and, in addition to the usual activities like tombola, games, tea and cakes, bric-a-brac stalls, you could also learn how to get more involved with the pro-life cause from the information stalls and listen to excellent and inspirational speakers, including Robin Haig, the National Chairman of SPUC. A Fun Day for all the family – and all proceeds go to support pro-life initiatives.

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NATIONAL GRANDPARENT'S PILGRIMAGE

If you're planning a Family Holiday in Norfolk during July then you may want to include a day at Walsingham for the National Grandparents' Pilgrimage on Sunday the 22nd of July with Reconciliation, Music and Song from 11.00am, Mass at 12 noon celebrated by Bishop Alan Hopes of East Anglia followed by Picnic Lunch (take your own!) and Fun & Games, then The Walsingham Story with a Childrens' Costume Pageant at 2.30pm, finishing with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction at 4.00pm followed by a Prayer Balloon Launch. A Day of Faith and Fun for all the family! More details from www.catholivgrandparentsassociation.org

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Day for Life	£ 66.41

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LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION

Please take a white tin from the back of Holy Family church to put your loose change in and then, when it's full, return it to church and take another one to fill. A total of £504 has been donated so far via the tins towards the cost of the work carried out at Holy Family Church. Thanks to all who support this.

FIRST SUNDAY ROSARY

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MONDAY 2ND JULY 2018			
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Beverley Parr 1057
TUESDAY 3RD JULY 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT THOMAS			
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Vincent Kelly 1793
WEDNESDAY 4TH JULY 2018			
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention 1062
3.00pm	Belong	Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion	
THURSDAY 5TH JULY 2018			
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Bill Mangnall 1064
FRIDAY 6TH JULY 2018			
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Intentions of Nellie Doherty 1066
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)	
SATURDAY 7TH JULY 2018			
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Stan, Barbara & Sandra King 1068
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)	
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SAINT OF THE WEEK: SAINT THOMAS

We don't know a lot about Thomas the Apostle, but tradition has it that he travelled to and preached the Gospel in India, where he was eventually martyred. His name means "The Twin". Due to his apparent scepticism about the resurrection, he is also (perhaps unfairly) known as "Doubting Thomas."

FIRST SUNDAY ROSARY

The Legion of Mary will lead the praying of the Rosary immediately after the 9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart today, Sunday the 1st of July, and on the First Sunday of each month. All are welcome to stay on and join them.

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Please hold in prayer Philip Carr, Anthony Kelly and Carl Muggan who are due to be ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Malcolm at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool next Saturday the 7th of July at 1.00pm. This will be a diocesan celebration and everyone is welcome to attend.

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FIRST ANNIVERSARIES

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SACRED HEART PARISH MEETING

There will be an Open Meeting for all interested Sacred Heart parishioners on Monday of this week, the 2nd of July, at 7.30pm in the Gordon Room at Sacred Heart Church to finalise the details of the forthcoming Summer Fair. If you can't make the meeting but would still like to become involved, please see Deacon Ken.

PASTORAL AREA CHANGES

Archbishop Malcolm has recently announced some changes to clergy appointments and parish pastoral care which will be taking place in the Archdiocese over the summer months. The full list of changes will be shared on our Facebook page in the coming days. But the changes which will affect our Pastoral Area are: Father Ron Johnson will step down both as Area Dean and as Parish Priest of All Saints and Saint Catherine, Golborne and Lowton, Saint Lewis, Croft and English Martyrs, Haydock. His replacement as Parish Priest of Golborne, Lowton and Croft is to be Father Gordon Abbs (who was once Father Tony's parish priest when he was an assistant priest in Warrington). The pastoral care of English Martyrs parish, Haydock will move to the St. Helens Pastoral Area. No announcement has yet been made about who will be our new Dean.

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RESTORED LIVES – RECOVERY FROM DIVORCE AND SEPARATION

The Restored Lives Course is a series of six meetings offered by the Marriage and Family Life Department of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, starting on Wednesday the 19th of September 2018, and is for any person who has been impacted by the end of a serious relationship either recently or at any time in the past. Meetings are in small groups and are free, informative, and affirming. Topics covered will include: Facing the effects of what has happened; Communication and Conflict Resolution; Letting go; Managing other relationships; Legal matters; Being single and moving forward.

Could this course be of help to you? For more information, details of times and venues, please contact in absolute confidence: Maureen O'Brien on 07967 753371 or Jacqui Selleck on 07793 825815.

PREPARING FOR THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Adoremus ("Let us Adore") is the overall theme of the National Eucharistic Congress taking place over three days in Liverpool in September of this year, to help us appreciate and celebrate a truth which is at the heart of our Catholic Faith - the presence of the Lord among us in the Eucharist. To help us prepare to celebrate the Congress, Redemptorist Publications have produced "Adoremus Extra", a collection of reflections, articles and prayers to help us grow in our knowledge of the Eucharist, and our love for the Lord who is present there. There are also special children's pages with lots of activities for them to do and so to learn more. We have copies on sale from the back of each of our churches at £4.50p a copy (a reduction from the recommended price of £4.95).

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FOR LAST WEEK

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7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Terence Durkin	1070
TUESDAY 10TH JULY 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Fr. Gerald Hurst	1072
WEDNESDAY 11TH JULY 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT BENEDICT				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1804
3.00pm	Belong	Service of the Word with Holy Communion		
THURSDAY 12TH JULY 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Intentions of Father Tony	1076
FRIDAY 13TH JULY 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Beverley Parr	1078
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
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11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Angela Thomas	1080
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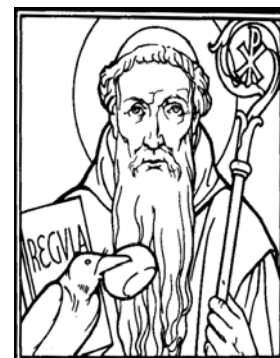
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SAINT OF THE WEEK

Wednesday - Saint Benedict (480 – 547)

Saint Benedict is known as the Father of Western Monasticism due to his great influence on the shape and character of monastic life in the West. Living the life of a hermit, others witnessed his lifestyle and wanted to follow. He eventually organised these men and wrote a Rule governing their communal life together. Noted for its moderation and hospitality, the Rule continues to nurture the Cistercians as well as the Benedictines of today.



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PADRE PIO PILGRIMAGE DAYS

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CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

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FUNCTION ROOM FOR HIRE

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REQUESTS FOR BAPTISM

Expectant parents are always very welcome to take part in the Baptism Preparation Course even before the birth of their child. See the priest or deacon after Mass any weekend to pick up a Baptism Information leaflet. Preparation Courses for parents requesting Baptism for their children take place four times each year, in March, June, September and December.

HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL WINNERS

June 6th – No. 55

June 13th – No. 11

June 20th – No. 01

June 27th – No. 26

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Holy Family

Offertory - £348.27

Peter's Pence- £101.36

Sacred Heart

Offertory - £496.00

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SUNDAY 15TH JULY 2018 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	For the People of Both Parishes	<i>Missal Page Number</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Gordon Halliwell	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Ronald Penn	
MONDAY 16TH JULY 2018 – CELEBRATING OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Father Mattie O'Callaghan	1082
TUESDAY 17TH JULY 2018				
► 1.45pm ◀	Holy Family	Funeral Mass for Maureen Southworth		
WEDNESDAY 18TH JULY 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1087
THURSDAY 19TH JULY 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Father Peter Kelly	1089
FRIDAY 20TH JULY 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	No Mass - Communion Service		1091
SATURDAY 21ST JULY 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	No Mass - Communion Service		1093
SUNDAY 22ND JULY 2018 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Clare Vale	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	The People of Both Parishes	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Bill Mangnall	
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS) Anyone wishing to have their Confession heard please see the priest before or after any Mass				
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Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Maureen Southworth from Ruskin Crescent, Abram who died on the 7th of July aged 76 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church next Tuesday the 17th of July at 1.45pm followed by committal at Wigan Crematorium. May the Lord welcome her home.

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

Monday - Our Lady of Mount Carmel This title of Our Lady commemorates her as associated with Mount Carmel (Israel), the site of the prophet Elijah's altar to the one true God and the home of the twelfth century forerunners of the Carmelite Order. Mary is celebrated on this day as a model of reflection, solitude, and prayer.

**SACRED HEART SUMMER FAIR
TAKES PLACE TODAY (SUNDAY)**

FROM 12.30 PM ON THE SCHOOL COMPLEX.

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY - COME AND JOIN US

FORTHCOMING CLERGY APPOINTMENTS AND PARISH MERGERS WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

Archbishop Malcolm has announced a number of appointments of clergy and mergers of parishes becoming effective during the summer months within the Archdiocese of Liverpool:

Fr. Pat Sexton will remain at Saint Monica's, Bootle, but will become assistant priest.

Fr. Philip Inch will move to Holy Rosary, Old Roan, as parish priest.

Fr. Peter Hannah will retire from Saint Anne & Blessed Dominic, St. Helens, due to ill health.

Fr. Gordon Abbs will take up appointment as parish priest at Saint Catherine & All Saints (Golborne & Lowton) and Saint Lewis, Croft. (English Martyrs, Haydock, will begin to be administered from the St. Helens Pastoral Area.)

Fr. Simon Cadwallader, after several years in Peru, will be assistant priest at Saints Peter & Paul, Crosby.

Fr. Ron Johnson will be going on sabbatical.

Fr. Jean Paul Ilunga will take up appointment as parish priest at Saint Anne & Blessed Dominic, St. Helens.

Fr. Ged Callacher will take up appointment as parish priest at Saint Monica & Saint Richard, Bootle, in addition to his responsibility at Saint Francis de Sales, Walton.

Fr. Roy Cooper will move to Penwortham as parish priest at Saint Teresa & Saint Mary Magdalen.

Fr. Michael Barrett will become parish priest of Saint Oswald's, Longton.

Fr. Matthew Jolley will go to Rome for further studies and reside at the Beda College.

Fr. Dominic Risley will move to Saint Matthew & Saint Cecilia, Liverpool, as assistant priest.

This summer's newly-ordained priests will become assistants as follows: Fr. Philip Carr at the Metropolitan Cathedral; Fr. Anthony Kelly at Saint Julie & Saint Teresa, St. Helens; Fr. Carl Mugan at Saint Wilfrid, Widnes.

Fr. George Joseph, a priest of the Diocese of Palai who is currently at Holy Rosary, Old Roan, will take up appointment as priest-in-charge at Saint Bede, Clayton-le-Woods. He will also administer Saint Chad's, South Hill, for the foreseeable future.

We also look forward to welcoming two communities of religious priests to work in the Archdiocese: The Spiritans will take on the parish of Saint John, Kirkdale, and also provide chaplaincy to HM Prison Liverpool. A community of White Fathers will take up residence at Saint Vincent's, Liverpool.

Fr. Silviu Climent has returned to the Archdiocese to take up an appointment at the Cathedral.

The three Deacons who were ordained for the service of the Archdiocese on the 10th of June at the Metropolitan Cathedral have been given the following parish appointments: Deacon Tony Downes to Christ the King and Our Lady, Liverpool; Deacon Chris Housbey to Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs and Saint Swithin, Croxteth; Deacon Anil Lukose to Saint Edward, Wigan.

On the 1st of May 2018 there were three mergers of parishes across the Archdiocese. The parishes of Our Lady, Queen of Peace and English Martyrs in Litherland were merged to form the new parish of Our Lady and the English Martyrs. Our Lady's and Saint Gregory's in Lydiate were merged to form the new parish of Saint Catherine of Alexandria (the dedication of the medieval chapel whose remains lie within the parish). The three Warrington parishes of Saint Benedict, Saint Mary and Saint Oswald were merged to form a new parish under the title of Blessed James Bell (a local martyr). On the 1st of July 2018 the parish of Saint Mary's, Aughton, and the parish of the Most Holy Redeemer and Saint Kentigern, Melling, were merged to form the parish of Saint Mary and Saint Kentigern.

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FROM HOLY FAMILY CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS

If any of our green-fingered parishioners has a surplus of garden blooms, we would be more than happy to take them off your hands for use on the altar and shrines. Just bring them to church with you and we will do the rest. However small, we can find a place for all!

FROM HOLY FAMILY OVER-60's GROUP

With regret, the Wednesday Senior Citizen's Group at Holy Family has had to close due to falling numbers. Sincere thanks to all who have supported the group, and for their wonderful generosity to the parish over the last nine years.

