



THE PARISH BULLETIN



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SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 2017

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Edith Harrison</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Winifred Sherlock</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>John Green</i>
Sun. 3.00pm	Holy Family	Way of the Cross & Holy Hour	

MONDAY 3RD APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 247)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Michael Mills</i>
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TUESDAY 4TH APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 253)

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Monica McKeivitt</i>
6.00pm	Sacred Heart	Children's Lent Service	

WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 257)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Marcus Reid</i>
3.00pm	Belong Village	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>

THURSDAY 6TH APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 260)

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Intentions of Stan King</i>
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FRIDAY 7TH APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 264)

6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Stations of the Cross	
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Madeline Burke</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Confessions	

SATURDAY 8TH APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 267)

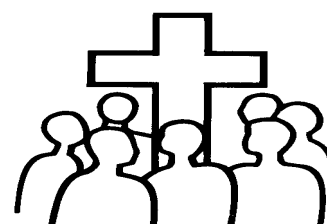
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving (AJM)</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Confessions and Exposition	

SUNDAY 9TH APRIL 2017

SUNDAY OF PALMS AND THE PASSION (YEAR A)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Eugene Byrne</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Eric Rawsthorne & Rita Hesketh</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Peter Sykes</i>
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THE SEASON OF LENT



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed next Friday evening at Sacred Heart Church at 6.15pm followed by the celebration of Mass at 7.00pm. If any individual would like to lead this prayer next Friday please see Deacon Ken.

AN HOUR WITH JESUS

On the remaining two Sunday afternoons 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.

CELEBRATING RECONCILIATION

A priest will be available to hear confessions each Friday at 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Church and each Saturday at 11.30am at Holy Family Church or at any other time upon reasonable request. The children who are due to receive their First Holy Communion are also making their First Confessions during the Season of Lent.

**RETIRING COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND FOR
CHURCH FLOWERS**

CHRISM MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL

The annual Mass of Chrism will be celebrated on Wednesday the 12th of April (Wednesday of Holy Week) in the Metropolitan Cathedral at Liverpool at 7.30pm. This is the occasion when the Holy Oils are blessed to be used in the parishes of the Archdiocese throughout the coming year, and when the priests of the Archdiocese renew the promises of their ordination.

If you would like to reserve a seat on the free coach going to this event, please write your name on the list which has been placed on the notice board at the back of church. The coach will leave from Sacred Heart Church, Hindley Green at 6.00pm prompt, picking up on the way from the former Monaco Ballroom in Hindley and then from Holy Family Church, Platt Bridge. The return departure of the coach from the Cathedral will be at approximately 9.30pm.

FIRST ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to those who will celebrate their First Anniversary of Baptism during this month:

Tiziano Volpini, son of Roberto Volpini and Marsela Hoxha of Lily Lane, Bamfurlong who was baptised at Holy Family by Father Tony on the 3rd of April 2016;

Mason James Morran-Prendergast, son of Andrea Morran and Clare Prendergast of Holcroft Drive, Abram who was baptised at Holy Family by Deacon Mike on the 10th of April 2016;

Joseph James Mercer, son of Steven Ashley and Hayley Mercer of Sandy Lane, Hindley who was baptised at Sacred Heart by Deacon Ken on the 10th of April 2016;

Libby Louise Saxon-Mellor, daughter of Stephen Mellor and Malissa Saxon of Brown Street, Bickershaw who was baptised at Holy Family by Deacon Mike on the 24th of April 2016.

And we continue to hold in prayer those whose First Anniversary of Death occurs during this month:

Agnes Lowe of Marlborough Avenue, Spring View who died on the 16th of April 2016 aged 92 years;

Kathleen Wood of Walthew Lane, Platt Bridge who died on the 21st of April 2016 aged 74 years;

Sheila Musker of Wellfield Road, Hindley Green who died on the 25th of April 2016 aged 94 years.

