



THE PARISH BULLETIN



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SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2017

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Anne-Marie Hollow</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Margaret Vose</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>David Herbert</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 532)

MEMORIAL OF THE MARTYRS OF JAPAN

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Mrs. T. Knowles' Intentions</i>
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TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 534)

NO MASS AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH TODAY

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving (V)</i>
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WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 537)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Archbishop Derek Worlock</i>
3.00pm	Belong Village	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>

THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 538)

NO MASS AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH TODAY

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Joseph & Ethel Reid</i>
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FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 540)

MEMORIAL OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Jess Harrison</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Confessions	

SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2017

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH TODAY

SUNDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2017

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Gerald Dootson</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Kathleen Murphy</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Brian Ormshaw</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

We welcome into the People of God and into our Parish Family through the celebration of Baptism at Holy Family Church this weekend: Martha Elizabeth Guest, daughter of Jade and Michael Guest from Davy Road, Abram.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH REFURBISHMENT WORK

Due to this work taking place, there will be no weekday services at Holy Family again this week but Sunday Mass will continue to be celebrated in the church. Confessions will be heard upon request after Mass on Sundays. Apologies for any inconvenience. Weekday Masses will resume as from the week beginning Sunday the 12th of February.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

HOLY FAMILY	SACRED HEART
Offertory £452.01	Offertory £543.00

Sincere thanks for the following recently received donations to Holy Family Church:

In memory of David Herbert (£200) from his wife Maureen and family;

In memory of Agnes Turner (£40) from her friends at Holy Family Senior Citizens Friendship Club;

In memory of Brian Ormshaw (£50) from his wife Marie and family.

MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Dear friends.

Next Saturday, February the 11th, is World Day of prayer for the Sick. Throughout the archdiocese - in our hospitals, care homes, hospices, family homes and chaplaincies - we have wonderful people dedicated to caring for our sick, and I'd like to acknowledge with deep gratitude the incredible care they provide.

Due to the fact that the world day of prayer coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, I wanted to draw to your attention to our diocesan pilgrimage each July. Ever since the 1920s, when our first pilgrims left Liverpool for Lourdes, it has been an important way in which we have tried to help those who are ill to realise a goal of visiting the shrine. Over the years countless numbers of sick pilgrims have been able to offer their own prayers at the grotto, not least because of the dedicated support of medical professionals and volunteers, hospitalité and youth alike. Nationally we are one of the largest diocesan pilgrimages to Lourdes - last year we were over 1,200 pilgrims - and as you can imagine the planning is detailed and time consuming. In fact preparations have been well underway since the autumn by our dedicated team of volunteers.

Being able to spend time together as a diocesan family, both in prayer and socially in the streets and cafés, not least with our assisted pilgrims, deepens the bonds that we have with each other and renews our faith and following of Christ, and I would encourage each one of you to consider joining our pilgrimage team.

As we continue to pray for those who suffer from various physical illnesses, and those suffering from mental illness and dementia, let us give thanks to all those who are dedicated to caring for them throughout the year. In addition, let us renew our commitment to serving them in whatever way we can and make it possible for them to experience the gift and prayer of Lourdes. With every candle lighted by you for loved ones this weekend I promise my prayers too, along with prayers of gratitude to all those who give their lives in caring for them.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

+ Malcolm McMahon OP

Archbishop of Liverpool

MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Next Saturday (11th February) at 12 noon
at Christ the King, Queens Drive, Wavertree
Celebrant: Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP
Everyone welcome

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION MEETINGS FOR PARENTS & CHILDREN

Next Wednesday (8th of February)
at 5.45pm in Holy Family School, Platt Bridge
Next Thursday (9th February)
at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart School, Hindley Green

VALENTINE'S WEEKEND SOCIAL EVENING FOR SACRED HEART PARISH HELPERS

Next Friday (10th February) at 7.30pm
in Sacred Heart Parish Club, Hindley Green
*Sign the list on the church notice board
if you would like to come along*

ANNUAL MASS TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Next Sunday (12th February) at 11.00am
in the Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool
Celebrant: Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP
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Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 545)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Marcus Reid</i>
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TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 547)

MEMORIAL OF SAINT CYRIL AND SAINT METHODIUS

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>David Herbert</i>
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WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 549)

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

THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 551)

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Barbara & Sandra King</i>
12 noon	Sacred Heart	Funeral Mass for Madge Heaton	

FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 553)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Phyllis Geenhough</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Confessions	

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 555)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Kath Sweeney</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Confessions and Exposition	

SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2017

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Mary Naughton</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Silvio Rossi</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Agnes Turner</i>

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

If you know of any impediment to the marriage of any of the couples below, or any other legal reason why they should not be married, you should inform Father Tony as soon as possible:

Donna Clare Southern and Daniel Edward Lloyd, both of Oak Avenue, Abram who wish to be married at Holy Family Church on the 27th of May 2017;

Rebecca Catterall and David Michael Hindley, both of Fairfields Avenue, Platt Bridge who wish to be married at Holy Family Church on the 5th of August 2017;

Emma Dalgleish and Lewis Pugh, both of Davy Road, Abram who wish to be married at a Catholic Church in Malta during August 2017;

Laura Case and Martin Keenan, both of Walthew Lane, Platt Bridge who wish to be married at a Catholic Church in Barcelona during August 2017;

Megan Crompton and James Bithell, both of Cashmore Drive, Hindley who wish to be married at Sacred Heart Church on the 12th of May 2018;

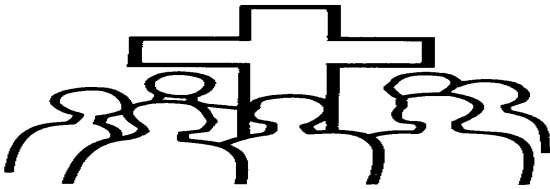
Stacey Makinson and Brett Draper, both of Lymm Street, Platt Bridge who wish to be married at Holy Family Church on the 16th of June 2018.

Please hold these couples in prayer as they prepare to give the gift of themselves to one another in marriage.

WEEKDAY MASS

**AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
RESUMES FROM THIS WEEK**

OUR PARISH FAMILY



WELCOME

We welcome into the People of God and into our Parish Family through the celebration of Baptism at Holy Family Church this weekend: Penelope Rivera-Arill, the daughter of Samantha Fairhurst and Alessandro Rivera-Arill from Willow Road, Newton-le-Willows

FAREWELL

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Mary Magdalene ("Madge") Heaton, late of Shrewsbury Close, Hindley who died on the 30th of January aged 87 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church next Thursday at 12 noon prior to burial at Hindley Cemetery. May the Lord welcome her home.

HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL JANUARY 2017 WINNERS

January 5th	No. 32
January 11th	No. 10
January 18th	No. 45
January 25th	No. 39

AN EVENING WITH FATHER FRANCIS

As part of the celebrations of the 25th Anniversary of the opening of All Saints Church, Golborne there is *An Audience with Father Francis, The Singing Friar* taking place in the church on Friday the 24th of February with doors opening at 6.45pm and Father Francis on stage from 7.00pm. Cost is just £1.00 per ticket which can be ordered by contacting Linda on 01942 743347 or Trish on 01942 510554 or Jean on 01942 727412.

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 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 each year, on the first three Sundays of March, June, September and December

SUPPORT FOR DIVORCED & SEPARATED

The next series of support meetings for Divorced and Separated Catholics will start in mid-February with groups meeting in Ormskirk and in South Liverpool. Catholics and also other Christians who are divorced or separated (recently or in the past) or who are experiencing the breakdown of a marriage or a long term relationship are very welcome.

The small groups are informative, affirming, free and confidential. To book a place on the South Liverpool course please call Frances Trotman on 0151 727 2195. To book a place on the Ormskirk course please call Maureen O'Brien on 07967 753371

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

HOLY FAMILY
Offertory £395.73

SACRED HEART
Offertory £638.70

Sincere thanks for recent donations received to Holy Family Church funds:

In Memory of Agnes Turner given at her funeral from her friends at Holy Family Parish; (£60);

From Holy Family Senior Citizens Wednesday Friendship Club (£100).

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.