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Offertory - £438.10
Offertory - £543.50

Apostleship of the Sea - £89.32
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MONDAY 23RD JULY 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	No Mass - Communion Service		1095
TUESDAY 24TH JULY 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	No Mass - Communion Service		1097
WEDNESDAY 25TH JULY 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	No Mass - Communion Service		1828
THURSDAY 26TH JULY 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE				
10.00am	Holy Family	No Mass - Communion Service		1101
FRIDAY 27TH JULY 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1103
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SATURDAY 28TH JULY 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Father Thomas Duckett	1105
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SUNDAY 29TH JULY 2018 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	The People of Both Parishes	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Lily Parry	
Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism		
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**ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL
PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

FRIDAY 20TH JULY TO FRIDAY 27TH JULY 2018

During these days we join in spirit and prayer as a diocesan family with those who are in Lourdes at this time on our 2018 Archdiocesan Pilgrimage – sick and healthy, young and old. You may wish to include the following prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes in your daily prayer routine during this week.

O Holy Virgin, in the midst of your days of glory,
do not forget the sorrows of this earth.
Cast a merciful glance upon those who are suffering,
struggling against difficulties,
with their lips constantly pressed against life's bitter cup.
Have pity on those who love each other and are separated.
Have pity on our rebellious hearts.
Have pity on our weak faith.
Have pity on those who weep, on those who pray,
on those who fear.
Grant hope and peace to all. Amen.



Our Lady of Lourdes: Pray for us.
Saint Bernadette: Pray for us.

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Remembering Jesus' death cannot be done simply by just thinking about it. If we are to remember, as we are called to remember, then we need to live as Jesus lived, to think as he thought, to act as he acted. We celebrate the memory of Jesus in the Eucharistic sacrifice by offering our own lives together with Jesus for the life of the world.

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS**Monday****Saint Bridget of Sweden**

Bridget of Sweden was a married mother of eight and, after being widowed, the foundress of a monastery for men and women. She spent her final days in Rome seeking to correct Church abuses for which she received much opposition.

Wednesday**Saint James, Apostle**

Two of the apostles were named James. This James, the brother of John, was a fisherman and one of the three who spent time with the Lord on significant occasions. Most likely, he was the first to be martyred. He and John were nicknamed "Sons of Thunder" by Jesus.

Thursday**Saints Joachim and Anne**

Jesus is truly God and truly human, and this feast of his grandparents is a testimony to that. While the names of Joachim and Anne may be legendary (they are named as Mary's parents in a late second century tradition) we know that Jesus had grandparents, the parents of Mary (as well as those of Joseph). Our God truly became human and lived among us.

HOLY HOUR NEXT SUNDAY

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THE OLD LATIN MASS

Mass in the Extraordinary Form (the old "Tridentine" rite Latin Mass) is celebrated every Thursday evening at 7.30pm by Father Ian O'Shea at Saint John's Church, Standishgate, Wigan. All are welcome and Mass booklets are available.

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Sacred Heart**

Sunday Offertory £467.17
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Heartfelt thanks to all who organised, worked at, and supported in any way, Sacred Heart Summer Fare which took place last Sunday afternoon. In addition to being an enjoyable family event - and great fun - the Summer Fare this year also raised an incredible £1,300 which has been divided equally between Sacred Heart Church and Sacred Heart School.

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Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism		
Sun. 2.00pm	Sacred Heart	Holy Hour with Exposition until 3.00pm		
MONDAY 30TH JULY 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1107
TUESDAY 31ST JULY 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Maureen Southworth	1109
WEDNESDAY 1ST AUGUST 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1111
THURSDAY 2ND AUGUST 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Anne Whitfield	1113
FRIDAY 3RD AUGUST 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1115
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SATURDAY 4TH AUGUST 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT JOHN VIANNEY				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1117
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST 2018 – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)				
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Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	The People of Both Parishes	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Maureen Southworth	
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism		

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

Tuesday - Saint Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)

Founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), Ignatius of Loyola, like Francis of Assisi, had a conversion experience while recuperating from a serious illness. Being a military man, the Rule of Life that Saint Ignatius wrote for his followers shows the discipline and rigour of a soldier, but a soldier of faith with the mercy and compassion of the Gospel. The method of discernment developed by Saint Ignatius is used to this day by many in the Church.

Wednesday - Saint Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787)

Alphonsus Liguori was a great moral theologian as well as the founder of the Redemptorists. He wrote many works of spirituality. He also suffered at the hands of some Redemptorists who betrayed his dream - even saints have it tough!

Saturday - Saint John Vianney (1786-1859)

John Vianney is best known as the Curé d'Ars, the little French town where he was pastor. John had great trouble with his studies and almost wasn't ordained. After he became the pastor in Ars however, he gained great fame for his love for Jesus in the Eucharist, and as a much sought-after confessor, hearing confessions sometimes for twelve hours a day. He is patron saint of parish priests.

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2. EUCHARIST IS ... THANKSGIVING

When we give thanks at Mass, the past is renewed, the present is transformed, and future hope is generated by recalling past mercies. What we know from the past of the power and love of God gives us confidence in the continued mercy of God, despite whatever may be going on in our lives to try us.

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REMEMBERING FIRST ANNIVERSARIES

Our hope and prayers are with those who will be celebrating their First Anniversary of Baptism during the coming month: Isla Rose Hughes, daughter of Paul and Rebecca Hughes from Holcroft Drive, Abram, who was baptised at Holy Family by Deacon Mike on the 13th of August 2017; and Bobby-James Brady, son of Richard Brady and Tara-Marie Ormshaw from Lily Lane, Bamfurlong, who was baptised at Holy Family on the 20th of August 2017 by Deacon Mike.

We continue to hold in our hearts and in prayer before the Lord those whose First Anniversary of Death will occur during the month of August:

Dorothy Dixon aged 66 from Ruskin Crescent, Abram, who died on the 2nd of August 2017 aged 66 years; Vincent Egan aged 83 from Askwith Road, Hindley Green, who died on the 3rd of August 2017 aged 83 years; Alan Liptrot from Ashley Road, Hindley Green, who died on the 8th of August 2017 aged 69 years; Angela Hickey aged 73 from Claydon Drive, Spring View, who died on the 15th of August 2017 aged 73 years; and Father Gerald Hurst aged 88 from Belong Village, Platt Bridge, who also died on the 15th of August 2017 aged 88 years.

FIRST SUNDAY ROSARY

The Legion of Mary will lead the praying of the Rosary immediately after the 9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart Church next Sunday, the 5th of August, and on the First Sunday of every month. Everyone welcome to come along and join them.

LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION

Please continue to take a white tin from the back of Holy Family Church to put your loose change in and then, when it's full, return it to church and take another one to fill. A total of £549 has been donated so far via the tins towards the cost of the work carried out at Holy Family Church. Thanks to all who support this.

REQUESTS FOR BAPTISM

Expectant parents are always very welcome to take part in the Baptism Preparation Course even before the birth of their child. Pick up a Baptism Information leaflet after Mass any weekend. Preparation Meetings for parents requesting Baptism for their children take place four times each year, in March, June, September and December.

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Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Maureen Southworth	
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism		
MONDAY 6TH AUGUST 2018 – CELEBRATING THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Alan Liptrot	1850
TUESDAY 7TH AUGUST 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Theresa Mills	1122
WEDNESDAY 8TH AUGUST 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT DOMINIC				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1126
11.30am	Holy Family	Funeral Service for Thomas Hurst		
THURSDAY 9TH AUGUST 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT EDITH STEIN				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Intentions of John & May Ashcroft	1128
FRIDAY 10TH AUGUST 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT LAWRENCE				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Intentions of Samantha Tatlock	1864
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SATURDAY 11TH AUGUST 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT CLARE				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	For The People of Both Parishes	1132
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SUNDAY 12TH AUGUST 2018 – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Intentions of Joan Baines	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Angela Thomas	

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

Wednesday – Saint Dominic

Dominic became aware that the preacher had to practice what he preached and connect with the people of God. He and a few others formed what was the beginning of the Order of Preachers, better known as the Dominicans. Living a life of simplicity, the Dominicans were committed to contemplative action - the combination of two ways of life.

Thursday – Saint Edith Stein

The story of Edith Stein begins with her life as a noted philosopher, raised in the Jewish faith, and ends as a Catholic Carmelite nun with the name Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. She died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz in 1942. A life involving two faiths and many political events which swirled around her.

Friday – Saint Lawrence

Devotion to Lawrence dates back to the earliest days of the Church. While we do not have many facts about his life, his courageous witness to the faith through his martyrdom is well known. He is a patron saint of deacons.

Saturday – Saint Clare

Clare referred to herself as a little plant, but in many ways she was a strong oak. A contemporary of Saint Francis of Assisi, she formed a community, now known as the Poor Clares, and insisted on the privilege of poverty until her dying breath. A model of humility, Clare cared for her sisters even through her own years of illness. Her devotion to Jesus was extraordinary.

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3. EUCHARIST IS ... PILGRIMAGE

The beginning and the culmination of any week for a Catholic Christian is the Eucharist. We don't have to journey to some far-off place with passport and suitcase to find the healing and refreshment that we need; forgiveness and inclusion are to be found in our being part of God's family. We just have to journey to church for Mass.

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UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

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CALLED TO SERVE

Congratulations to Pearse McDonagh from Holy Family Parish who was recently accepted by Archbishop Malcolm to begin the process of discernment and formation with a view to serving in the Archdiocese of Liverpool as a Permanent Deacon. The process begins with a year of discernment and introduction to study (which Pearse will enter into from September) followed by a three-year course of academic, pastoral and spiritual formation. During this time the candidate is formally admitted as a Candidate for Ordination and will receive the ministries of Lector and Acolyte, before eventual ordination and service as a Deacon. Please hold Pearse, his wife Nicola, and their two boys, in your prayers.

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CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

For a Catholic perspective on current world issues, why not buy and read a Catholic newspaper each week? Both *The Catholic Universe* and *The Catholic Times* are on sale at the back of each of our churches at £1.30 a copy. *The Catholic Universe* in particular has articles for the whole of the family. Why not buy a copy after Mass today and give it a try - and, if you like it, maybe become a regular reader?

LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION

Please continue to take a white tin from the back of Holy Family Church to put your loose change in and then, when it's full, return it to church and take another one to fill. A total of £617 has been donated so far via the tins towards the cost of the work carried out at Holy Family Church. Thanks to all who support this.

HOLY FAMILY MONTHLY
BONUS BALL WINNERS

July 4th – No. 07
July 18th – No. 33

July 11th – No. 13
July 25th – No. 06

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Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	<i>Missal Page Number</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Intentions of Joan Baines	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Angela Thomas	
MONDAY 13TH AUGUST 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1134
TUESDAY 14TH AUGUST 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE				
Please Note: No Morning Mass at Holy Family today. Evening Mass at 7.00pm.				
WEDNESDAY 15TH AUGUST 2018 – CELEBRATING THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY				
Tues. 7.00pm	Holy Family	Mass	Parishioners of Both Parishes	
Wed. 10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	
THURSDAY 16TH AUGUST 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Bill Mangnall	1140
FRIDAY 17TH AUGUST 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1142
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SATURDAY 18TH AUGUST 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Maureen Southworth	1145
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST 2018 – TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Catherine (Kitty) Mitchell	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Sylvia Denton	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Parishioners of Both Parishes	

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

Tuesday – Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Maximilian Mary Kolbe, a Conventual Franciscan, is best known for volunteering to take the place of a condemned prisoner in the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz in 1941. But he also worked tirelessly for the spiritual welfare of people through a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother. His whole life seemed to revolve around Mary as the sure path to Jesus.

Wednesday – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The doctrine of the Assumption of Mary was formally defined only fairly recently in 1950 by Pope Pius XII. But the belief that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven at end of her earthly life, dates back to the earliest days of the Church. What happened to Mary at the close of her earthly existence is the sure and certain hope held out to all God's children. Our destiny is to share life fully with Christ in the presence of the Father. And if, like Mary, we are open to the prompting of the Spirit in our lives, that is where the Spirit will bring us.

► NEXT WEDNESDAY IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION ◀

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady is also a Holyday of Obligation, to be celebrated by Catholics as a sort of "mid-week Sunday" by joining together for the Eucharist. The Masses for this Holyday in our two churches will be a Vigil Mass on Tuesday at 7.00pm in Holy Family Church and Mass on the Wednesday itself at 10.00am in Sacred Heart Church.