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

Although traditionally taken during the Good Friday Afternoon Liturgy, the Retiring Collection next weekend (Palm Sunday the 9th of April) is for the Holy Places, for the upkeep and maintenance of the Christian sites in Jerusalem and the surrounding area. Only a very small number of Christians actually live in the Holy Land and they cannot afford to do this alone.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new Offertory Envelopes are now 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 next Sunday. As usual, those who Gift Aid their weekly offerings have been allocated a numbered box of envelopes and their name and address has been written on the box: Unnumbered envelopes are available for the use of non Gift-Aiders.

HOLY FAMILY CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

There'll be a Chocolate Tombola after the 10.30am Mass at Holy Family Church on Easter Sunday the 16th of April. If you would like to donate items of chocolate confectionery to be included as tombola prizes please bring your delicious gifts to Mass with you any weekend and hand them to Mary Marsh or to Julie Mulhearn or leave them in the sacristy.

LENT SERVICE FOR CHILDREN

The Key Stage Two children of Sacred Heart School will hold a Lent Service looking ahead to the events of Holy Week in Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday of this week the 6th of April at 6.00pm. Everyone welcome.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE CARD

Please take a Holy Week Service Card home with you from church today. It gives you the venues and times of the Holy Week and Easter Services in each of the three churches of the Hindley Catholic Area. Why not take one for a lapsed Catholic friend or relative too?

FAREWELL

Our deep sympathy and prayers are with the families and friends of two former members of Sacred Heart Parish who have died in recent weeks: Ronald Hunter, whose funeral rites took place in a graveside service at Westwood Cemetery last Thursday, and David Meehan, whose funeral rites will be celebrated at Saint Benedict's, Hindley next Tuesday at 1.00pm. May the Lord welcome them home.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Offertory £456.90

Mission Appeal £555.00

SACRED HEART

Offertory £510.20

Mission Appeal £439.00

Sincere thanks to *The Trammers* Line Dancing Group, who meet each Monday afternoon in Holy Family Parish Hall, for a donation of £650 towards the cost of the recent refurbishment work carried out at Holy Family Church. Since they were formed in May of 2014, *The Trammers* Line Dancers have donated a magnificent £6,000 to Holy Family Church funds. Many thanks.



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Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Peter Sykes</i>
Sun. 3.00pm	Holy Family	Way of the Cross & Holy Hour	

MONDAY 10TH APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 270)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Linda Doyle</i>
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TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 273)

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Monica Cooper</i>
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WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 277)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Canipa & Donnelly Families</i>
3.00pm	Belong Village	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>

THE EASTER TRIDUUM THE GREAT THREE-DAY LITURGY

HOLY THURSDAY 13TH APRIL 2017

A DAY OF PRAYERFUL PREPARATION

8.00pm	Sacred Heart	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	
<i>Silent Watching at the Altar of Repose until Night Prayer at 10.00pm</i>			

There is no Morning

Liturgy on this day

GOOD FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 2017

A DAY OF FASTING, ABSTINENCE AND PRAYERFUL REFLECTION

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Morning Prayer & Stations of the Cross	
3.00pm	Holy Family	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	

HOLY SATURDAY 15TH APRIL 2017

A DAY OF PRAYERFUL ANTICIPATION

There is no Morning

Liturgy on this day

EASTER SUNDAY 16TH APRIL 2017

CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sat. 8.00pm	Sacred Heart	Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Thomas & Elizabeth Cooke</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Agnes Lowe</i>

THE SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY 13TH APRIL 2017

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

GOOD FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 2017

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

HOLY SATURDAY 15TH APRIL 2017

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 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
TODAY FOR THE UPKEEP
OF THE HOLY PLACES**

AN HOUR WITH JESUS

This Palm Sunday afternoon we keep our final Lent Holy Hour at Holy Family Church from 3.00pm when we will reflect on the Way of the Cross in the presence of the Lord. Today we will use the traditional penitential style prayers of Saint Alphonsus Liguori for our reflection. If you haven't yet prayed the Way of the Cross during Lent, why not come along and join us?

