



# THE PARISH BULLETIN



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## SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY 2017

### THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

#### SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY 2017

##### SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

|              |              |                               |                                     |
|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sat. 5.30pm  | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b>                   | <i>Irene Kennedy</i>                |
| Sun. 9.00am  | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b>                   | <i>Margaret &amp; Thomas Morris</i> |
| Sun. 10.30am | Holy Family  | <b>Mass</b>                   | <i>David Power</i>                  |
| Sun. 11.45am | Holy Family  | <b>Celebration of Baptism</b> |                                     |
| Sun. 1.00pm  | Sacred Heart | <b>Celebration of Baptism</b> |                                     |

*The Christmas Season comes to an end with the Feast of the Epiphany and Ordinary Time begins with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*

#### MONDAY 9TH JANUARY 2017 (Readings not in the Weekday Missal)

##### FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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|--------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 7.00pm | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Winifred Sherlock</i> |
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#### TUESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 487)

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|---------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 10.00am | Holy Family | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Michael Corlett</i> |
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#### WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY 2017

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|----------------|----------------|--|---------------------|
| <b>11.00am</b> | Sacred Heart   | <b>Funeral Mass for Anthony Sutton</b> |                     |
| 3.00pm         | Belong Village | <b>Mass</b>                            | <i>Parishioners</i> |

#### THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 491)

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| <b>12.30pm</b> | Holy Family | <b>Funeral Mass for Keith Taylor</b> |  |
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#### FRIDAY 13TH JANUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 492)

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|--------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 7.00pm | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b>        | <i>Naughton Family</i> |
| 7.30pm | Sacred Heart | <b>Confessions</b> |                        |

#### SATURDAY 14TH JANUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 494)

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|---------|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 11.00am | Holy Family | <b>Mass</b>                       | <i>Ints. of Kath Hampson</i> |
| 11.30am | Holy Family | <b>Confessions and Exposition</b> |                              |

#### SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY 2017

##### SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

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|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sat. 5.30pm  | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Alan Gorton</i>                  |
| Sun. 9.00am  | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Ints. of Elizabeth Cooke</i>     |
| Sun. 10.30am | Holy Family  | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Ints. of Fr. John McLoughlin</i> |

### RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR CRIB OFFERINGS

The retiring collection for "Crib Offerings" which is being taken today will this year 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."

### THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks to all those who, in any way whatsoever, give their time and energy to the life of our two parishes over the last year. In so many roles, some seen but many hidden from view, those who work and undertake ministry in our parishes 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 families reap the benefit of your gift and are 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.

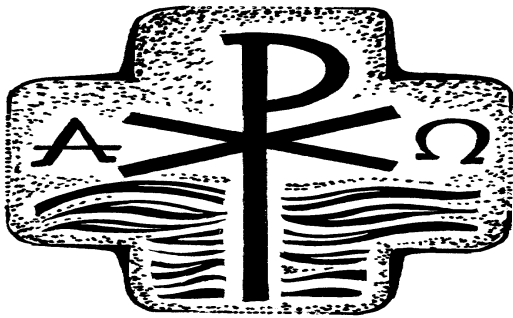
## RECENT WELCOMES AND FAREWELLS

**We welcome into the People of God and into our Parish Families through the celebration of Baptism:**

Eden Rain Devers, son of John and Elsa Devers from Westleigh Lane, Leigh, and Enzo Roberts-Adriano, son of Agostino Adriano and Danielle Roberts from Cambourne Drive, Hindley Green, who were baptised at Sacred Heart Church on the 28th of December;

Ashanti Katie May Price, Alysia Melanie Rose Price, Armani Mella Marie Price, David Christopher Junior Price, and John James Dean Price, the children of Melissa Leonard from Bickershaw Lane Caravan Site, Abram who are to be baptised at Holy Family Church today;

Beatrix Rose Selmes, daughter of Kerrod and Lauren Selmes from New South Wales, Australia who is to be baptised at Sacred Heart Church today.



**Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the families and friends of those who have died over the Christmas and New Year period:**

Kathleen Hunter from Mahogany House Nursing Home who died on the 14th of December aged 74 years. Her funeral rites were celebrated in a graveside service at Westwood Cemetery on the 21st of December.

Ann Brown from Carrington Court Nursing Home who also died on the 14th of December aged 96 years. Her funeral rites were celebrated at Sacred Heart Church on the 23rd of December prior to burial at Hindley Cemetery.