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A series of seven short weekly reflections for us to ponder during the coming week

4. EUCHARIST IS ... REAL PRESENCE

Whenever we gather to celebrate Mass, or whenever the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for our adoration, Jesus Christ is really present with us, just as he told us he would be. His presence shows the truth of his words, recorded right at the end of Saint Matthew's Gospel, when he told us that he would never leave us but would be with us always. Jesus is present in the Eucharist. But that presence demands something of us too: It demands our being present to Him.

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OUR FUTURE PRIESTS

Please pray for our seminarians who, at the end of this month, will either commence for some, or recommence for others, their academic formation for future priesthood in the following seminaries:

St. Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham: Rev. Thomas Clarke, from St. Charles and Thomas More Parish, Aigburth, begins his sixth year of formation and will, please God, be ordained a priest in his home Parish on 13th July, 2019. Hugh Dunleavy, from St. Alban's Parish, Warrington, begins his second year of formation. Joseph Champion-Williams, from St. Wilfrid's Parish, Garston, also begins his second year of formation. Peter Ross, from St. Margaret Mary Parish, Knotty Ash, will begin his first year of formation at Oscott after a year in the English College, Valladolid.

St. John's College, Wonerth, Guildford: Peter Murphy, of St. Marie's Parish, Southport, begins his fifth year of formation. The Pontifical Bede College, Rome: Michael Harwood, from Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Crosby, will begin his first year of formation.

The Venerable English College, Rome: Joshua Dixon, from St. Agnes Parish, Huyton, begins his fourth year of formation. James Finnegan, from St. Margaret Mary Parish, Knotty Ash, begins his first year of formation. Martin Fyles, from Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Joseph Parish, Southport, will also begin his first year of formation.

Please also pray for those who continue to attend the discernment days and spend time at the House of Discernment. And for any men requiring more information on discerning a call to the Priesthood in the Archdiocese of Liverpool, please contact Father James Preston (Vocations Director) on 0151 727 2493.

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Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Parishioners of Both Parishes	
MONDAY 20TH AUGUST 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT BERNARD				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	William Freeman	1147
TUESDAY 21ST AUGUST 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT PIUS THE TENTH				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Fr. Gerald Hurst	1149
WEDNESDAY 22ND AUGUST 2018 – CELEBRATING THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Thomas & Mary Ann O'Connell	1893
THURSDAY 23RD AUGUST 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Intentions of Brian Scholes (sick)	1154
FRIDAY 24TH AUGUST 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT BARTHOLOMEW				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Ted Higginson	1898
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SATURDAY 25TH AUGUST 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Audrey Reid	1158
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
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Tuesday – Saint Pius the Tenth A man of humble background, and wanting to maintain a simple lifestyle, Saint Pius the Tenth endured the trappings of the papacy as best he could. Known for encouraging frequent reception of Holy Communion, and concerned about world affairs, he led the Church in holiness and grace. He was undoubtedly one of the greatest popes of the 20th century.

Wednesday – The Queenship of Mary Coming exactly a week after the celebration of her Assumption, this feast of Mary recognises her role in the Kingdom of her Son, Jesus. If Jesus is king, Mary is certainly queen. And the title - or its surrogate - goes back centuries in the Church, as Mary has been praised for her position in the Church among the People of God.

Friday – Saint Bartholomew We know nothing about today's saint, Saint Bartholomew, except that he was one of the original twelve apostles. If he is the man called Nathanael, then we know he is from Cana in Galilee - but that still doesn't tell us much. But knowing that he gave his life in the service of the Gospel is enough.

5. EUCHARIST IS ... VOCATION

We are “sent out” by the deacon at the end of Mass to remind us that we have been changed by our Baptism: Then, we received a call from God, a call to holiness with The Holy One. And we are nourished in the Sunday Eucharist so that we can respond to that call now, by living in the way our personal vocation demands of us throughout the rest of the week.

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“ADOREMUS” NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC YOUTH CONGRESS

Liverpool Echo Arena Auditorium – Saturday 8th September from 10.30 to 5.30pm - Cost £10

Tickets are now available through Eventbrite (www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/adoremus-youth-congress-tickets-) for those aged between 18 to 25 years who would like to take part in the Youth Congress. Join a thousand young adults from around the country in a lively day to celebrate faith and to deepen an understanding of Jesus, the Bread of Life. Those aged between 13 and 17 can still take part in the day but need to be part of an organised group. More information at www.adoremusyouth.co.uk and on Facebook at Adoremus National Youth Congress.

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FOR LAST WEEK**Sacred Heart**

Offertory £501.60

REGULAR SOCIAL & SUPPORT GROUPS***New Members always Welcome*****LINE DANCING**

Monday afternoons from 1.00pm to 3.00pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Both dancers and watchers welcome. Contact Sylvia Delargy on 01942 521482

LEGION OF MARY

Meets on Tuesdays at 10.30am at Holy Family and Thursdays at 7.00pm at Sacred Heart.. Contact Mary Marsh (Holy Family) on 01942 701091 or Susan Mines (Sacred Heart) on 07952 822440

BROWNIES & GUIDES

Meets on Wednesday evenings in Holy Family Parish Hall. The Brownies meet at 6.30pm and the Guides at 8.00pm. Contact Sheila Marcroft on 861981

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Monday evenings at 7.00pm in Saint Wilfrid’s Church, Bolton Road, Stubshaw Cross. Contact Deacon Mike Swift on 01942 715177

OVER 60’s FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Senior Citizens meeting on Wednesday afternoons at 2.00pm in Sacred Heart Club. Contact Maureen Dalton on 01942 253132.

MOTHERS’ PRAYERS

Mothers who gather together each week to pray for their children and grandchildren. Meets on Thursdays in Holy Family Parish Hall at 2.00pm. Contact Mary Marsh on 01942 701091

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

For all finding it hard to cope after the loss of a loved one. The last Saturday of each month at 12.15pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Contact Mary Marsh on 01942 701091

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Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Anne Louise McCarthy	
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 27TH AUGUST 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT MONICA				
▶ 10.00am ◀	Sacred Heart	Mass	Laurence Baines	1160
TUESDAY 28TH AUGUST 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT AUGUSTINE				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	In Thanks (45th Wedding Anniv.)	1162
WEDNESDAY 29TH AUGUST 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1913
THURSDAY 30TH AUGUST 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT EDMUND ARROWSMITH				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Lawrence Southworth	1165
FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Agnes Freeman	1167
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SATURDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	L.I.S.C.F. Intention	1169
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SUNDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2018 – 22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	For the Parishioners of Both Parishes	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Margaret & Thomas Morris	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Trevor Roberts	

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

Monday – Saint Monica Monica is perhaps best known as the mother of Saint Augustine who we celebrate tomorrow. But Monica was also the mother of two other children, and is known as a woman of great prayer. We know that she prayed for the conversion of her son, and her prayers were heard. She also prayed for and obtained the conversion of her husband and mother-in-law.

Tuesday – Saint Augustine Augustine is a giant in many ways. He had a powerful and forceful personality which he used both before and after his conversion. He had a passion for whatever he did, and this shows in his theological teachings. Yet he also was a man of great love, as is evident in his sermons. And he had a deep love for the Lord.

Wednesday – The Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist The martyrdom of John is one of the most gruesome stories in the New Testament. Yet it is the story of the victory of faith and courage over cowardice and hate. A king makes a careless promise and does not have the integrity to do the right thing when his jealous wife takes advantage. This is a blunt stories of what living faithfully is all about.

Thursday – Saint Edmund Arrowsmith A local lad, Brian Arrowsmith (although he always used Edmund which was his Confirmation name) was born at Haydock in 1585, a member of the Lancashire Catholic Gerard Family through his mother. He studied and was ordained priest abroad before returning to the English Mission where he was cruelly martyred, one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. His Holy Hand can be venerated at Saint Oswald's Church in Ashton.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS IN 2019

At the beginning of a new School Year it is our custom to invite the parents of baptised Catholic children who are entering Year Four to begin to prepare their children to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to receive First Holy Communion.

Introductory Meetings will be held in Holy Family Primary School Hall at 5.45pm on Wednesday the 12th of September and in Sacred Heart Primary School Hall at 5.30pm on Thursday the 13th of September for any parent or guardian who wishes their child to do this. The meeting will explain the commitment expected of those who wish their child to receive these Sacraments, as well as give the timetable of dates for the meetings of the Preparation Course we will follow together throughout the year. The catechists will be present to explain the content of the preparation course. Parents will be given an Application Form to complete and return if they wish to enrol their child as a candidate for these sacraments during the coming School Year.

Parents of children in Years Five and Six who, for whatever reason, may not have received these sacraments in an earlier year, as well as parents of baptised Catholic children attending other schools, are also very welcome to come along.

FIRST SUNDAY ROSARY

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7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1171
TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1173
WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Vincent Moore	1175
THURSDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1177
FRIDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Special Intention (70th Birthday)	1179
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2018 – CELEBRATING OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Intentions of LISCF	1923
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
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Monday - Saint Gregory the Great Gregory is one of only two popes ever to have been given the title "The Great". (The other is Pope Leo the First). Gregory came from a wealthy family and was Prefect of Rome. He resigned that position to become a monk and was later elected pope at the age of 50. In his new role, he had much to do, both within and outside the Church. Gregory proved to be a capable shepherd, addressing many ecclesial and civil issues with a firm, steady resolve. He reorganised Church life and administration in a time of crisis and sponsored liturgical reform. He initiated the evangelisation of the English by sending Augustine on his mission to England. Gregory is remembered also for his extensive writings on pastoral care, spirituality, and morals, for his care of the poor, and for his self-designation as "Servant of the Servants of God", a title still used by the pope today.

Saturday - The Birth of Mary In affirming the humanity of Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, the Church celebrates the birth of Mary, his mother. Although Scripture does not record the birth of Mary, some other early apocryphal writings note the development of Christian piety around Mary's parents and her birth. Usually, a saint's feast day is celebrated on the date of the anniversary of their death (the day they were born into eternal life) but, because of her importance in salvation history, Mary's earthly birthday is celebrated each year, as well as those of her Son, the Lord, on the 25th of December, and of Saint John the Baptist on the 24th of June.

No doubt to the great delight of their parents, our children end their summer break and will return to school during this week. We pray for all who learn or who work in our schools, a very successful and blessed new academic year.

The last of seven short weekly reflections for us to ponder during the coming week

7. EUCHARIST IS... A CHALLENGE TO BECOME WHAT WE RECEIVE

When we receive the Eucharist in Holy Communion at Mass, and when we reply “Amen” to the declaration that this is the Body of Christ, we accept the challenge which Saint Augustine set before us: To become what we receive. We walk as a body, a community, a Church, with Christ at its head and centre, showing us the way, in which each one has a part to play, and in which each part is needed and each part is valued.

The Adoremus National Eucharistic Congress is taking place next weekend in Liverpool from Friday the 7th of September through to Sunday the 9th of September. Let’s join in mind and spirit and through times of individual prayer with those who will be attending as delegates from all the parishes of the dioceses of England and Wales. Our own delegates will be Elizabeth Fairhurst from Holy Family Parish and Peter Weatherhead from Sacred Heart Parish.

FIRST SUNDAY ROSARY

The Legion of Mary will lead the praying of the Rosary immediately after the 9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart Church today and then on the First Sunday of every following month.

REMEMBERING FIRST ANNIVERSARIES

We continue to hold in our hearts and in prayer before the Lord those whose First Anniversary of Death will occur during this month: Jack Renshaw from Park Lane, Abram, who died on the 25th of September 2017 aged 82 years; Marie Burrows from Crossdale Road, Hindley Green, who died on the 30th of September 2017 aged 64 years; and Patrick Roche from Pendennis Crescent, Hindley Green, who died also on the 30th of September 2017 aged 74 years.

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MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Intentions of Frank Vose	1183
TUESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Intentions of Joan Baines	1185
WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1187
THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	The Parishioners of Both Parishes	1189
FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2018 – CELEBRATING THE HOLY CROSS				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1934
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SATURDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2018 – CELEBRATING OUR LADY OF SORROWS				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Martha Anne Heyes	1937
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
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Thursday – Saint John Chrysostom This great preacher of the Church at Antioch ("*Chrysostom*" means "*The One with the Golden Tongue*") was a victim of his own success. Called to be a bishop, this simple monk soon found himself embroiled in the politics of the empire. John, however, managed to stay focused. He once preached: "It's a blasphemy to worship the presence of Christ in the Mass if you don't reverence his presence in his poorest brothers and sisters on the streets".

Friday – The Triumph of the Cross Saint Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, is credited with having found the cross on which Jesus was crucified. From once being an instrument of shame and death, the cross quickly became the boast of Christians and a symbol of the triumph of life over death, of good over evil, of love over hatred.