WEDNESDAY EVENING CHRISM MASS

The annual Mass of Chrism will be celebrated this coming Wednesday the 12th of April in the Metropolitan Cathedral at Liverpool at 7.30pm. This is the occasion when the Holy Oils are blessed to be used in the celebration of the sacraments in the parishes of the Archdiocese throughout the coming year, and also when the priests of the Archdiocese renew the promises of their ordination. If you would like to reserve a seat on the free coach going to this event, please write your name today on the list which has been placed on the notice board at the back of each of our churches. The coach will leave from Sacred Heart Church, Hindley Green at 6.00pm prompt, picking up on the way from the former Monaco Ballroom in Hindley and then from Holy Family Church, Platt Bridge. The return departure of the coach from the Cathedral will be at approximately 9.30pm.

MASS OF RECONCILIATION

For anyone who may not have taken the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent there will be a Mass of Reconciliation on Wednesday of this week at 7.00pm in Saint Benedict's Church, Hindley.

GOOD FRIDAY CALVARY WALK

Be part of the Calvary Walk on Good Friday morning. Meet at Low Hall Car Park on Liverpool Road, Platt Bridge at 11.15am and walk along Liverpool Road to Saint Benedict's Church at Hindley for the Stations of the Cross at 12 noon. All welcome - bring the family!

SATURDAY 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 is no 5.30pm Sunday Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Church next weekend.

EASTER CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

There'll be a Chocolate Tombola taking place after the 10.30am Mass at Holy Family Church next weekend on Easter Sunday with all proceeds in aid of the recent refurbishment work at Holy Family Church

HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL

MARCH 2017 WINNERS

March 1st	No. 42
March 8th	No. 48
March 15th	No. 55
March 22nd	No. 42
March 29th	No. 39

HOLY SATURDAY WALK OF WITNESS

Next Saturday morning (Holy Saturday the 15th of April) Archbishop Malcolm together with Bishop Paul Bayes, the Anglican Bishop of Liverpool, will lead an Ecumenical Walk of Witness beginning at 11.00am at the Metropolitan Cathedral, then walking through the streets of the city, and concluding with prayers and refreshments at Liverpool Parish Church of Our Lady and Saint Nicholas. All welcome to join them.

LOCAL FOOD BANK SUPPORT

The Brick is a crisis intervention service based in central Wigan and whose aim is to help rebuild the lives of those in need. They help in many ways with Life Skills classes and assisting people to get into work. But one vital and much needed part of their mission is to help families in crisis by providing a food bank.

In recent months, the number of those seeking help at the food bank has increased, and they have been forced to put out an emergency appeal, as their shelves are empty. We are hoping that our parishes can help by providing items to help in this area. They welcome 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.

A box has been placed in the piety shop at the back of both of our churches to receive anything you would like to contribute on your next visit to church.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

The Catholic Universe and *The Catholic Times* are weekly Catholic newspapers on sale at the back of each church priced at £1.30 a copy. Why not buy one today?

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Offertory £404.63

Easter Flowers £178.20

SACRED HEART

Offertory £599.00

Easter Flowers £157.00

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



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THE LITURGY DURING THE EASTER OCTAVE



EASTER SUNDAY 16TH APRIL 2017 - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sat. 8.00pm	Sacred Heart	Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass <i>Thomas & Elizabeth Cooke</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass <i>Agnes Lowe</i>

EASTER MONDAY 17TH APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 289)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass <i>Fr. Thomas Maher (Anniv)</i>
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Note: No Evening Mass at Sacred Heart Church today

EASTER TUESDAY 18TH APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 293)

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass <i>Bill Mangnall</i>
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EASTER WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 295)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass <i>Valerie Atherton</i>
3.00pm	Belong Village	Mass <i>Parishioners</i>