Margaret (Marie) Taylor from Barley Brook Nursing Home and once St. John's Court, Abram who died on the 16th of December aged 85 years. Her funeral rites were celebrated at Holy Family Church on the 5th of January prior to cremation at Wigan.

Anthony Sutton from Westleigh Lane, Leigh who died on the 24th of December aged 76 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church next Wednesday at 11.00am prior to burial at Leigh Cemetery.

Keith Taylor from New Street, Platt Bridge who died on the 31st of December 2016 aged 80 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church next Thursday at 12.30pm prior to cremation at Wigan.

## THANK YOU FOR RECENT WEEKS

### Sunday 18th December 2016

|              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Holy Family  | Offertory £430.97 |
| Sacred Heart | Offertory £646.50 |

### Sunday 25th December 2016 (Christmas)

|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Holy Family  | Offertory £1,081.00 |
| Sacred Heart | Offertory £937.80   |

### Sunday 1st January 2017 (New Year)

|              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Holy Family  | Offertory £388.68 |
| Sacred Heart | Offertory £610.00 |

Belated but sincere thanks for the following donations received over the Christmas and New Year period:

To Holy Family Church funds: £350 from the Monday afternoon Line Dancers; two anonymous donations of £300 (JE) and £100 (MB); £40 to Holy Family from an anonymous donor at Sacred Heart Church; and £15 for flowers in Christmas Remembrance of Eileen Sharples from her daughter Kath.

To Sacred Heart Church funds: £140 from an anonymous donor; and £10 from an un-named donor in Christmas Remembrance of Margaret Pye.

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## FIRST COMMUNION MEETINGS FOR PARENTS & CHILDREN

The next meeting for parents and children preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion later this year takes place: On Thursday of **THIS** week, the 12th of January, at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart School; and on Wednesday of **NEXT** week, the 18th of January (a week later than was originally planned) at 5.45pm in Holy Family School.

## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH REFURBISHMENT WORK

The fourth and final phase of the refurbishment work at Holy Family Church – the removal of the old flooring and the laying of a new floor covering throughout the church – will begin on Monday the 16th of January and will take four weeks to complete. During this time the church cannot be used for Mass during the week but Mass will continue to be celebrated in the church each Sunday at 10.30am. Confessions will be heard on request after the Mass on Sundays. There will be Mass celebrated each Wednesday as usual at 3.00pm in The Venue on the first floor at Belong Village on Millers Lane to which everyone is welcome.



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##### SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

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| Sat. 5.30pm  | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Alan Gorton</i>                  |
| Sun. 9.00am  | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Ints. of Elizabeth Cooke</i>     |
| Sun. 10.30am | Holy Family  | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Ints. of Fr. John McLoughlin</i> |

#### MONDAY 16TH JANUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 496)

|        |              |             |                                 |
|--------|--------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| 7.00pm | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Special Intention (T.G.)</i> |
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#### TUESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 498)

##### MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANTONY OF EGYPT

NO MASS AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH TODAY

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|---------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 10.00am | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Brian Cashman</i> |
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#### WEDNESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 500)

|         |                |             |                                    |
|---------|----------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 10.00am | Sacred Heart   | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Intentions of Robyn Davis</i>   |
| 3.00pm  | Belong Village | <b>Mass</b> | <i>For all in Belong Care Home</i> |

#### THURSDAY 19TH JANUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 502)

NO MASS AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH TODAY

|         |              |             |                       |
|---------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 10.00am | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Agnes Franklin</i> |
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#### FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 504)

|        |              |                    |                     |
|--------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 7.00pm | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b>        | <i>Parishioners</i> |
| 7.30pm | Sacred Heart | <b>Confessions</b> |                     |

#### SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY 2017 - MEMORIAL OF SAINT AGNES

NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH TODAY

#### SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY 2017

##### THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

|              |              |             |   |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|---|
| Sat. 5.30pm  | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Tony Sutton</i>                      |
| Sun. 9.00am  | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b> | <i>In Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony</i> |
| Sun. 10.30am | Holy Family  | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Winifred Horsfield</i>               |

### HOLY FAMILY REFURBISHMENT

The final phase of the refurbishment work at Holy Family Church begins this week. During this first week, the old vinyl floor tiles will be removed by a specialist contractor to pave the way for the laying of a new floor covering in the coming weeks, so the floor may be a little "untidy" when you come next Sunday!