Saturday – Our Lady of Sorrows The principal references in the gospels to Mary's sorrows are Simeon's prediction at the Presentation of the child Jesus, about a sword piercing Mary's soul in the Gospel according to Luke, and Jesus' words from the cross to Mary and to the Beloved Disciple in the Gospel according to John. The two passages are brought together as prediction and fulfilment. From the crib to the Cross, the sorrowful Mother shares in her Son's work of redemption.

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	Wednesday August 8th – Bonus Ball Number 07
	Wednesday August 15th – Bonus Ball Number 54
	Wednesday August 22nd – Bonus Ball Number 36
	Wednesday August 29th – Bonus Ball Number 55

TODAY IS EDUCATION SUNDAY

Coinciding with the start of the new academic year, Education Sunday is the special day in the year when the whole Catholic community celebrates and supports our Catholic schools, giving thanks for the students and staff, parents and governors, who work so hard in and for Catholic schools. It’s also a chance for us to reflect upon the contribution that Catholic education makes to our communities.

Catholic schools couldn’t exist without the support of the Catholic community. This has been the case for the last one hundred and seventy years. The Retiring Collection being taken today will help our schools to continue to thrive.

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Sadly, the practice of most Catholic homes taking a Catholic newspaper has declined greatly over the last few decades. But today, maybe more than ever, rapid and radical changes in social values make it critical that we should be aware of what the Church has to say on the big issues and events of our day, and how we should respond. Why not consider taking a Catholic newspaper each week? Both *The Catholic Universe* and *The Catholic Times* are on sale from the back of church.

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MONDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2018				
12.30pm	Holy Family	Funeral Service for Brian Worthington		
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1194
TUESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1197
WEDNESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1198
THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2018 – CELEBRATING THE MARTYRS OF KOREA				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1200
1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Funeral Mass for Thomas O'Connell		
FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT MATTHEW				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	In Thanksgiving (Golden Wedding)	1951
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Parishioners of Both Parishes	1204
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
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Jesus challenges his disciples in today's Gospel: "Who do you say I am?" But do we ever even speak about him at all? Today is Home Mission Sunday when we are encouraged to think and pray about evangelisation (spreading the Good News of Jesus) and what part each of us plays in it. The proceeds from the Retiring Collection today is to fund resources to support Catholics in England and Wales to be more confident in sharing their faith with others.

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

Thursday – The Martyrs of Korea The evangelisation of Korea was begun by lay persons in the seventeenth century. The Korean martyrs (who include Saints Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang) spread the Gospel in their native land under extremely difficult circumstances. Their number included bishops, priests, and lay persons, men and women, young and old.

Friday – Saint Matthew, Apostle Matthew was a Jew who worked for the Romans as a tax collector, so his fellow Jews would have considered him a traitor and would have despised him. The Pharisees viewed all tax collectors as sinners. So it was a real shock to hear that Jesus had called such a person to be one of his followers. But that's the kind of thing that Jesus did – and still does!

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Holy Family	Sacred Heart	Members of The Legion of Mary will be in attendance at Mass at Holy Family next weekend (23rd September) and at Sacred Heart the following weekend (30th September) to invite new members to join them.
Offertory £400.12	Offertory £526.00	
Catholic Education £74.20	Catholic Education £182.00	

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the families and friends of those who have died recently and whose funeral rites will be celebrated during the coming week:

Brian Worthington from Bickershaw Lane, Abram who died on the 2nd of September aged 81 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church on Monday at 12.30pm prior to committal at Wigan Crematorium.

Thomas O'Connell from Thomas Street, Hindley Green who died on the 10th of September aged 81 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church on Thursday at 1.00pm prior to burial at Hindley Cemetery.

May the Lord welcome them home.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION MEETING

The Preparation Course leading to First Holy Communions in 2019 begins this week: Either on Wednesday (19th of September) at 5.45pm in Holy Family Church, or on Thursday (20th of September) at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church. *Theme: "Come to the Water – Baptism and Belonging"*

Please note that while this first meeting takes place in the church, all future meetings will take place in the Primary Schools. Families from each parish should ideally attend the meeting taking place in their own parish but, if they cannot attend that meeting, they are welcome to go along to the meeting in the other parish instead, since both meetings will cover the same subject matter. As in previous years, parents and children are expected to attend Mass every weekend.

CANDIDATE FOR ORDINATION

Congratulations to Pearse McDonagh from Holy Family Parish who has now been formally admitted as a Candidate for Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Liverpool. The Rite of Admission to Candidacy was celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm during a Mass at Holy Cross Church, St. Helens last Tuesday evening. Pearse will now undertake a four-year period of study and formation before eventual ordination as a deacon. Please continue to hold him, his wife Nichola, and their two boys, in your prayers.

AFTER THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: WHAT NOW?

"LIVING THE EUCHARIST" – A Reflection by Father Chris Thomas

In the aftermath of the National Eucharistic Congress, I have been reflecting on my own experience of the Eucharist. When I used to take young people to Lourdes over 30 years ago, there was a tent on the prairie where 24-hour exposition of the Blessed Sacrament took place. It was the most simple, beautiful place you can imagine. I loved going there and sitting before the Lord in the midst of a busy pilgrimage.

While I was there one day I got a sense that the Lord was speaking to me deeply within. Inside myself I heard the words 'Don't just worship me, follow me'. I remember being profoundly moved by this and all sorts of pictures went through my mind of people that I ministered too. I realised that whenever I gave of myself through loving service I was being Eucharist to others. It has affected my whole life. I have realised that we are to become what we receive, rather than just worship the Lord present in the Eucharist, as wonderful as that can be.

Maybe the invitation we are all being given is to recognise the presence of the risen Lord in our Eucharistic gathering. We are being encouraged to know that He is there in the people who gather, He is there in the Word that is proclaimed, and He is there too in the food we receive. If we can recognise Him in elements so ordinary as bread and wine, then maybe we will have the courage to recognise Him everywhere else too.

Saint Augustine said that we who are the body of Christ receive the body of Christ to become the body of Christ. What we have received we are to become so that we can feed the world with this Jesus who brings life. Eucharist was never meant to be simply about adoration. It is meant to draw us deeply into relationship with Jesus and with others.

Every time we break the bread, we identify with every brother and sister who is broken. Every time we drink from the cup, we identify with everyone who shares themselves with another. If this gift forces us into relationship with our brothers and sisters, then we can't stand by and let them suffer. We can't judge the poor and the broken. Eucharist binds us together and draws us into community.

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TUESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2018				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1208
WEDNESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1210
THURSDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1200
FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Marcus Reid	1212
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SATURDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2018 – CELEBRATING THE ANGELS & ARCHANGELS				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1963
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018 – 26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)				
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Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Marie Burrows	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Parishioners of Both Parishes	
Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism		

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

Monday – Our Lady of Walsingham

This is England's National Feast of Our Lady. Devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham dates back to an 11th Century apparition of Mary who desired a copy of the Holy House of Nazareth to be built and venerated at Walsingham. The original Norfolk shrine was destroyed at the Reformation but restored in the 19th Century. A long-time place of prayer and pilgrimage for both Catholics and Anglicans (there is now also an Orthodox Church there) Walsingham celebrates Mary as Mother of the Lord, with prayer and hope of a deeper reconciliation and unity among all Christians.

Thursday – Saint Vincent de Paul

The experience and needs of the poor turned Vincent de Paul's heart and energy to a life of care and compassion. A grumpy man by nature (by his own admission-) Vincent became a gentle and loving servant of the oppressed. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society carries on his work in his name in many parishes today.

Saturday – Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and All Angels

The role and ministry of angels appears frequently in Scripture, but only Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael are named. Each of these archangels performs a different mission in God's work of our salvation: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides. Through today's feast we honour God the Creator of all life, visible and invisible.

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► FORTHCOMING DEANERY AND PARISH CHANGES ◀

Many years ago, when the two former deaneries of Ashton-in-Makerfield and Newton-le-Willows were amalgamated, the linking of the thirteen parishes within them into one new and much larger Pastoral Area made very little sense, either geographically or pastorally, and we have been struggling with this tension ever since. With the recent move of Father Ron Johnson, the position of Dean became vacant and, after consultation with the deanery clergy, with the local deans, and with the members of the Archbishop's Council, Archbishop Malcolm has decided not to appoint a new dean but to suppress the Ashton-in-Makerfield Pastoral Area and to allocate the parishes within it to the care of the neighbouring Pastoral Areas.

With effect from the 1st of October the following changes will therefore take effect:

The parishes of The Holy Family (Platt Bridge), Saint Benedict (Hindley), Our Lady Immaculate (Bryn), Saint Wilfrid (Ashton) and Saint Oswald & Saint Edmund Arrowsmith (Ashton) will move into the Wigan Pastoral Area;

The parishes of The Sacred Heart (Hindley Green), Saint Catherine of Sienna and All Saints (Golborne and Lowton) and Saint Lewis (Croft) will move into the Leigh Pastoral Area;

The three Newton-le-Willows parishes and English Martyrs (Haydock) will move into the St. Helens Pastoral Area.

For our two parishes this will mean that Father Tony remains as Parish Priest at Holy Family but, as from the 1st of October, he will cease to be Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Hindley Green, which will move to the priests of the Leigh Pastoral Area. Deacon Ken and Father Strowbridge will continue to provide interim pastoral care for Sacred Heart Parish over the coming weeks, but inevitably there will be some changes at Sacred Heart in the near future.

SACRED HEART PARISH MEETING

There will be a Parish Meeting, open to all members of Sacred Heart Parish, on Monday of this week (the 24th of September) in The Gordon Room at Sacred Heart Church at 7.30pm to discuss arrangements for the Christmas Fayre this year. If you would like to be involved, or have any ideas for future social or fund-raising events, but can't make the meeting, please see Deacon Ken.

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Home Missions	£77.25	£189.00	

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SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018 – 26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Percy Oakes & Hubert Guy	Daily Missal Page Number
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Marie Burrows	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Parishioners of Both Parishes	
Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism		
MONDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT THERESE OF LISIEUX				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Bill Dalton	1218
TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2018 – CELEBRATING OUR GUARDIAN ANGELS				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Fr. Kevin Kelly (<i>Lately Dead</i>)	1972
WEDNESDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2018				
10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1222
THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI				
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1224
FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2018				
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1226
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2018				
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	People of the Parish	1228
11.30am	Holy Family	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2018 – 27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	Agnes Freeman	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Trevor John Cording	

► CHANGES TO OUR PARISHES ◀

TAKING EFFECT FROM THIS WEEK

As notified last week, due to the suppression of the Ashton-in-Makerfield Deanery and the allocation of its parishes to the neighbouring deaneries, there will be changes as to how our parishes are administered, taking effect from this week.

From Monday the 1st of October 2018, the parishes of The Holy Family (Platt Bridge), Saint Benedict (Hindley), Our Lady Immaculate (Bryn), Saint Wilfrid (Ashton) and Saint Oswald & Saint Edmund Arrowsmith (Ashton) move into the Wigan Deanery; The parishes of The Sacred Heart (Hindley Green), Saint Catherine of Sienna and All Saints (Golborne and Lowton) and Saint Lewis (Croft) move into the Leigh Deanery; The three Newton-le-Willows parishes and English Martyrs (Haydock) move into the St. Helens Deanery.

For our two parishes this will mean that Father Tony remains as Parish Priest at Holy Family but, as from the 1st of October, he will cease to be Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Hindley Green, which will move to the priests of the Leigh Pastoral Area. Deacon Ken and Father Strowbridge will continue to provide interim pastoral care for Sacred Heart Parish over the coming weeks, but inevitably there will be some changes at Sacred Heart in the near future.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK
Holy Family Offertory £490.89
Sacred Heart Offertory £645.00



OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Why not give it a special place in your daily prayer routine during these days

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

We welcome into the People of God through the celebration of Baptism at Sacred Heart Church this weekend: Joshua Martin Hamer, born on the 8th of April 2017, the son of Philip and Emma Hamer from Harvest Way, Hindley Green.

LEGION OF MARY RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Members of The Legion of Mary will be in attendance at Mass at Sacred Heart Church this weekend (30th September) to invite new members to join them. Members of The Legion of Mary will also lead the praying of the Rosary immediately after the 9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart Church next Sunday, the 7th of October. All are welcome to join them.

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CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

Monday – Saint Therese of Lisieux

Thérèse yearned to go to the missions, although entered Carmel at the age of fifteen and remained within the cloister for the rest of her short life, yet became the Patron Saint of the Missions. She died aged just twenty-four yet having lived a full life on earth, including serving her community as novice director. She came from good stock – both of her parents were also canonised in 2015.