Holy Family Catholic Club, Platt Bridge

Returning by Popular Demand

SQUEEZEBOX

Foot-tapping Music for all Tastes

Next Saturday 18th February from 8.30pm

Free Admission

All Welcome



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Sun. 9.00am Sacred Heart **Mass** *Silvio Rossi*

Sun. 10.30am Holy Family **Mass** *Agnes Turner*

MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 557)

7.00pm Sacred Heart **Mass** *Jenny & Ted Higginson*

TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 559)

11.00am Holy Family **Funeral Mass for Jeff Hickey**

WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2017

FEAST OF SAINT PETER, APOSTLE

10.00am Sacred Heart **Funeral Mass for Joan Morris**

3.00pm Belong Village **Mass** *Parishioners*

THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 563)

MEMORIAL OF SAINT POLYCARP

10.00am Holy Family **Mass** *Canipa & Donnelly Families*

12.30pm Holy Family **Funeral Service for Joan Price**

FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 565)

7.00pm Sacred Heart **Mass** *Irene Kennedy*

7.30pm Sacred Heart **Confessions**

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 567)

11.00am Holy Family **Mass** *Kevin Peter Carlon*

11.30am Holy Family **Confessions and Exposition**

SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2017

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

Sat. 5.30pm Sacred Heart **Mass** *Margaret Hoare*

Sun. 9.00am Sacred Heart **Mass** *Thomas Cooke*

Sun. 10.30am Holy Family **Mass** *Intentions of Rita Farrell*

FAREWELL

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

Jeffrey (Jeff) Hickey, late of Claydon Drive, Ince who died on the 5th of February aged 72 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church next Tuesday at 11.00am prior to committal at Wigan Crematorium.

Joan Morris, late of SmallBrook Lane, Leigh who died on the 14th of February aged 90 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church next Wednesday at 10.00am prior to committal at Howe Bridge Crematorium.

Joan Price, late of Vicarage Road, Abram who died on the 10th of February aged 85 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church next Thursday at 12.30pm prior to committal at Wigan Crematorium.

May the Lord welcome them home.

OUR PARISH ON-LINE

Just a reminder that you can sign-up to have the weekly parish newsletter for Holy Family, Platt Bridge and Sacred Heart, Hindley Green as well as that of Saint Benedict's, Hindley sent to you each week via email.

This may be useful to parishioners who have moved away but still wish to keep in touch with our parishes, as well as any who may be away for a week or two due to illness or holiday and want to keep informed.

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PREPARING FOR LENT

The Season of Lent begins this year on Wednesday the 1st of March in just under a fortnight. Copies of *Lent Extra 2017* with relevant articles for the Season of Lent and a series of daily reflections are on sale from the back of Holy Family Church at £1.50 each. Other booklets with prayers and reflections to support our spiritual growth during Lent are also available to buy.

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REGULAR HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY - CHILDREN'S LITTLE CHURCH

For Primary School aged children to hear the Word of God on a level they can understand: At the 9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart and the 10.30am Mass at Holy Family. Children come up at the start of Mass.

MONDAY - LINE DANCING

Monday afternoons at 1.00pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Contact Sylvia Delargy on 521482.

MONDAY - BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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

TUESDAY - LEGION OF MARY

Tuesdays mornings at 10.30am in Holy Family Church. Contact Mary Marsh on 701091 or Kath Prior on 861995.

WEDNESDAY - OVER 60's CLUBS

Friendship Groups for the Over 60's on Wednesdays at 12.30pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Contact Kath Prior on 861995. Also on Wednesdays at 2.00pm in Sacred Heart Club. Contact Maureen Dalton on 253132.

WEDNESDAY - 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

THURSDAY - MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Mothers meeting weekly to pray for their children. Each Thursday in Holy Family Parish Hall at 2.00pm. More details from Mary Marsh on 01942 701091.

SATURDAY - BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

For anyone who finds it hard to cope after the loss of a loved one. The group meets on the last Saturday of each month at 12.15pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Contact Mary Marsh on 701091

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Offertory £464.30

SACRED HEART

Offertory £667.50

Our sincere thanks for a further donation of £400 to Holy Family Church funds in memory of the late Agnes Turner from her family and friends.



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Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Intentions of Rita Farrell</i>

MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 569)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Tony Sutton</i>
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TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 571)

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Rhoda Quinn</i>
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THE SEASON OF LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH 2017

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving (AV)</i>
3.00pm	Belong Village	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
7.00pm	Holy Family	Mass	<i>L.I.S.C.F. Intentions</i>

THURSDAY 2ND MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 155)

10.00am	Holy Family	Funeral Mass for Agnes Dierden
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FRIDAY 3RD MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 158)

6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Stations of the Cross
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass <i>Nancy & Tim McCartney</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Confessions

SATURDAY 4TH MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 161)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass <i>Jimmy Farrell</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Confessions and Exposition

SUNDAY 5TH MARCH 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Agnes Franklin</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Sean & Michael Grainey</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>James Carlon</i>
Sun. 3.00pm	Holy Family	Way of the Cross & Holy Hour	

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 at three different venues on Wednesday: During Mass at 10.00am in Sacred Heart Church; also Mass at 3.00pm in The Venue at Belong Village, Platt Bridge; and also Mass 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 simple diet on this day).