EASTER THURSDAY 20TH APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 299)

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass <i>Francis Turner</i>
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EASTER FRIDAY 21ST APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 302)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass <i>Special Intention (Fearnis)</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Confessions

EASTER SATURDAY 22ND APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 305)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass <i>James King</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Confessions and Exposition

SUNDAY 23RD APRIL 2017 – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass <i>Golden Wedding Thanks (England)</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass <i>David Meehan</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass <i>David Herbert</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism
Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism

EASTER CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

There's a Chocolate Tombola taking place after the 10.30am Mass at Holy Family Church today with all proceeds in aid of the recent refurbishment work at Holy Family Church. Good luck and, especially if you gave up chocolate for Lent, enjoy your Easter Sunday reunion!



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday - the Sunday following Easter Day - is celebrated by many Catholics as the Feast of Divine Mercy. Churches within the Archdiocese who would welcome you to join them next Sunday in celebrating the Feast of Divine Mercy include:

Saint Mary's, Standishgate, Wigan
Devotions at 3.00pm and Mass at 4.30pm

Holy Family, Cale Lane, New Springs
Devotions at 3.00pm

Sacred Heart, Brooke Street, Chorley
Devotions at 3.00pm and Mass at 4.00pm

Saint Mary's, Broadfield Drive, Leyland
Devotions at 3.00pm
and Mass of Healing at 5.00pm

AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Happy Easter!

The proclamation that the Church repeats from the first day is: "Christ is risen!". And, in Him, through Baptism, we too are risen, we have passed from death to life, from the slavery of sin to the freedom of love. Behold the Good News that we are called to take to others and to every place, inspired by the Holy Spirit. Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus and the hope that He brought us is the most beautiful gift that the Christian can and must give to his brothers. To all and to each, therefore, let us not tire of saying: Christ is risen! Let us repeat it with words, but above all with the witness of our lives. The happy news of the Resurrection should shine on our faces, in our feelings and attitudes, in the way we treat others.

We proclaim the Resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our life and we can share that with others: when we know how to smile with those who smile and weep with those who weep; when we walk beside those who are sad and in danger of losing hope; when we recount our experience of faith with those who are searching for meaning and for happiness. With our attitude, with our witness, with our life, we say: Jesus is risen! Let us say it with all our soul.

The joyful atmosphere of the Resurrection accompanies us through these octave days. It's curious how the Liturgy considers the entire Octave as one single day, in order to help us centre into the Mystery, so that his grace may impress itself on our hearts and our lives. Easter is the event that brought radical news for every human being, for history and for the world: the triumph of life over death; it is the feast of reawakening and of rebirth. Let us allow our lives to be conquered and transformed by the Resurrection!

A happy and holy Easter to you all!
And please, do not forget to pray for me.

CELEBRATING SAINT GEORGE

Since the 23rd of April 2017 falls on a Sunday of Easter (next Sunday) the Feast Day of Saint George, Patron of England, will be celebrated this year on Monday the 24th of April.

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.

ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM'S EASTER MESSAGE

We live in a time of uncertainty, events in Syria and the wider Middle East offer only confusion and fear for the future. Political change over the last year, forthcoming elections in Europe, and Brexit, make us lose direction, and often hope too. We live in a rapidly changing world with events fuelled by rumour and fake news: It can be difficult to establish the truth and to know what is happening. Our lives are turned upside down with the drama of events.

In Holy Week, we remember the events of almost two thousand years ago in Jerusalem. A time of uncertainty, fear of the unknown, confusion and drama. Every bit of human emotion can be found in those days - rumour, betrayal, death, love: And it is love that ultimately triumphs bringing peace, joy and unity.