Thursday – Our Guardian Angels

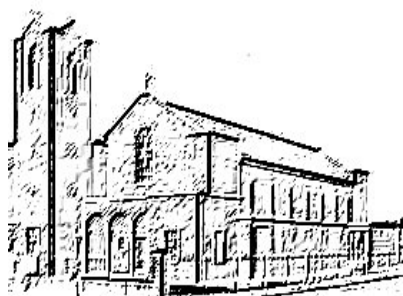
Angels play an important role in the story of our salvation as messengers of God who carry out his will. The belief that each person has a guardian angel watching over him or her is an extension of that role, and a reminder of God's never-failing providence in his eternal care for each of his children.

Thursday – Saint Francis of Assisi

Francis of Assisi is an amazing individual: Founder of the Franciscan family, inspiration to thousands, claimed by people of all faiths as well as those with no particular faith. Though born in the 13th century, he belongs to all ages.

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TUESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2018			
10.00am	Mass	John Sweeney	1233
THURSDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2018			
10.00am	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	1237
SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2018			
11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	1241
11.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
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CHURCH HEATING REPAIRS

You may recall this time of year approximately six years ago, when the church heating boiler failed and had to be replaced. To keep the cost down, this was done with the installation of two refurbished heating boilers which had previously been in use for many years at the former Saint Aelred's High School in Newton-le-Willows.

A few weeks ago one of these boilers "died" meaning the church heating is now being provided by just the one boiler – until that too "dies" as it is expected to do in the not too distant future. The only viable option is to install two brand new heating boilers at an cost of around £25,000.

We will not be holding any extra retiring collections towards paying for this, but any increase you can make, however small, to your weekly giving in the offertory collection at Mass would be very much appreciated, as would any one-off donations, or maybe future bequests or increased support for any fund-raising efforts.

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CELEBRATING FIRST ANNIVERSARIES

Our congratulations to those who will celebrate their First Anniversary of Baptism during this month: Bradley Lucas Pawlowski, son of Lukasz Pawlowski and Simona Trenkova from Trent Road, Ashton, who was baptised by Deacon Mike on the 8th of October 2017; Ella Rose Taylor, daughter of Adam and Kerry Taylor from Malvern Crescent, Ince, who was baptised by Deacon Mike on the 20th of October 2017; and Jacob Owen Hudson, son of Lewis Hudson and Chloe Lynn from Winstanley Road, Bamfurlong, who was baptised by Deacon Mike on the 29th of October 2017.

PRO-LIFE POSTCARD CAMPAIGN

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) has produced postcards which can be used to send a message to our Member of Parliament urging her to vote against a pro-abortion Bill which is due to come before the House of Commons on Tuesday the 23rd of October. SPUC advises that the Bill seeks to leave no effective law to regulate abortion, thus opening up commercial opportunities for online and over-the-counter abortion pill sales, and leave no protection for freedom of conscience for medical professionals. Should you wish to join this postcard action campaign, a supply of the postcards is available at the back of church this weekend for you to take and send to your MP.

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THE ORANGE BUCKET COLLECTION

For those who prefer not to use the White Collecting Tins (and even for those who do) the Orange Bucket which young William, our altar server, stands holding at the back of church after Mass each Sunday, is there to receive any loose change you may wish to donate to Holy Family Church. Pop it into your pocket before coming to Mass then put it in the bucket when you leave church. Thanks to William for doing this (it was his idea) and thanks to those who support it.

<p>HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL WINNERS To join, please see Margaret Lundy at the back of church on Sundays (£1 Stake for £30 Prize each week)</p>	<p>Wednesday September 5th – Bonus Ball Number 47</p>
	<p>Wednesday September 12th – Bonus Ball Number 36</p>
	<p>Wednesday September 19th – Bonus Ball Number 59</p>
	<p>Wednesday September 26th – Bonus Ball Number 42</p>

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11.45am	Celebration of Baptism		
TUESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2018			
10.00am	Mass	L.I.S.C.F. Intentions	1244
THURSDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT LUKE			
<i>Luke is known to us primarily as the author of the Gospel that bears his name and of the Acts of the Apostles (they are actually two volumes of one work). Luke instructs and inspires us with his beautiful treatment of the words and deeds of Jesus and of the early Church. We are blessed by his writings.</i>			
10.00am	Mass	Celebrant's Own Intention	2004
SATURDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2018			
11.00am	Mass	People of the Parish	1251
11.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2018 – 29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)			
10.30am	Mass	Bill Mangnall	

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WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

We welcome into the People of God and our Parish Family through the Celebration of Baptism this weekend: Dolly Agnes Smith, born on the 22nd of May 2018, the daughter of Kieran Smith and Stacey Ince from Culcheth Avenue, Abram.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING

The second meeting of the Preparation Course leading to First Holy Communions in 2019 takes place this week on Wednesday (17th of October) at 5.45pm in Holy Family Primary School Hall. The theme of this session is: "Called by Name."

Parents are reminded that they and their child are expected to attend Mass every weekend as an integral part of the preparation for First Holy Communion.

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NEXT WEEKEND FOR
THE FOREIGN MISSIONS

NEXT SUNDAY IS OUR FIRST "SYNOD SUNDAY"

In October of 2020 the Archdiocese of Liverpool will hold a gathering called a "Synod" to reflect on what the Lord may be asking of us today and to help us make decisions about the future of the Church here in our part of the world. "Synod Sundays" are moments when the Church throughout the Archdiocese will pray for God's blessing on this venture and reflect to prepare for it.

Next Sunday will be the first of these "Synod Sundays". There will be a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop telling us about the Synod and about how we can get involved. The Archbishop will also tell us why he has decided to call a Synod in the first place. And a special leaflet has been prepared which will be distributed next weekend. Plus there will be Open Meetings throughout the Archdiocese during the coming weeks to which everyone is invited (no need to book – just turn up) to make their views heard.

More information in the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter and in the Leaflet being given out next weekend.

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CREATIVE CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS WITH MUIR SIMPSON

Muir Simpson is the President of the North West Area of NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies) and has over 25 years' experience of working with flowers and foliage. The "Creative Christmas" workshops will enable you to make unique and beautiful arrangements for the forthcoming festive season!

The workshops begin on Tuesday the 6th of November 2018 from 1.00pm to 4.00pm in the Gibberd Room of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King at Liverpool. The cost for the six workshops is £60 per person (no refunds are available for any missed sessions) and includes parking and refreshments. The programme for the workshops is:

Week 1	"Get it Framed"	Tuesday the 6th of November
Week 2	"Heavenly Angels"	Tuesday the 13th of November
Week 3	"Can be Altered"	Tuesday the 20th of November
Week 4	"Woolley Wreath"	Tuesday the 27th of November
Week 5	"Three Kings"	Tuesday the 4th of December
Week 6	"Christmas Wreath"	Tuesday the 11th of December

Advance booking for the full course is essential and no places are available on the day. After booking, participants will be sent a list of 'ingredients' needed for Week 1, and then each week will be given a list for the following week. To book please email c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk or telephone 0151 709 9222, Ext: 201. Cheques should be made payable to "Friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral".

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10.00am	Mass	For the People of the Parish	1255
WEDNESDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2018			
12 noon	Funeral Mass for Francis Peter Traynor		
THURSDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2018			
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SATURDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2018			
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SUNDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2018 – 30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)			
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TODAY WE CELEBRATE OUR FIRST "SYNOD SUNDAY"

At the invitation of Archbishop Malcolm, the Archdiocese of Liverpool - people and priests together - are embarking upon a journey that will lead us to an Archdiocesan Synod in October 2020. Over the next two years we will gather to reflect on what God is asking of the Church in our Archdiocese in the years to come. We will hear more about this Synod in the Pastoral Letter being read at Mass today and there are leaflets for you to take home to read.

Today we have been asked to pray for God's blessing on these next two years as we try to listen to each other, to the world we are living in, and to the voice of the Holy Spirit. The word "Synod" originally meant "Together on the Road". The idea of being on a journey as pilgrims together in God's Church will be a central part of our prayer and reflection as we prepare for Synod 2020.

RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY FOR THE FOREIGN MISSIONS

This penultimate Sunday in October is observed each year as World Mission Sunday. It is the Sunday in the year when Catholics are especially asked to remember the world-wide missionary activity of the Church and, through our generosity, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. Through prayer, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and responding to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

Missio (formerly called the Association for the Propagation of the Faith) is the agency of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales responsible for co-ordinating World Mission Sunday and providing new, young or poor dioceses with the essential support they need on their journey to becoming self-sufficient. *Missio* works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. The donations you give through today's Retiring Collection will go directly and entirely from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories - local church directly helping local church.

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Cafod Harvest Fast Day £159.77

Remember that **BRITISH SUMMER TIME ENDS NEXT WEEKEND** at 2.00am on the morning of Sunday the 28th of October and clocks and watches should go back by one hour from that time.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Francis Peter (Frank) Traynor, lately of Rosebridge Court Nursing Home at Hindley and once from Simpkin Street, Abram, who died on the 13th of October aged 83 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church next Wednesday at 12 noon prior to burial at Gidlow Cemetery. May the Lord welcome him home.

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LOURDES FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FEAST

Visit Lourdes for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, from the 6th to the 9th of December, departing from Liverpool Airport. Full board at the 4 star Hotel Padoue. Cost £399 per person sharing or £465 in a single room. Contact Northern Star Travel on 0161 773 2115 for more details or to book or see www.northernstartravel.com

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT IRENAEUS

'Women Stand Tall': A weekend for women from Friday the 2nd to Sunday the 4th of November at The Irenaeus Project, 32 Great Georges Road, Liverpool L22 1RD led by Sr Moira Meeghan.

'Make your own the mind of Christ Jesus' Exploring the letter to the Philippians, at The Irenaeus Project, 32 Great Georges Road, Liverpool L22 1RD led by Fr Chris Thomas. Thursday mornings 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th of November from 10.30am to 12 noon. No charge but any donations gratefully accepted.

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SUNDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2018 – 30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)			Daily Missal Page Number
10.30am	Mass	For the People of the Parish	
TUESDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2018			
10.00am	Mass	For the People of the Parish	1267
THURSDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2018 – CELEBRATING ALL THE SAINTS (HOLYDAY) <i>While some have a specific feast day on which we celebrate and honour them, the vast majority of the saints of heaven do not. Today we honour all holy men and women in glory with Christ, known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.</i>			
10.00am	Mass	November List Names	
SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES <i>Due to racial and social prejudices, Martin (born an illegitimate child of mixed race) might have grown to be a bitter man, but he did not. Instead, he turned to the needs of others and generously cared for the sick and poor. He was known for his goodness to, and love of others, regardless of their race.</i>			
11.00am	Mass	November List Names	1274
11.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2018 – 31ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)			
10.30am	Mass	Eric Mills	
11.45am	Celebration of Baptism		

THURSDAY IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday of this week is The Solemnity of All Saints which is a Holyday of Obligation, to be observed by Catholics as a sort of "mid-week Sunday" by joining together for the celebration of the Eucharist. Mass at Holy Family Church on Thursday will be celebrated at the usual time of 10.00am.



However, for any who may be working during the day, or who cannot make a morning Mass on Thursday, a Vigil Mass will be celebrated at Saint Benedict's Church, Hindley on Wednesday Evening at 7.00pm and also at Saint Patrick's Church, Wigan at 7.30pm. On the Thursday Evening there will be Mass celebrated at Saint Oswald's, Ashton at 7.30pm and also at 7.30pm at Saint John's, Standishgate, Wigan (Tridentine Rite Mass in Latin). But please note that these Evening Holyday Mass Times are as given in the 2018 Archdiocesan Directory – it may be an idea to phone the church in advance to make sure the time is correct if you intend to go along.

LAST SUNDAY'S PASTORAL LETTER

Copies of the Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Malcolm, giving his thinking behind the forthcoming Synod of the Archdiocese in 2020 and which was read on his behalf at Mass last weekend, have been printed and are available from the back of church this weekend for you to take home and reflect on. Copies of this Pastoral Letter are also being sent out to parents and families through Holy Family Primary School.

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Offertory Collection £383.27

Foreign Missions Collection £107.27

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SYNOD 2020 OPEN MEETINGS

Last weekend, in both his Pastoral Letter and in the leaflet distributed, Archbishop Malcolm invited everyone to become involved in the Synod preparations, firstly by going along to Open Meeting being held at various dates and various venues throughout the Archdiocese. Each meeting will run from 7.30pm until 9.00pm. No prior booking needed – just go along.