Due to this work taking place, there will be no weekday services at Holy Family Church but Mass each Sunday will continue to be celebrated in the church. There will be Mass in The Venue at Belong each Wednesday at 3.00pm to which everyone is very welcome. Confessions will be heard upon request after the Mass on Sundays. Weekday Mass will resume as from the week beginning Sunday the 12th of February. Apologies for any inconvenience.

While the work at Holy Family is taking place there will be Mass celebrated at Sacred Heart Church instead each Tuesday and Thursday.

### THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

- **The Gift of Peace for the World:** Today, Sunday the 15th of January, is Peace Sunday when we are asked to pray for a change of heart and direction in the world, and especially among governments and world leaders, that peace may flourish where there is violence. We will reflect more on this at each Mass this weekend.

- **The Unity of Christians:** On Wednesday of this week, the 18th of January, we begin the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity. It has a special significance this year as 2017 is the 500th Anniversary of the Beginning of the Protestant Reformation.

For Information:

## STATISTICS FOR OUR PARISHES FOR THE YEAR 2016

|                                  | Sacred Heart |      | Holy Family |      |
|----------------------------------|--------------|------|-------------|------|
|                                  | 2015         | 2016 | 2015        | 2016 |
| Baptisms                         | 11           | 10   | 30          | 16   |
| First Communions & Confirmations | 25           | 18   | 15          | 22   |
| Receptions (Adult Converts)      | Nil          | Nil  | Nil         | Nil  |
| Marriages                        | 2            | 3    | Nil         | 1    |
| Deaths and Funerals              | 14           | 13   | 17          | 13   |
| Average Weekly Mass Attendance   | 260          | 211  | 146         | 123  |
| Average Weekly Offertory (£)     | 580          | 562  | 539         | 522  |

The **Financial Statement for 2016** giving the income and expenditure for each parish is being compiled and a summary will be displayed on the notice board at the back of each church for parishioners to view when ready.

## HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL DECEMBER WINNERS

|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
| December 7th  | No. 42 |
| December 14th | No. 36 |
| December 21st | No. 27 |
| December 28th | No. 33 |

## THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

| Holy Family |                | Sacred Heart |
|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| £441.75     | Offertory      | £600.00      |
| £178.79     | Crib Offerings | £442.00      |

## EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN LIVERPOOL DURING 2018

Archbishop Malcolm writes: *"The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has supported the proposal that a Eucharistic Congress should take place in Liverpool in 2018. The bishops have asked the Working Party to continue and progress the plans for this important moment in the life of the Church in England and Wales. This an honour for us to host the Eucharistic Congress in our archdiocese and an opportunity to deepen our faith with fellow Catholics and other Christians from across our countries. Planning is still in the early stages, but it is envisaged that it will take the form of a pilgrimage of up to 10,000 pilgrims and that it will take place in September 2018 after Pope Francis has visited Ireland. Bishop Tom Williams is the archdiocese's representative on the Working Party and he will have more information for us later in the new year."*

## CALLED TO THE DIACONATE?

Archbishop Malcolm is hosting a second Information Evening for any men who may be considering a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Liverpool. It takes place in the Parish Meeting Rooms at Holy Name, Moss Pits Lane, Fazakerley, L10 9LG on Tuesday the 7th of February beginning with refreshments at 7.00pm and ending by 9.00pm. The Archbishop will speak about ordained ministry and there will be an explanation about the process of formation and discernment, with input from two serving deacons and the opportunity for questions. Wives will also be very welcome. More details from Father Chris Fallon the Diaconate Director by email at [c.fallon@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:c.fallon@rcaolp.co.uk) or phone him on 07932 648221 or have a chat (no obligation to buy!) with one of our own two deacons Ken and Mike.

## FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

While Sacred Heart parents and children held their preparation meeting for First Holy Communion last week, parents and children at Holy Family will hold their preparation meeting on Wednesday of this week (a week later than was originally planned) at 5.45pm in Holy Family School.

## FIRST ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

Our congratulations to those who celebrate their First Anniversary of Baptism during this month: Sophia Anna Shepherd, the daughter of Larissa and Karl Shepherd from Reedymoor, Daily Hill who was baptised at Sacred Heart Church by Father Andrei Choma on the 24th of January 2016; and Neve Jennifer Leyland, daughter of Emma and Christopher Leyland from Hancock Close, Hindley Green who was baptised at Sacred Heart Church by Deacon Ken on the 31st of January 2016.

## FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

Leisure Time Travel are organising a Pilgrimage to Fatima from the 13th to the 17th of March to commemorate the One Hundred Year Anniversary of the Apparitions. Half-board by air from Liverpool to Lisbon with transfers from Lisbon to Fatima. Cost £429. For more details and bookings contact Leisure Time Travel on 0151 287 800



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##### THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

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|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sat. 5.30pm  | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b>                   | <i>Tony Sutton</i>                |
| Sun. 9.00am  | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b>                   | <i>In Thanks to Saint Anthony</i> |
| Sun. 10.30am | Holy Family  | <b>Mass</b>                   | <i>Winifred Horsfield</i>         |
| Sun. 11.45am | Holy Family  | <b>Celebration of Baptism</b> |                                   |

#### MONDAY 23RD JANUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 507)

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|--------|--------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 7.00pm | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Mary Ann O'Connell</i> |
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#### TUESDAY 24TH JANUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 509)

##### MEMORIAL OF SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

NO MASS AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH TODAY

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|---------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 10.00am | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Irene Kennedy</i> |
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#### WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 1559)

##### FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

|         |                |             |                      |
|---------|----------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 10.00am | Sacred Heart   | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Ints. of T.C.</i> |
| 3.00pm  | Belong Village | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Parishioners</i>  |

#### THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 514)

##### MEMORIAL OF SAINTS TIMOTHY AND TITUS

NO MASS AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH TODAY

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|---------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 10.00am | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b> | <i>May &amp; Daniel Feeley</i> |
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#### FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 515)

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|--------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 7.00pm | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b>        | <i>Ints. of Jacob Dewhurst</i> |
| 7.30pm | Sacred Heart | <b>Confessions</b> |                                |

#### SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY 2017

##### MEMORIAL OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH TODAY

#### SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY 2017

##### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

|              |              |             |                        |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Sat. 5.30pm  | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Mary Williams</i>   |
| Sun. 9.00am  | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Joseph Clarkson</i> |
| Sun. 10.30am | Holy Family  | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Eileen Sharples</i> |

### WELCOME

We welcome into the People of God and our Parish Family through the celebration of Baptism today at Holy Family Church: Abel Kyle Jackson, son of Kyle and Emma Jackson from Shelley Drive, Abram; and Lilly Helen Jackson-Davies, daughter of Gordon Davies and Tanya Jackson-Davies from Slmpkin Street, Abram.

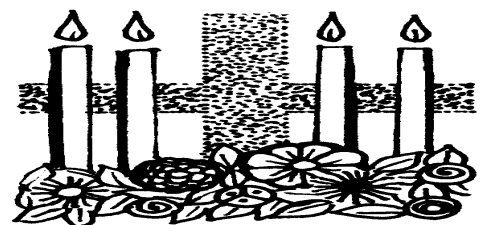
### FAREWELL

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the families and friends of three members of Holy Family community who have died recently:

David Herbert, from Hillcrest, Platt Bridge, a Eucharistic Minister, Welcomer, Fundraiser, and Chair of School Governors at Holy Family, who died on the 13th of January aged 69 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Saint Wilfrid's Church at Stubshaw Cross, Ashton-in-Makerfield next Thursday the 26th of January at 11.00am prior to committal at Wigan Crematorium.

Michael Kelly from Ashton-in-Makerfield, who attended Mass at Holy Family each Sunday with his wife Veronica, and who also died on the 13th of January aged 73 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Saint Oswald's Church, Ashton-in-Makerfield on Monday of this week, the 23rd of January at 11.00am prior to committal at Wigan Crematorium.

Agnes Turner from Tram Street, Platt Bridge, and another Holy Family Mass-goer, who died on the 18th of January aged 87 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Saint Benedict's, Church, Hindley on a day yet to be arranged.



## **HOLY FAMILY CHURCH REFURBISHMENT WORK**

During this second week of the work, heavy-duty carpet-matting will be laid in the porch area and new carpeting will begin to be laid in the main body of the church. Due to this work taking place, there will be no weekday services at Holy Family but Mass each Sunday will continue to be celebrated in the church. There will be Mass in The Venue at Belong each Wednesday at 3.00pm to which everyone is very welcome. Confessions will be heard upon request after the Mass on Sundays. Apologies for any inconvenience. Weekday Mass will resume as from the week beginning Sunday the 12th of February. While the work at Holy Family is taking place there will be Mass celebrated at Sacred Heart Church instead each Tuesday and Thursday.