The disciples, the followers of Jesus, were committed to his message; they listened to him and learned from him: He was the One they had been waiting for, the Messiah, the Saviour: everything was going to be fine, nothing could go wrong ... and then! Fickle, jeering crowds who welcomed him to Jerusalem, then turned against him. Authorities who didn't accept him, tortured him and made him die the death of a criminal. It was the end of the road for his followers who scattered and fled in their fear.

Things were very dark on that first Good Friday, and yet they were soon to change: Jesus rose from the dead; his disciples found just an empty tomb, and life was transformed in a way unthinkable just a few days earlier. It is the hope that the resurrection brings which can transform our lives today in a world of uncertainty.

The Easter message gives us something to unify around: Hope triumphing from the jaws of despair and defeat. It is the powerful testimony at the heart of our Christian witness, the fulfilment of the promise that God has sent his Son to save the world.

This is what lies at the heart of the difference we can make as Christians. It is a basic truth and hope that the world is crying out for. It is the hope we can offer. This hope that Easter brings is too precious to keep to ourselves, we need to share it, shout it, broadcast it to the world. That Jesus is alive, that He saves us, that He wants to know us and for us to know him.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family

Offertory £445.68

Holy Places £121.35

Sacred Heart

Offertory £660.00

Holy Places £200.00

Our thanks for a donation of £40 to Holy Family Church for Flowers in memory of Peter and Natasha Cumberbirch at Easter.



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Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	
Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism	

MONDAY 24TH APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 1665)

TRANSFERRED FEAST OF SAINT GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND

11.15am	Holy Family	Funeral Service for Vera Brown	
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Intentions of Mrs. E. Flynn</i>

TUESDAY 25TH APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 1671)

FEAST OF SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Ita Harrington</i>
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WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 314)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Special Intention (Gubay)</i>
3.00pm	Belong Village	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>

THURSDAY 27TH APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 317)

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Special Intention (Gillespie)</i>
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FRIDAY 28TH APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 320)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Joan Morris</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Confessions	

SATURDAY 29TH APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 323)

FEAST OF SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Agnes Turner</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Confessions and Exposition	

SUNDAY 30TH APRIL 2017 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Bernard Cunliffe</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Jason Monks</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Nellie Williams</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

WELCOME

We welcome into the Easter People of God and our parish families through the celebration of Baptism this weekend: Logan James Fairhurst, the son of Jason Fairhurst and Danielle Roberts from Kingsdown Road, Abram, who was born on the 19th of August 2015 and is being baptised at Holy Family Church: Benjamin Harraghy, the son of Eion and Charlotte Harraghy from Long Lane, Hindley Green, who was born on the 17th of November 2016 and is being baptised at Sacred Heart Church.

FAREWELL

Our prayers and deepest sympathy are with the family and friends of Vera Brown, late of Carr Street, Platt Bridge, and who died on the 12th of April aged 77 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church on Monday of this week at 11.15am followed by committal at Wigan Crematorium, May the Risen Lord welcome her home.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL

Under current Data Protection legislation, the Catholic Chaplaincy is not automatically informed of any Catholic patients who are admitted into hospital – either relatives or the patients themselves must ask for a visit by the chaplain. The Catholic Chaplaincy at Wigan Infirmary can be contacted on 01942 822324 and a message left to request a visit from the chaplain. In an emergency, ask the nursing staff to bleep the 24/7 on-call priest. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be celebrated either in church during one of the weekday Masses or else at home before you go into hospital. Contact Father Tony to arrange this.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION FACILITATORS NEEDED

Want to be part of a friendly team helping couples create healthy marriages? The Archdiocese in partnership with Marriage Care are looking for volunteers to train as facilitators and provide engaging, interactive courses, helping couples live out the Sacrament of Marriage with the practical and spiritual tools they need. For more information please contact: Maureen O'Brien, Co-ordinator for Marriage and Family Life, on 0151 522 1044 or email m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk or for more information about what's involved visit the Marriage Care website at www.marriagecare.org.uk

YOUTH POLL: YOUR VOICE MATTERS

In 2018, Pope Francis will invite bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering they will discuss how the Catholic Church can best accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are aged between 13 and 29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you, to hear what life is like for you, your thoughts on faith, and how you connect (or not) with the Church. To help you tell us we have created a Youth Poll that you can access at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll. And if you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link.