Monday the 29th of October at Saint Joseph's Church, Meeting Lane, Penketh, Warrington, WA5 2BB

Tuesday the 30th of October at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA

Wednesday the 7th of November at Holy Rosary Church, Altway, Aintree, Liverpool L10 2LG

Thursday the 8th of November at Saint Mary's Church, Broadfield Drive, Leyland, Preston PR25 1PD

CHURCH HEATING REPAIRS UPDATE

Some good news! Although the specific model of the two Hamworthy heating boilers we have at Holy Family Church ceased to be manufactured in 2007, the makers advise that spare parts are still available. Which means the cost of the necessary heating repairs will now be around £5K to repair instead of £25K to replace.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS AND PRIZES

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INTERDENOMINATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

An opportunity for young people aged 18+ to meet with Regional Church Leaders of all denominations to share how they see Church and faith in the future. There will be an opportunity to have your say and to ask questions of the Church Leaders. When? Next Saturday the 3rd of November at 10.00am for coffee with a 10.30am start and lasting until 4.00pm. Lunch is included and the whole day is free of charge. Where? Animate Youth Ministry, Lowe House, 99 Crab Street, St. Helens, WA10 2BE (about a 10 minute walk from St. Helens Central train station). To book a place please contact Elisabeth by email at office@ctmr.org.uk or by phone on 0151 709 0125. When booking please let them know your name, age, denomination and any special dietary requirements for lunch.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT EVENT

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THE BRICK BOX

The box in the piety shop at the back of church is there to receive any contributions you may wish to make towards the food bank which is run by The Brick to support those who are homeless or down on their luck in the Wigan area. Donations are welcome of any non-perishable food items – tinned and packet food and dried goods such as rice and pasta, as well as baby food and nappies and basic toiletries such as soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

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10.30am	Mass	Eric Mills	
11.45am	Celebration of Baptism		
TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2018			
▶ 12 noon ◀		Funeral Mass for Mary Elizabeth Ratcliffe	
THURSDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2018			
10.00am	Mass	November List Names	1281
SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT LEO THE GREAT <i>Elected pope in 440, Leo the Great tried to protect the city of Rome from the devastation of barbarian invasion. His surviving letters and sermons illustrate the leadership and guidance he exercised as bishop of Rome. He held strong convictions about the importance the Church. He viewed the Church as the presence of Christ in the world. Saint Leo the Great was a man of deep spiritual convictions.</i>			
11.00am	Mass	November List Names	1285
11.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2018 – 32ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)			
10.30am	Mass	James & Elizabeth Parker	

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL SYNOD 2020

- LATEST UPDATE -

Every parish in the Archdiocese will be represented at the Synod in October 2020. Each parish priest will be a member of the Synod, together with one member of each parish. In the case of Holy Family Parish, Father Tony has invited Pearse McDonagh to serve as our delegate. Pearse will consult with parishioners, take their views and comments to the synod preparation meetings, and provide feedback to the parish from these meetings. He has already begun to get involved by attending one of the preliminary meetings held in the past few weeks.

There will also be eight additional delegates from each of the deaneries of the Archdiocese. Our delegates from the Wigan Deanery have yet to be nominated and/or chosen but will include two young people aged between 15 and 25 years, two delegates from the area of Catholic Education (Teacher Classroom Assistant, etc), one Deacon, someone involved in the Caring Services, someone with a background in Social Action (Justice and Peace, charitable outreach work, etc), and a further delegate to represent what is unique to the deanery, taking account of its ethnic and gender balance. All the delegates will be formally registered as such during December.

We'll keep you informed of further progress as it's made. But in the meantime, please hold Synod 2020 in prayer, asking for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit for its preparations, on its deliberations and in its future decisions.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE

During Mass next Sunday (Remembrance Sunday the 11th of November) in addition to remembering those fallen in conflict we will also remember by name those whose funeral rites have been celebrated at Holy Family during the last twelve months.

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£415.01

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WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

We welcome into the People of God and our Parish Family through the Celebration of Baptism today: Cain Hunter Holcroft, son of Damian and Sheryl Holcroft from Simpkin Street, Abram, who was born on the 20th of September 2015.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Our deep sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Mary Elizabeth Ratcliffe (formerly Mary Atherton) lately of Bedford Care Home, Leigh and once of Collinge Street, Platt Bridge, who died on the 16th of October aged 77 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church next Tuesday at 12 noon prior to cremation at Wigan Crematorium. May the Lord welcome her home.

REMEMBERING FIRST ANNIVERSARIES

Our congratulations to those celebrating their First Anniversary of Baptism during this month, especially Scarlett Austin, daughter of James Austin and Stephanie Tudor from Bolton Road, Bamfurlong, who was baptised by at Holy Family Deacon Mike on the 12th of November 2017.

And we continue to hold in prayer before the Lord those whose First Anniversary of Death occurs this month, especially Stan King from Bickershaw Lane, Bickershaw who died on the 13th of November 2017 aged 87 years.

YOUTH EVENTS

Animate Youth will be taking two coaches to London from the diocese for **FLAME**, the biggest Catholic Youth Gathering in the country, on Saturday the 2nd of March 2019. Guest speakers will be Emma B, Guyna B, Robert Madu and Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Ticket and travel costs £25.

And application forms can now be downloaded for the 2019 Archdiocese of Liverpool **YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** from the 18th to the 27th of July 2019 for those aged 15 (or in Year 10) to 22 years of age. Cost is £530.

More information about youth events or bookings for both of the above events at animateyouth.org or phone 01744 740460 or email admin@animateyouth.co.uk

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CARDINAL HEENAN CARE HOME

Cardinal Heenan House at Roby Mill, Upholland is a dementia care home which is part of *Orione Care* run by the Sons of Divine Providence, a Catholic religious order. Mass is celebrated daily and the home has a Catholic ethos overall. There are currently vacancies for new residents. If you think this could perhaps be of help to you, or to the care of a loved one, please contact Kerry Ellison at Cardinal Heenan House on 01695 6222885 for more information.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY			
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TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2018			
10.00am	Mass	Norman Turner	1289
THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2018			
10.00am	Mass	Carol Fleming	1293
1.00pm	Funeral Service for Vera Howarth		
SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2018			
11.00am	Mass	November List Names	1297
11.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2018 – 33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)			
10.30am	Mass	Monica McKeivitt	

FROM THE ARCHBISHOP'S DESK

There is a new and very welcome mood in Rome. It seemed that every one of the cardinals and archbishops we met, during the recent *Ad Limina* visit of the Bishops of England and Wales to Rome, shared something of themselves which we had never seen before.

One cardinal filled up with emotion when the recent canonisation of Pope St Paul VI was mentioned. Another shared something of his deep personal spirituality when talking about the celebration of Mass, and yet another revealed his powerful intellect when talking about moral and political situations that the church often finds itself in. No issues were avoided, and we were able to speak openly about the turmoil affecting the Church. There was a recognition that we can only overcome the present crisis in the Church if we leave ourselves open to each other and to the grace of the Holy Spirit. We asked for their help and they asked for ours. There was no sense of an 'us' and 'them' – we are all workers in the same vineyard, and a successful harvest depends on each of us pulling our weight.

When we met the Holy Father towards the end of our visit it became obvious that he was the source of this new way of working together. He likes to call it synodality. We were with Pope Francis for over two hours without an agenda. Conversation flowed, and he revealed his heart to us. What did we find? We encountered a man at peace. He said that this peace had been with him since his election as Pope, and it supported him through every moment of every day. It was always with him. May the Peace of Christ be with you too.

+ Malcolm McMahon OP
Archbishop of Liverpool

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

During the Mass today, in addition to remembering those fallen in conflict, we will also remember by name those whose funeral rites have been celebrated at Holy Family during the last twelve months. In place of the Creed and the usual Bidding Prayers we will pray the Litany for the Dead as printed on today's Mass Sheet.

THANK YOU

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CHRISTMAS FUN RUN

Cafod's 35th Annual Fun Run will take place on Thursday the 27th of December at Wavertree Sports Centre, Liverpool L15 4LE. Registration will be from 12 noon and the 6k/3k run and 2k walk will begin at 1.00pm. Entry is £5 for children and £10 for adults or £20 for a family. For sponsorship forms and other information email liverpool@cafod.org.uk or telephone Cafod Liverpool on 0151 228 4028.

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LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTING TINS

Please continue to take a white tin from the back of church to put your loose change in and then, when it's full, return it to church and take another one to fill. A total of £768 has been donated so far via the tins towards the cost of the work carried out at Holy Family Church. Thanks to all who support this. (The White Tins on the shelf at the back of church are the only ones remaining, so we will discontinue them when the present stock have all been filled).

HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL WINNERS

To join, please see Margaret Lundy at the back of church on Sundays
(£1 Stake for £30 Prize each week)

Wednesday October 3rd – Ball Number 18

Wednesday October 10th – Ball Number 04

Wednesday October 17th – Ball Number 56

Wednesday October 24th – Ball Number 17

Wednesday October 31st – Ball Number 21

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10.30am	Mass	Monica McKeivitt	
TUESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2018			
10.00am	Mass	November List Names	1300
THURSDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2018			
12.30pm	Funeral Mass for Winnie Atherton		
SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2018 – CELEBRATING THE MARTYRS OF VIETNAM <i>One hundred and seventeen Catholics were martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. While members of this group were beatified on four different occasions between 1900 and 1951, all were canonized by Pope John Paul II. They represent the thousands of Christians tortured and martyred in Vietnam between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries: ordained and lay, men and women, adults and children.</i>			
11.00am	Mass	November List Names	1309
11.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2018 – CHRIST THE KING (YEAR B) LAST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XII in response to the rise of global totalitarianism, this feast celebrates Christ as Universal Lord and King, with his return at the end of time and final sovereignty over all creation, a theme which will be continued into the forthcoming Season of Advent.</i>			
10.30am	Mass	November List Names	

FIRST CONFESSIONS AND FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

The third meeting of the Preparation Course leading to our Year Four age children making their First Holy Communion in 2019 takes place this week on Wednesday (21st of November) at 5.45pm in Holy Family Primary School Hall. The theme of this session is: "Reconciliation: Choices"

Following on from this meeting, arrangements will be made with parents for their children to make their First Confessions on forthcoming Saturday mornings from now through until the end of the Advent Season.

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PREPARING FOR ADVENT AT IRENAEUS

Scripture Weekend **'They shall come from the East and the West'** Exploring the Advent Scriptures from Friday the 30th of November to Sunday the 2nd of December at Irenaeus, 32 Great Georges Road, Liverpool L22 1RD

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CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

Any gifts of chocolate confectionery for use as prizes in our Christmas Chocolate Tombola would be very welcome. Please bring them along to Mass with you one weekend or give them to Mary or Julie. The Chocolate Tombola will take place after the Mass on Sunday the 2nd of December

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS AND PRIZES

Tickets are on sale before and after Mass each Sunday for this year's Christmas Raffle. Please take some tickets home with you to sell among your family and friends.

Donations of any quality items to use as extra prizes would be most welcome, as would any items (tins, bottles, gifts) to include in hampers. Please bring them to Mass with you and give them to Muriel or Mary at the back of church.

Ticket counterfoils and monies should be returned by the weekend of Sunday the 2nd of December and the Raffle will take place after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday the 9th of December.

REGULAR SOCIAL & SUPPORT GROUPS

New Members and Enquirers are always Welcome

WHAT'S ON	WHEN AND WHERE	WHO TO CONTACT
LINE DANCING For men and women of all ages	Mondays from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Holy Family Parish Hall	Sylvia Delargy Tel. 01942 521482
BIBLE STUDY GROUP Helping to understand the scriptures	Mondays at 7.00pm St. Wilfrid's Church, Stubshaw Cross	Deacon Mike Swift Tel. 01942 715177
LEGION OF MARY To Jesus through Mary	Tuesdays after Mass at 10.30am Holy Family Church (Lady Chapel)	Mary Marsh Tel. 01942 701091
BROWNIES For girls aged 7 to 10 years	Wednesdays at 6.30pm Holy Family Parish Hall	Sheila Marcroft Tel. 01942 861981
GUIDES For girls aged 10 years and above	Wednesdays at 8.00pm Holy Family Parish Hall	Sheila Marcroft Tel. 01942 861981
MOTHERS' PRAYERS For mothers and grandmothers	Thursdays at 2.00pm Holy Family Parish Hall	Mary Marsh Tel. 01942 701091
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP For all mourning a lost loved one	Last Saturday of the month at 12.15pm Holy Family Parish Hall	Mary Marsh Tel. 01942 701091

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR ANIMATE YOUTH
(The Youth Service of the Archdiocese of Liverpool)

SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2018

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH PLATT BRIDGE

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SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2018 – CHRIST THE KING (YEAR B)			Daily Missal Page Number
10.30am	Mass	November List Names	
TUESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2018			
10.00am	Mass	November List Names	1313
THURSDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2018			
10.00am	Mass	November List Names	1316
SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2018			
11.00am	Mass	Pat Green	1321
11.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)		
SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2018 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)			
10.30am	Mass	Wilfred Pugh	

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Visits to Sick & Housebound

Contact Deacon Mike or Cecilia Hughes if you become ill and wish to receive Holy Communion at home. A Communion Service is celebrated in The Venue at Belong Village, Millers Lane, Platt Bridge every Wednesday at 3.00pm after which Communion is taken to any residents who are bed-bound.

