

ROMAN CATHOLIC  
ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

Holy Family Church  
Lily Lane, Platt Bridge



Sacred Heart Church  
Swan Lane, Hindley Green



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"Hindley Catholic"

To Arrange a Baptism

See Father Tony  
after any weekend Mass

Visits to Sick & Housebound

Please contact Father Tony or one  
of the deacons if you wish to  
receive Holy Communion at home

Hospital Patient Visits


If you wish to see a priest please  
let the hospital staff know.

To Hire Holy Family Parish Hall

Contact Cecilia or Geoff  
Tel. 01942 861084

## SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2018

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2018 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)				
Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	The Allen Family	Daily Missal Page Number
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	Thomas & Elizabeth Cooke	
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	Minnie Kelly	
Sun. 3.00pm	Holy Family	Holy Hour with Way of the Cross		
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	
Sun. 3.00pm	Holy Family	Holy Hour with Way of the Cross		

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Friday at 7.30pm at Sacred Heart  
Saturday at 11.30am at Holy Family

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 11.30am to 12 noon at Holy Family

#### Mass in Belong Residential Village

Wednesday at 3.00pm in The Venue.  
Everyone welcome to come along.

#### RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEK FOR LENTEN ALMS

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.

**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.

**DAY OF REFLECTION BY FATHER CHRIS THOMAS**

Father Chris Thomas will lead a Day of Reflection on 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.

**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](http://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.

**Holy Family**

Sunday Offertory      £416.64

**Sacred Heart**

Sunday Offertory      £573.00

**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.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL  
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 hotel accommodation. Contact Joe Walsh Tours on 0151 909 2871 for more details or visit [www.joewalshstours.co.uk](http://www.joewalshstours.co.uk). And in addition to 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](http://www.liverpool-lourdes.co.uk)