SAINT JOHN RIGBY COLLEGE

Saint John Rigby Catholic Sixth Form College in Orrell was inspected recently and became only the third sixth form college in the country to be graded "outstanding" under the tougher inspection framework introduced in 2015. Our congratulations to the students and staff and to all those associated with the College. It's good to know that the young people of our parishes have the opportunity to progress to exceptional Catholic sixth form education when they leave high school. The Ofsted Report can be viewed on the college website at www.sjr.ac.uk

NORTHERN SAINTS PILGRIMAGE

The Catholic Pictorial have organised a Northern Saints Pilgrimage to include Saint Cuthbert, Saint Bede and Saint Aidan and visiting Lindisfarne and Holy Island, Seahouses and Durham from Monday the 18th to Thursday the 21st of September led by Father Ron Johnson. The cost of the pilgrimage is £295 per person. For more details and an itinerary please contact the Catholic Pictorial on 0151 733 5492.

THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Today, the Sunday following Easter, is celebrated by many Catholics as the Feast of Divine Mercy. The following nearby churches are celebrating the Feast of Divine Mercy this afternoon:

Saint Mary's, Standishgate, Wigan

Devotions at 3.00pm and Mass at 4.30pm

Holy Family, Cale Lane, New Springs

Devotions at 3.00pm

Sacred Heart, Brooke Street, Chorley

Devotions at 3.00pm and Mass at 4.00pm

Saint Mary's, Broadfield Drive, Leyland

Devotions at 3.00pm and Mass of Healing at 5.00pm

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

To support those who may be exploring a vocation to the Priesthood in our archdiocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organised for the first Saturday of each month, to help those who may feel called to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and to meet with others who are discerning a call to priesthood. There will be an opportunity to talk with and to hear from priests who minister in the diocese, and also for a time for prayer and discussion.

The next day of recollection will take place on Saturday the 6th of May at St. Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool. For more information, please contact Father James Preston, the Vocations Director, at frjamespreston@gmail.com or telephone 0151 727 2493.

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THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family

Offertory £614.53

Sacred Heart

Offertory £729.50

The collection taken during the Mass on Holy Thursday at Sacred Heart Church raised £165 to support the work of Aid to the Church with persecuted Christians.

Sincere thanks to those who organised and to all who supported last Sunday's Easter Chocolate Tombola which raised £125 for Holy Family Church funds.



THE PARISH BULLETIN



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SUNDAY 30TH APRIL 2017

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 30TH APRIL 2017 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Bernard Cunliffe</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Jason Monks</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Nellie Williams</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	
Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism	

MONDAY 1ST MAY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 325 or 1682)

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

10.00am Sacred Heart **Mass** *Richard Miller*

Please Note: No Evening Mass at Sacred Heart Church today

TUESDAY 2ND MAY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 328)

MEMORIAL OF SAINT ATHANASIUS

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Vicky Mills</i>
11.00am	Sacred Heart	Funeral Mass for Winifred Miller	

WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 1688)

FEAST OF SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Ints. of Joan Baines</i>
3.00pm	Belong Village	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>

THURSDAY 4TH MAY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 1691)

FEAST OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

10.00am Holy Family **Mass** *Elizabeth Cooke*

FRIDAY 5TH MAY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 337)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Graham Wasley</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Confessions	

SATURDAY 6TH MAY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 340)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Ints. of David & Imelda Helsby</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Confessions and Exposition	

SUNDAY 7TH MAY 2017 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Roy Crompton</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>John McVaney</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Maurice McCarthy</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

WELCOME

We welcome into the Easter People of God and our parish families through the celebration of Baptism this weekend:

Alex Andrew Lancaster, the son of Darren and Deborah Lancaster from Ruskin Crescent, Abram, who was born on the 17th of September 2016 and is being baptised at Holy Family Church.