Hospital & Hospice Patient Visits

Please let the nursing staff know if you wish to see a priest.

To Arrange a Baptism

Collect a Baptism Application Form from the sacristy after any Mass at the weekend.

To Hire Holy Family Parish Hall

Contact Cecilia or Geoff Hughes on 01942 861084

RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY FOR ANIMATE YOUTH (The Youth Service of the Archdiocese of Liverpool)

CELEBRATING FIRST CONFESSION

Our children who have begun to prepare to receive First Holy Communion during the Easter Season in 2019, will begin to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation by making their First Confessions on Saturday mornings over the coming weeks.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a fresh outpouring of the grace of the Holy Spirit within us, allowing the water of our Baptism to flow over us once more and wash away the sins which we have committed since that graced moment when we began to be called sons and daughters of the Father. Beginning to celebrate this Sacrament of Healing is a huge milestone in the lives of our children on their continuing journey of faith and discipleship of the Lord. Please hold them in prayer during these weeks.

ADVENT NEW BEGINNINGS

Next Sunday we begin the Season of Advent, and the start of a new year in the life and liturgy of the Church. Why not let it be the start of something new and fresh for you – not just to come to church, but to be the Church.

There are many already existing ways and activities we can become involved in – singers and musicians, flower arrangers and church cleaners, altar servers and ministers of communion, catechists and readers, as well as the various social, prayer and support groups which gather weekly in our parish. To join them, just approach someone who you can see is already active in that group or ministry, or Father Tony or Deacon Mike, and tell them you'd like to become involved too.

But what if there's something that interests you (such as justice and social action, a specific support or friendship group, adoration prayer, church gardening or DIY around the church) which isn't already happening? Then YOU make it happen! The chances are that so long as it's compatible with the Gospel (and legal!) we'll provide all the support and resources you need to make it begin to happen.

This Advent, let's cause some seeds of new life to grow in Holy Family Parish.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK
Offertory Collection
£415.64

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
PLEASE RETURN TICKET COUNTERFOILS
AND ALL MONIES BY NEXT WEEKEND

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THANK YOU, GIFT-AIDERS

Heartfelt thanks to those who Gift Aid their giving to the parish. We have recently received the sum of £6,063.33 from HMRC being the taxation refunded on your Gift-Aid donations to the Holy Family Church during the 2017/2018 Tax Year. And many thanks to Elizabeth Fairhurst who administers the Gift Aid scheme for our parish.

If you are a tax payer but not yet in the Gift-Aid scheme, then please do think about joining. And if you decide you want to do it (and we hope you will!) have a word with Elizabeth or just pop a note with your name, address and phone number into the offertory collection basket saying "I want to Gift Aid" and she will contact you.

CAFOD GIFT CATALOGUE

Available from the back of church are a few copies of Cafod's 2018 World Gift Catalogue, giving details of alternative Christmas Gifts to our poorest brothers and sisters around the world and how we can give them – a goat or cow or chickens or a pig, a vegetable garden, water supply or teaching someone how to read.

YOUTH EVENTS

Animate Youth will be taking two coaches to London from the diocese for **FLAME**, the biggest Catholic Youth Gathering in the country, on Saturday the 2nd of March 2019. Guest speakers will be Emma B, Guyna B, Robert Madu and Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Ticket and travel costs £25.

And application forms can now be downloaded for the 2019 Archdiocese of Liverpool **YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** from the 18th to the 27th of July 2019 for those aged 15 (or in Year 10) to 22 years of age. Cost is £530.

More information about youth events or bookings for both of the above events at animateyouth.org or phone 01744 740460 or email admin@animateyouth.co.uk

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10.30am	Mass	Offered for Wilfred Pugh
TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2018		
12 noon	Mass	Funeral Mass for Vince Thomas
THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2018		
10.00am	Mass	Offered for Joe Corcoran
		Missal Page 13
SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2018 – CELEBRATING OUR LADY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION <i>Originally named the "Conception of Mary by Saint Anne" this feast celebrates Mary, preserved from sin from the moment of conception. She is the first-fruits of her Son's redemption and a model of what the Church is called to be.</i>		
11.00am	Mass	Offered for the People of the Parish
		Missal Page 2100
11.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Individual Confessions)	
SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2018 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)		
10.30am	Mass	Offered for Win Atherton

CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA AFTER MASS TODAY

TAKE A FREE COPY OF ADVENT WALK WITH ME

Please take a free-of-charge copy of the Advent booklet Walk with Me from the back of church this weekend, containing brief daily reflections based on the scriptures for each day of the Advent Season. May it help us to live prayerfully this blessed Season of Advent hope and joy.

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ADVENT SEASONAL SERVICE

Saint John's Catholic Church in Standishgate, Wigan are holding an Advent Service of seasonal music and scripture readings next Sunday the 9th of December at 6.00pm. Everyone welcome.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK
Offertory Collection £414.84
Animate Youth Service £65.55

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE MASS
NEXT SUNDAY THE 9TH OF DECEMBER

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Vince Thomas from Ince Green Lane, Ince who died on the 16th of November aged 85 years. (His wife Angela, who was once organist at Holy Family Church, died earlier this year in June). Vince's funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church next Tuesday the 4th of December at 12 noon prior to committal at Wigan Crematorium. May the Lord welcome him home.

And we continue to hold in prayer before the Lord those whose First Anniversaries of Death occur during this month, especially Mary O'Neill from Belong Village, Millers Lane, Platt Bridge who died on the 7th of December 2017 aged 84 years; Jean Prescott from Downing Close, Platt Bridge who died on the 28th of December 2017 aged 82 years; and Minnie Kelly from Beech Grove, Abram who died on the 30th of December 2017 aged 92 years.

PRAYER INTENTIONS DURING ADVENT

Throughout the course of the year, the Church recommends particular intentions for us to remember in prayer. During the Season of Advent these are:

For Migrants and those forced to flee in fear of their lives from their home due to war or persecution (especially on World Migrants Day, Monday the 3rd of December); For a greater openness among Christians to the Word of God (especially on Bible Sunday, the Second Sunday of Advent, the 9th of December); For Expectant Parents (especially on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the 23rd of December)

THE LITURGY OF ADVENT

Advent has a two-fold character, and this is reflected in the two stages of Advent, each with its own special "mood". From the First Sunday of Advent until the 16th of December, the liturgy expresses the eschatological expectation of Advent, the watchfulness of God's people looking forward to the time when Christ will come again "in glory and majesty," and "the salvation promised us will be ours." From the 17th of December until Christmas Eve, the liturgy prepares us more directly to celebrate the Lord's birth, "our hearts filled with wonder and praise."

The Christian community lives in an "interim" time between two historical events: the coming of Christ in the flesh and his coming in glory at the end of time. The Church is called to be strong in faith "as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ."

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CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

There will be a Celebration of Christmas at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool on Saturday the 15th of December at 7.00pm with Christmas Carols and seasonal favourites for all the family, featuring BBC Radio's Roger Philips and the choirs of the Metropolitan Cathedral. Tickets are priced at £5 -each or £10 for a family ticket and are available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral or enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk

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TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2018		
10.00am	Mass	Offered for Frank Traynor
		Missal Page 25
THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2018		
10.00am	Mass	Offered for Vera Howarth
		Missal Page 30
SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2018		
11.00am	Mass	Offered for the People of the Parish
		Missal Page 36
11.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Individual Confessions)	
SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2018 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)		
10.30am	Mass	Offered for Vince Thomas

THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TAKES PLACE AFTER MASS TODAY

TAKE A CHRISTMAS SERVICE CARD

Please take a Christmas Service Card from the back of church today - and take an extra one or two to give to a Catholic family member or friend who may no longer come to Mass to invite them to join us to celebrate the Feast of the Lord's Birth at Holy Family this year.

ADVENT SEASONAL SERVICE

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FOR CHURCH

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PIETY SHOP CHRISTMAS ITEMS

The Piety Shop at the back of church has a variety of Christmas items for sale including religious Christmas Cards, and Catholic Calendars and Diaries for 2019. Have a browse through what's on offer after Mass today.

THANK YOU**Last Sunday's Offertory £389.35**

Many thanks to those who organised and to all who supported the **Chocolate Tombola** which took place last Sunday and raised £105 for Holy Family church funds. And we are most grateful for a recent donation of £100 to Holy Family Church **In memory of Win Atherton** from her family and friends.

HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL WINNERS

To join, please see Margaret Lundy
at the back of church on Sundays
(£1 Stake for £30 Prize each week)

Wednesday November 7th –Number 58

Wednesday November 14th –Number 16

Wednesday November 21st –Number 09

Wednesday November 28th –Number 38

SAINT EDMUND ARROWSMITH PENSIONERS' PARTY

For those who signed up to go to the "Pensioners' Christmas Party" at Saint Edmund Arrowsmith High School, Ashton, please note that the coach will leave from Sacred Heart, Hindley Green next Friday the 14th of December at 1.00pm, travelling to school via Saint Benedict's, Hindley and then Holy Family, Platt Bridge. A full three-course Christmas Dinner will be served with a whisky or sherry served on arrival. Entertainment will be provided by the school choir and dancers. Coach transport will be provided home after the party.

LITTLE CHURCH NATIVITY

The Little Church Children will present their Nativity Play on Sunday the 23rd of December in church immediately after the Mass. Please stay on for a while after Mass on that day to watch and support them.

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CAFOD CAROL SERVICE

CAFOD's Annual Carol Service takes place next Tuesday the 11th of December at 7.30pm in Saint Teresa's Church, College Road, Upholland. Everyone welcome.

DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY CAROL SERVICE

The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King in Liverpool invite you to a Dementia-Friendly Christmas Carol Service taking place this coming Friday the 14th of December at 2.00pm. Archbishop Malcolm will preside and refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gibberd Room. Everyone is most welcome.

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WANT TO GET MARRIED HERE IN 2019?

Any couples wishing to get married at Holy Family Church during 2019 should contact Father Tony as soon as possible to book a date and allow time for the necessary preparation and required paperwork to be completed.

TO HIRE HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL CONTACT CECILIA OR GEOFF HUGHES ON 01942 861084

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10.30am	Mass	Offered for Vince Thomas
TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2018		
10.00am	Mass	Offered for Virginia Harper
		Missal Page 57
6.00pm	Local Schools' Christmas Presentation and Carol Service	
THURSDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2018		
10.00am	Mass	Offered for Bill Mangnall
		Missal Page 62
SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2018		
11.00am	Mass	Offered for John Lawlor
		Missal Page 69
11.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Individual Confessions)	
SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER 2018 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)		
10.30am	Mass	Offered for Marie Mullen and Ken Oakes

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LOCAL SCHOOLS' CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION

The children of the local primary schools will hold a Christmas Presentation and Carol Service next Tuesday the 18th of December at 6.00pm in Holy Family Church. Everyone is very welcome to come along and join them.