## **SACRED HEART PARISH MEETING**

There's a Parish Meeting being held in the Gordon Room at Sacred Heart Church on Monday of this week (23rd January) at 7.30pm, after the evening Mass, to arrange and begin preparations for the Summer Fayre this year. All Sacred Heart parishioners are invited as is anyone who would like to get involved.

## **BEING A CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER**

Thinking of applying to become a secondary school teacher for September 2017? Wigan and West Lancashire Catholic School Direct programme is a partnership between eight Catholic secondary schools, one Catholic Sixth Form College and Liverpool Hope University working together to provide first class Initial Teacher Training within the Catholic community. PGCE and QTS are awarded upon successful completion of the course. Applications are now open. For more information visit [www.catholicssd.org.uk](http://www.catholicssd.org.uk) or email [enquiries@catholicssd.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@catholicssd.org.uk)

## **AN AFTERNOON FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS**

The Pastoral Formation Department is hosting an afternoon for those who lead the Little Church (Children's Liturgy) groups in our parishes to help prepare to celebrate Lent and Easter with the children. It takes place at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA on Saturday the 5th of February from 2.00pm to 5.00pm and will be led by Jo Boyce of CJM Music. The cost is £10 per person (which is payable by the parish). To book places please contact Maureen Knight at [m.knight@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:m.knight@rcaol.co.uk) or telephone her at the Pastoral Formation Office on 0151 522 1046.

## **DAYS OF PRAYER & REFLECTION**

**SCRIPTURE MORNINGS** on Thursdays the 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd of February 2017 on the theme "I will pour out my Spirit on all people - A look at the Acts of the Apostles" led by Father Chris Thomas.

A **MEN'S WEEKEND** with the theme "Free to follow Jesus" from the 10th to the 12th of February 2017 led by Father Chris Thomas.

A **QUIET WEEKEND** from the 24th to the 26th of March 2017 on the theme "Footsteps in the Sand" led by Moira Meeghan.

All the above are taking place at Irenaeus House, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 1RD. To book a place or for more information phone Jenny on 0151 949 1199 or email her on [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or visit the website at [www.irenaeus.co.uk](http://www.irenaeus.co.uk)

## **RESTORED LIVES**

*Restored Lives* is the name given to a new course about to be run by the Pastoral Formation Department of the Archdiocese of Liverpool to offer support for those who may find it hard to recover from divorce or separation. It begins on Thursday the 23rd of February at a location in Ormskirk. Interested? For more details or to book a place please contact Maureen on 07967 753371 or Maria on 07732 495455 or Jacqui on 07793 825815.

## **TAIZE WEEKEND**

The international and inter-denominational Taize Community is to lead a weekend gathering for young adults in Birmingham just after Easter. Young people from all over Europe are expected to travel to the UK to take part in the Taize Weekend for Young Adults (aged 16 to 35) from Friday the 28th of April to Monday the 1st of May. For more details and information about how you can take part go to [www.taize.fr/birmingham](http://www.taize.fr/birmingham)

## **ROSARIES FOR THE MISSIONS**

Nearly three years ago the Catenians made an appeal for people to send unused rosary beads to the missions. Since then around 450,000 rosary beads have been sent to various mission territories around the world. They are now hoping to reach a new target of 500,000 rosary beads. Do you have any unused rosary beads? Send them to Mr. Michael Blackburn at 164 Green Park Road, Halifax, HX3 OSP.

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## **THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK**

**HOLY FAMILY**  
Offertory £430.87

**SACRED HEART**  
Offertory £632.50

Our sincere thanks for a donation of £100 to Holy Family Church funds in memory of the late Keith Taylor from his wife and sons.



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| Sat. 5.30pm  | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Mary Williams</i>   |
| Sun. 9.00am  | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Joseph Clarkson</i> |
| Sun. 10.30am | Holy Family  | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Eileen Sharples</i> |

#### MONDAY 30TH JANUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 519)

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|--------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 7.00pm | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Deceased of Vose Family</i> |
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#### TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 522)

##### MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN BOSCO

NO MASS AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH TODAY

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|---------|--------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 10.00am | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Intentions of Mrs. E. Flynn</i> |
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#### WEDNESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 524)

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|---------|----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 10.00am | Sacred Heart   | <b>COMMUNION SERVICE – NO MASS</b> |                     |
| 3.00pm  | Belong Village | <b>Mass</b>                        | <i>Parishioners</i> |

#### THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 1580)

##### FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

NO MASS AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH TODAY

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|---------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 10.00am | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b> | <i>Tony Sutton</i> |
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#### FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 528)

##### OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF SAINT BLAISE

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| 7.00pm | Sacred Heart | <b>Mass</b>        | <i>Intentions of Joan Baines</i> |
| 7.30pm | Sacred Heart | <b>Confessions</b> |                                  |

#### SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2017

NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH TODAY

#### SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2017

##### FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

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

There is a Pastoral Letter this weekend from Archbishop Malcolm. Due to its content and nature (it's an appeal for more practicing Catholics to volunteer to be school governors) you'll find it printed in full over the page for you to read at your leisure, rather than hearing it read at Mass this weekend as a replacement for the homily.

### FAREWELL

The funeral rites of Agnes Turner, late of Tram Street, Platt Bridge who died on the 18th of January aged 87 years, will be celebrated on Monday of this week, the 30th of January, at Saint Benedict's Church, in Hindley at 1.00pm prior to burial at Westwood Cemetery. May the Lord welcome her home.

### BLESSING OF THROATS

Friday is the (optional) memorial of Saint Blaise, the patron of those who suffer from any sickness or ailment of the throat, deriving from the legend that he saved the life of a young child who was choking to death on a fish bone. For anyone who may wish to receive it, the traditional Blessing of Saint Blaise for Throats will be given after the evening Mass on Friday at Sacred Heart.

### THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

**HOLY FAMILY**

Offertory £400.54

**SACRED HEART**

Offertory £629.50

# **PASTORAL LETTER OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF LIVERPOOL**

## **FOR SUNDAY THE 29TH OF JANUARY 2017**

Dear friends,

There are many ways in which you can be of service to the wider mission of the Church. Prominent amongst these is offering to be of service to a school as a foundation governor. School governors are the largest voluntary body in the country. They provide a vital service to the community and help shape the work of schools and the future of our young people.

The Church has a special duty to provide schools as the principal means of assisting all to achieve the fullness of Christian life. Catholic schools share with all schools the duty to educate our young people and help them achieve their full potential, but additionally, our Catholic schools are charged with the tasks of providing religious education and religious worship in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church. The duty of ensuring this happens to the highest possible standard and is upheld and developed falls to the governing body of the school.

Some governors are elected by parents and staff at the school. Others may be nominated by the local authority. All governors have a duty to uphold the Catholic ethos of the school but foundation governors have a further particular responsibility to represent me in my role as leader and first teacher of the diocese. For this reason, it is essential that all foundation governors are practising Catholics committed to upholding the teaching of the Church.

Traditionally, foundation governors have served the school in their own parish or locality. However, as the role of governor has become more exacting, it has become increasingly difficult to recruit sufficient foundation governors with the right skills and aptitudes to fill all the vacancies in some localities. There are currently more than 100 foundation governor vacancies in schools in the diocese. Given there are over 1600 positions in total, a vacancy rate of around 7% cannot fairly be described as a crisis. Nevertheless, some schools have three or even four vacancies out of the normal quota of seven, which they are very keen to fill.

The Church is constantly on the lookout for people who may be willing and able to serve in our Church schools in this important ministry and who bring with them skills and experience from many different walks of life. In particular I would like to encourage people to step forward who are prepared to serve in a school outside their own locality

The role may be challenging. It does not involve the passive reception and uncritical endorsement of the ideas put forward by the staff of the school but equally it does not require involvement in the day to day operation of the school. Governors must be able to take a long-term, strategic view.

Foundation governors must have the ability to understand the work of the school in sufficient detail to be able to challenge and support the school's senior leaders and make constructive suggestions. The abilities to engage in debate, to listen, to work as part of a team and to be discrete are the essential personal characteristics. Training is available and Governors can have a diverse range of skills and backgrounds. A leaflet providing more information and contact details for further advice is available and I do urge you to consider whether you are able to serve the Catholic community in this way.

With my prayers and every good wish for you and your families for the year ahead

**+ Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool**

### **HOLY FAMILY CHURCH REFURBISHMENT**

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 the Mass on Sundays. Apologies for any inconvenience. Weekday Masses will resume as from the week beginning Sunday the 12th of February.

### **SACRED HEART PARISH SOCIAL**

A "Valentine's Weekend Social Evening" will be held for Sacred Heart Parish Helpers on Friday the 10th of February from 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Club. For catering purposes, please sign the list on the church notice board if you'd like to go.