Freya Dorothy Beardsworth, the daughter of Steven and Laura Beardsworth from Askwith Road, Hindley Green, who was born on the 3rd of August 2016 and is being baptised at Sacred Heart Church.



FAREWELL

Our deep sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Winifred Miller, late of Oak Avenue, Hindley Green (once the housekeeper at Sacred Heart to Father Gordon) who died on the 18th of April aged 83 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday of this week at 11.00am followed by burial at Leigh Cemetery. May the Risen Lord welcome her home.

**RETIRING COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE
PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND**

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family

Offertory £465.64

Sacred Heart

Offertory £657.00

Sincere thanks for an anonymous donation of £100 to Holy Family Church "to keep God's house nice" and in honour of Our Lady and Padre Pio.

FIRST ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to those who will celebrate their First Anniversary of Baptism during the coming month:

Skyla-Grace Prescott, daughter of Kieron Prescott and Amy Rasburn of Sydney Street, Platt Bridge, and Phoebe Agnes Atkinson, daughter of Stephen Atkinson and Rachel Heyes of Manley Street, Ince, who were baptised by Father Tony at Holy Family Church on the 1st of May 2016;

Elliot Michael Greenhalgh, son of Michael Greenhalgh and Sarak Payne of Ansford Avenue, Abram, who was baptised by Deacon Mike at Holy Family Church on the 8th of May 2016;

Elizabeth Gallagher, daughter of Thomas and Samantha Gallagher of Arnside Road, Hindley Green, who was baptised by Deacon Ken at Sacred Heart Church on the 29th of May 2016.

AN EVENING WITH "AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED"

You are invited to come along and join *Aid to the Church in Need* and the Jesuit community at Holy Name Church, 339 Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PG next Sunday the 7th of May from 5.00pm until 8.00pm to mark the second anniversary of ACN's overnight vigil for Iraqi Christians. The event will focus on an update of ACN's work in Iraq, Syria and Pakistan, along with personal witness accounts, and concluding with Holy Mass at 7.00pm. This is an opportunity to learn more about ACN's work with the Persecuted Church.

FUNCTION ROOM FOR HIRE

Each of our parishes has a licensed function room available for hire. Contact our Parish Club managers any evening after 8.00pm: Gillian at Holy Family Club on 01942 866167 or Terry at Sacred Heart Club on 01942 255192.

Holy Family Parish Hall is not licensed but is an ideal venue for regular or occasional group activities or meetings, or children's parties or other social events. Contact Geoff or Cecilia on 861084.

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.... NEWS FROM THE BRICK

Our contact persons with The Brick, who transport your gifts from us to them, are Doreen and Jim Ellison from Sacred Heart Parish. They have recently received a letter from the staff, volunteers and clients at The Brick with a request to pass on their deepest thanks for the support you have given and continue to give to this project. A copy of the letter has been placed on the notice board at the back of each church for you to read.

The Brick have also told Doreen and Jim that, although they are grateful and still in need of whatever donations of foodstuff and toiletries you can make, a particular need at this moment is for disposable nappies in sizes 4, 5 and 6. Could we maybe help them out with this need?

DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Some seats are still available on the Eccles coach for the Diocese of Salford Pilgrimage to Walsingham next Saturday the 6th of May, departing from Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Oxford Street, Eccles, M30 0LU at 8.00am and returning to Eccles for 9.30pm. Cost is just £20 per person with a discount for children. Please contact Mary Hall on 07478 765010 to book a place.

The Day Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop John Arnold and will include walking the Mary's Way, the Rosary Procession, an opportunity for Confessions, and Holy Mass Our Lady's Shrine of England's Nazareth.

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