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**CHRISTMAS MASS AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE AT 6.00PM & CHRISTMAS DAY AT 10.30AM**

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS			Drawn Sunday 9th of December	
Prize		Ticket No.	Winner	
1	£100 Cash	00664	Tracy (Choir)	CLAIMED
2	£50 Cash	00345	Sandra McMullen (Asda, Warrington)	CLAIMED
3	£25 Cash	01765	Eve Rowland	CLAIMED
4	Hamper	00979	James Swift	CLAIMED
5	Litre Vodka & Pamper Set	01778	Ian Rowland	CLAIMED
6	Giant Teacup	02044	C. Parkinson, 50 Inward Drive	
7	Christmas Dram	02130	Donna Dennis	
8	Grants Whisky Set	01458	K. Robinson	
9	Bacon, Sausage & Eggs	00942	C. Hughes	CLAIMED
10	Cheese Board	01625	Elizabeth Fairhurst	CLAIMED
11	Blanket Throw	01259	Pat Cox	CLAIMED
12	Pink Pamper Set	00934	John Winstanley	
13	Orange Pamper Set	02947	Lee Boulton	
14	Manicure Set	02753	Mary Marsh	CLAIMED
15	Boxed Pamper Set	00060	Celia Lacy, 11 Tram Street, Platt Bridge	
16	Men's Jumper Set	00151	M. Prescott c/o K. Robinson	
17	Mixed Outdoor & Photo Set	02850	Mary Marsh	CLAIMED
18	Bottle & Biscuits	01513	B. Martin	
19	Bottles with Santa Hat	02769	Pat (Choir)	CLAIMED
20	Biscuits & Wine	01359	K. Robinson	
21	Black Handbag	00557	Vicky Redford, 90 Lily Lane, Bamfurlong	CLAIMED
22	Red Handbag	01060	Jordan Ormshaw, 83 Lily Lane, Bamfurlong	
23	Tea, Coffee & Sugar	01245	C. Hart	
24	Baylis & Harding	00112	Brian	
25	Scarf Set	00341	Sandra McMullen (Asda, Warrington)	CLAIMED
26	Snowfall	01043	Ciara / Marie Ormshaw	
27	Candle & Lavender	00090	Jed	
28	Candle & Choker	00808	Mary Thompson	
29	Small Pink Hamper Set	01928	Kim, 83 Tram Street, Platt Bridge	
30	Babycham	01523	B. Martin	
31	Tin Biscuits	00949	Mary Hoe	

PRIZES CAN BE COLLECTED FROM MURIEL MCGUIRE OR MARY MARSH AT CHURCH

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CHRISTMAS – THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD		
<i>"How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in."</i>		
Christmas Eve: Monday 24th December 2018		
6.00pm	Mass	Offered for the People of the Parish
Christmas Day: Tuesday 25th December 2018		
10.30am	Mass	Offered for Harry Robinson
THURSDAY 27TH DECEMBER 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE		
<i>A fisherman who left his nets to follow Jesus, John was possibly the youngest of the apostles. Probably the "Beloved Disciple" of the Fourth Gospel, according to ancient tradition, he is the author of that Gospel and also of three letters and the book of Revelation. He would have his readers ponder the "God who is Love" whose Word "was made flesh and lived among us" in the person of Jesus.</i>		
10.00am	Mass	Offered for Vera Howarth
		Missal Page 2120
SATURDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2018 – CELEBRATING SAINT THOMAS OF CANTERBURY		
<i>As a close friend of King Henry II and Chancellor of England, the appointment of Thomas Becket as Archbishop of Canterbury was a political move by the king. But his ordination as bishop brought an abrupt conversion of life and led him to oppose the king over Church rights. After six years' refuge in a French monastery he returned to his diocese, but careless words from the king inspired four knights to assassinate him on this day in 1170. Immediately acknowledged as a martyr, he is remembered for the courage of his Christian convictions. The Crib will lead to the Cross.</i>		
11.00am	Mass	Offered for Vince Thomas
		Missal Page 2126
11.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Individual Confessions)	
SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2018 – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (YEAR C)		
<i>The Holy Family of Nazareth, itself subject to the difficulties and social pressures of its time, is offered as a model for Christian family life today. We rejoice to have Jesus, Mary and Joseph as the patrons of our parish community.</i>		
10.30am	Mass	Offered for the People of the Parish

CHRISTMAS MASS AT HOLY FAMILY

Christmas Eve at 6.00pm and Christmas Day at 10.30am

For those who prefer there is Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at Saint Oswald's, Ashton, Saint Benedict's, Hindley and Saint Mary's, Wigan

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM

This Christmas many people are living with uncertainty. But this is nothing new. People have lived with worry and insecurity for centuries. Yet for over two thousand years we have also lived with the truth which we celebrate each Christmas Day; the truth that God became flesh for us, and for each and every one of us. The Christ child born in Bethlehem is our anchor, and our saviour. His coming brings us confidence so that we can face the future with hope.

We celebrate Christmas at the darkest time of the year. The days are short, and the nights long. But our celebrations bring light to our darkness and hope to our lives. In these days we see incredible generosity, as people reach out to others, especially to those in need. In a time of political instability, of financial worries, of foodbanks and poverty, so many are daily supporting those who most need our help. In recent weeks, donations to local foodbanks have increased as people give help to those most in need at this time of year; those who have plenty, supporting those with so little.

Jesus was born in poverty, in a stable, in the dark, open to the cold. His first visitors were not friends and family, or people that Mary and Joseph knew; they were strangers - shepherds from the surrounding hillside summoned by angels, and wise men from the east who followed a star, bringing gifts for the new-born king. Stars don't just lead us, but remind us of the creative power of God and his presence in our lives. God is with us in the star that shines in our hearts. God became one of us because we matter. Jesus, the true Light, has come into our lives to give us real hope, because each one of us matters. This is not just wishful thinking.

Jesus, the Light of the World, shows us the way out of the despair of poverty, and of instability, and of the gloom of the seasons, to a brighter future ahead. We believe that the child born in Bethlehem will guide us and support us, and that makes our festivities worthwhile.

We buy presents for our families and friends; we decorate our homes and offices and churches; and we travel long distances so that we can be with the people whom we love most, reminding us of God's love for us.

Let us, then, pray for peace in our world, and in our lives, echoing the song of the angels: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to people of goodwill.'

+ Malcolm McMahon OP
Archbishop of Liverpool

BLESS YOUR CHRISTMAS CRIB AND BEGIN CHRISTMAS AT HOME

All of us, but maybe especially children, love the trappings of Christmas, with its brightly decorated tree and layers of decorations around the house. But do you also have a nativity scene in your home? If so, you may wish to gather round it, maybe on Christmas Eve, to begin the Christmas Feast at home before later coming to church to celebrate the Mass of Christmas. The following short Service of Blessing a Nativity Scene, taken from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*, could be used on that occasion.

One of those present, maybe one of the children, reads a passage from Scripture, for example, the Christmas Gospel (Luke 2:1-14) or the promise of the birth of Emmanuel, God-With-Us (Isaiah 7:10-14) or even the richly theological opening prologue of Saint John's Gospel (John 1:1-14).

Following the scripture reading, one of the adults prays the following Prayer of Blessing: "God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love for us: When our need for a Saviour was great, you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this nativity scene; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Saviour of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. R/. Amen."

The Service of Blessing could conclude with the whole family joining in singing, or listening to, a Christmas Carol.

THANK YOU

Last Sunday's Offertory £406.22

Our heartfelt thanks for a donation to Holy Family Church of £50 from June Cleworth in **Christmas Remembrance** of a much loved mum and dad, Ann Louise and Maurice McCarthy.

And Thank You to those who organised and all who supported the **Chocolate Raffle** which took place after Mass last Sunday and raised a further £41 for Holy Family Church funds.

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
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SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2018

THE LITURGY AND MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Weekday Missals are provided at the back of church for the use of those who assist at daily Mass. The page number for the Mass Readings for each day is printed below and also on the poster on the church notice board.

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10.30am	Mass	Offered for the People of the Parish
TUESDAY 1ST JANUARY 2019 – CELEBRATING MARY, MOTHER OF GOD		
<i>We begin a fresh New Year pondering Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God, born of Mary.</i>		
12 noon	Mass	Offered for the People of the Parish
THURSDAY 3RD JANUARY 2019		
10.00am	Mass	No Intention Requested
		Missal Page 122
SATURDAY 5TH JANUARY 2019		
11.00am	Mass	No Intention Requested
		Missal Page 126
11.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Individual Confessions)	
SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY 2019 – SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD		
<i>Epiphany is the earliest Christmas feast, originating in the East in the third century and passing to the West in the fourth century. The wise men, who come to Jesus from afar, represent all the people of the earth, to whom God now reveals himself in Christ.</i>		
10.30am	Mass	Offered for David Power

A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM

January is a very hopeful month, because it is a time for us to look forward to a New Year ahead and even beyond. The days lengthen and our New Year's resolutions fill us with determination to do better in the months ahead. The Christmas feast has reaffirmed our identity as brothers and sisters of the Prince of Peace, and daughters and sons of the Most High God. For that is really who we are.

So much about this last month's celebrations have been about confirming bonds of friendship by the giving and receiving of presents. Our families have been strengthened by the meals that we have shared and the parties we have enjoyed. But underlying these has been an affirmation of what it means to be a Christian. Now the fuss is over and the decorations are soon to come down, we can pause and think of what really matters. Our value as human beings is not measured by the size of the gifts we exchanged or the amount of alcohol we consumed, but by our loving relationships, and not just with those we know intimately but with people outside the warmth of our families - refugees, the homeless, rough sleepers, and our neighbours who rely on food banks. Now Christmas is almost over, their need continues to be great. Let's not forget them. They too are children of God. Let us share our hope for the coming year with them.

+ Malcolm McMahon OP
Archbishop of Liverpool

<p>THANK YOU</p> <p>Last Sunday's Offertory £376.23</p> <p>Christmas Day Offertory £870.00</p>	<p>CRIB OFFERINGS</p> <p>RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND</p> <p>(TO HELP NEEDY FAMILIES IN THE HOLY LAND)</p>
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THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US

Heartfelt and sincere thanks to all those who, in any way whatsoever, have given their time and energy to the life of our parish over the past year. In so many roles, some seen but many hidden from view, those who work and undertake ministry in our parish are the ones who keep it alive and enable things to appear to just "happen" Although you give yourselves as a gift of love to the Lord, our parish community reaps the benefit of your gift and is so much the richer. Please be assured that, even if at times you may have seemed to have been taken for granted, we do value you and are so very grateful to you. May God, who has blessed us through you in the past year, lavish his richest blessings on you throughout this New Year.

START A NEW YEAR WITH JESUS AND MARY

Mass will be celebrated at the slightly later time of 12 noon on Tuesday. So, after the previous evening's celebrations, have a bit of a lie-in and then begin your New Year by coming to celebrate the Eucharist, in company with Mary, the Mother of the Lord, to ponder further the wonderful mystery of the God who comes to share our life in the person of Jesus. And if you're still looking for a New Year Resolution to make, why not start coming to celebrate Weekday Mass during 2019 if you're able, even if it's only on one day every week? Unlike joining a gym, it requires minimum effort - just half an hour to chill and relax with Jesus - but promises maximum gain!

NEW YEAR'S EVE MIDNIGHT MASS

Raising a glass of whisky while singing "Auld Lang Syne" isn't the only way to welcome in a New Year on Monday night - another way could be by spending time in prayer and adoration and then celebrating Mass at Midnight!

All are very welcome to go along to Saint Jude's Church, Poolstock Lane, Wigan where there'll be a Holy Hour next Monday the 31st of December from 11.00pm leading to the celebration of Mass at Midnight in honour of Mary, the Mother of God, to welcome in a New Year.

REGULAR SOCIAL & SUPPORT GROUPS		
New Members and Enquirers are always Welcome		
As something fresh for the New Year, why not consider joining one of our regular Social and Support Groups which meet each week? But some of them may still be having a break over the holiday period until next week, so it may be a good idea to phone first rather than just going along at the regular gathering time.		
WHAT'S ON	WHEN AND WHERE	CONTACT
LINE DANCING For men and women of all ages	Mondays from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Holy Family Parish Hall	Sylvia Delargy Tel. 01942 521482
BIBLE STUDY GROUP Helping to understand the scriptures	Mondays at 7.00pm St. Wilfrid's Church, Stubshaw Cross	Deacon Mike Swift Tel. 01942 715177
LEGION OF MARY To Jesus through Mary	Tuesdays after Mass at 10.30am Holy Family Church (Lady Chapel)	Mary Marsh Tel. 01942 701091
BROWNIES For girls aged 7 to 10 years	Wednesdays at 6.30pm Holy Family Parish Hall	Sheila Marcroft Tel. 01942 861981
GUIDES For girls aged 10 years and above	Wednesdays at 8.00pm Holy Family Parish Hall	Sheila Marcroft Tel. 01942 861981
MOTHERS' PRAYERS For mothers and grandmothers	Thursdays at 2.00pm Holy Family Parish Hall	Mary Marsh Tel. 01942 701091
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP For all mourning a lost loved one	Last Saturday of the month at 12.15pm Holy Family Parish Hall	Mary Marsh Tel. 01942 701091

EVERY BLESSING TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN THE NEW YEAR