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday evening during Lent at Sacred Heart Church at 6.15pm using a different version of the prayer each week. If any individual would like to lead this prayer on a particular Friday please see Deacon Ken.

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

Each 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. Everyone welcome.

FAREWELL

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Agnes Dierden, of Richmond House Care Home at Leigh who died on the 23rd of February aged 88 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church next Thursday at 10.00am prior to committal at Wigan Crematorium. May the Lord welcome her home.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS DURING LENT

Next Sunday 12th March for Cafod

Cafod ask us to voluntarily deny ourselves some food or other necessity on Friday the 10th of March and to give the money saved to help others in the developing countries of the world.

Sunday 19th March for Lenten Alms

Our voluntary offerings, perhaps from some personal act of Lenten denial, to help those in real need through a specific project chosen by the Archbishop.

Sunday 26th March for the Foreign Missions

A Missionary Sister will make an appeal at all the Masses this weekend for the Foreign Missions with a Retiring Collection after each Mass for this purpose.

Sunday 2nd April for Church Flowers

To receive donations, perhaps in memory of a loved one, for flowers to decorate our churches throughout the Easter Season.

Palm Sunday 9th April for 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.

LENT READING

Copies of *Lent Extra 2017* with relevant articles for Lent and daily reflections are on sale from the back of Holy Family Church at £1.50 each. Other booklets of prayer and reflection to support our spiritual growth during Lent are also on sale.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Legion of Mary are having a Day of Recollection on Tuesday the 7th of March at St Benedict's Church, Hindley. The day begins with Mass at 11.00am followed by Reflections, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Benediction and The Rosary. If you would like to attend you can either please put your name on the list which is at the back of Sacred Heart Church, or alternatively please telephone Susan Mines on 07952 822440 by the 1st of March. Hot lunch and afternoon refreshments will be provided. The cost is £5 per person (payable on the day). Everyone welcome!

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Offertory £497.09

SACRED HEART

Offertory £678.00

Sincere thanks for a donation of £50 towards the cost of the recent refurbishment work at Holy Family Church in memory of the late James Carlon.

THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION

The Catenian Association is a brotherhood of Catholic men who meet regularly for mutual support, social activities, and to further the work of the lay apostolate in the Church. There are over 10,000 Catenians worldwide in groups called "Circles", the Wigan group which was formed in 1913 being Circle 16.

They meet on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm at Hindley Hall Golf Club with a buffet and informal chat included. Social functions which are organised throughout the year include the Ladies Dinner Dance, President's Night, a Clergy Dinner, a Christmas Party, and President's Weekend. Mass is offered throughout the year for vocations to the priesthood and for the repose of all deceased members.

All practicing Catholic men aged 18 years and over and eligible to join. Interested? Want to know more? Contact Terry Flanagan on 01942 231332 or Chris Eccleston on 01942 701049 or Kevin Flanagan on 01942 258754 or Harold Trowbridge on 01942 375216 or visit the website at www.thecatenians.com

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RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Have you ever thought that the Lord could be calling you – or someone you know – to be a priest? Monthly meetings for those discerning the call are held on the first Saturday of each month at Saint Charles Borromeo Presbytery at Aighburth in South Liverpool from 10.00am to 3.00pm. For more information contact the Vocations Director, Father James Preston, on 0151 727 2493 or email him on frjamespreston@gmail.com

PARISH PRIEST RETIREMENTS

It was announced recently that Father Tom Kennedy, who celebrated his 100th birthday last year, has decided to retire as Parish Priest of English Martyrs at Haydock. His retirement has already taken effect and Father Tom is now living in a nursing home back in his native Ireland. And, due to ill health, Father Ron McGivern is to retire on the 19th of March as Parish Priest of Saint Williams at Ince and Saint Patrick's at Wigan. We give thanks to God for the very many years of service they have given to his People and hold them both in prayer before the Lord.