



THE PARISH BULLETIN



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SUNDAY 5TH MARCH 2017

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

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| 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 | |

MONDAY 6TH MARCH 2017

1.30pm Sacred Heart **Funeral Mass for Elizabeth Cooke**

Note: No Evening Mass today at Sacred Heart Church

TUESDAY 7TH MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 167)

10.00am Holy Family **Mass** *Marie Mullen*

WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 170)

10.00am Sacred Heart **Mass** *Isabella Mills*
 3.00pm Belong Village **Mass** *Parishioners*

THURSDAY 9TH MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 173)

10.00am Holy Family **Mass** *LISCF Intentions*

FRIDAY 10TH MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 176)

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

6.15pm Sacred Heart **Stations of the Cross**
 7.00pm Sacred Heart **Mass** *Thos, Mgt & Mary Delaney*
 7.30pm Sacred Heart **Confessions**

SATURDAY 11TH MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 179)

11.00am Holy Family **Mass** *Ints. of Ken & Mary Oakes*
 11.30am Holy Family **Confessions and Exposition**

SUNDAY 12TH MARCH 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

Sat. 5.30pm Sacred Heart **Mass** *Ints. of Catherine Fields*
 Sun. 9.00am Sacred Heart **Mass** *Kathleen Murphy*
 Sun. 10.30am Holy Family **Mass** *Harry Robinson*
 Sun. 3.00pm Holy Family **Way of the Cross & Holy Hour**

THE SEASON OF LENT

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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FAREWELL

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

Elizabeth Cooke, late of Atherton Road, Hindley Green who died on the 19th of February aged 95 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church this Monday the 6th of March at 1.30pm prior to burial at Hindley Cemetery.

Madeline Burke, late of Windermere Road, Hindley who died on the 21st of February aged 64 years. Her funeral rites were celebrated at Howe Bridge Crematorium last Thursday.

May the Lord welcome them home.

HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL FEBRUARY 2017 WINNERS

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| February 1st | No. 39 |
| February 8th | No. 37 |
| February 15th | No. 31 |
| February 22nd | No. 05 |

RETIRING COLLECTIONS DURING LENT

Next Sunday 12th March: For Cafod's Lent Fast Day

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. *Cafod Fast Day envelopes are available from the back of church this weekend for you to return to church with your offering next weekend.*

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: An Appeal for the 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 Easter 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 the Holy Places

For the upkeep and maintenance of the Christian sites in Jerusalem and the surrounding area.

FIRST ANNIVERSARIES DURING MARCH

Congratulations to those celebrating their First Anniversary of Baptism during this month, and especially Sophia Isabella Bennett, daughter of Michael Bennett and Deborah Milligan of Crossdale Road, Hindley Green who was baptised at Sacred Heart Church by Deacon Ken on the 27th of March 2016.

Our remembrance and prayer continues for those whose First Anniversary of Death occurs during this month, especially Doreen Rigby from Kildare Grange who died on the 25th of March 2016 aged 79 years.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Offertory £410.29

SACRED HEART

Offertory £593.00

Sincere thanks for further donations to Holy Family Church recently received in memory of Agnes Turner received from The Wigan Thistle Society (£25) and Margaret Rowe (£25)

FROM THE MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2017

Dear friends.

Lent is the favourable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, who lives in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbour.

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 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.



The full text of the Message of Pope Francis for Lent which includes a lengthy reflection on the Parable of the Rich Man and the Poor Man (Luke 16:19-31) can be found on the Vatican website at www.vatican.va

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The Legion of Mary are having a Day of Recollection next 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!

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 reflections to support our spiritual growth during Lent are also on sale.



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| Sun. 9.00am | Sacred Heart | Mass | <i>Kathleen Murphy</i> |
| Sun. 10.30am | Holy Family | Mass | <i>Harry Robinson</i> |
| Sun. 3.00pm | Holy Family | Way of the Cross & Holy Hour | |

MONDAY 13TH MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 181)

10.00am Sacred Heart **Mass** *Fr. Kevin Snape*

Note: No Evening Mass at Sacred Heart Church today

TUESDAY 14TH MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 184)

10.00am Holy Family **Mass** *David Herbert*

WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 187)

10.00am Sacred Heart **Mass** *Ints. of Paddy Killen*

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

THURSDAY 16TH MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 190)

10.00am Holy Family **Mass** *Sr. Katharine Lennon SND*

FRIDAY 17TH MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 193)

FEAST OF SAINT PATRICK, PATRON OF IRELAND

6.15pm Sacred Heart **Stations of the Cross**

7.00pm Sacred Heart **Mass** *Joseph Reid*

7.30pm Sacred Heart **Confessions**

SATURDAY 18TH MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 1638)

ANTICIPATED SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

11.00am Holy Family **Mass** *Fr. Joseph Rimmer*

11.30am Holy Family **Confessions and Exposition**

SUNDAY 19TH MARCH 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

Sat. 5.30pm Sacred Heart **Mass** *Joan Morris*

Sun. 9.00am Sacred Heart **Mass** *Peter & Esther Flynn*

Sun. 10.30am Holy Family **Mass** *Golden Wedding Thanks (Prior)*

Sun. 3.00pm Holy Family **Way of the Cross & Holy Hour**

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RETIRING COLLECTION

THIS WEEKEND FOR CAFOD'S HARVEST FAST DAY

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Saint Edmund Arrowsmith High School in Ashton-in-Makerfield are hosting a Lent Celebration of Reconciliation on Monday of this week the 13th of March at 7.00pm when a number of priests will be available to hear confessions. All are welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION MEETINGS

The next meetings for parents and children preparing for First Confession and First Holy Communion later this year take place during this coming week: On Wednesday at 5.45pm in Holy Family School; or on Thursday at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart School.

CELEBRATING SAINT JOSEPH

Since the Solemnity of Saint Joseph falls by date this year on the Third Sunday of Lent (next Sunday) the celebration of Saint Joseph is being transferred this year: At Holy Family Church, where he is one of the parish patrons, Saint Joseph will be celebrated in anticipation next Saturday the 18th of March: At Sacred Heart Church, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph will be celebrated on Monday the 20th of March.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Offertory £444.50

SACRED HEART

Offertory £603.50

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

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

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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 EASTER 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 THE UPKEEP OF 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. *Please note that, although traditionally taken during the Good Friday Liturgy, this collection will take place in our two churches after the Masses on Palm Sunday instead.*

DONATIONS FOR PERU

For the past few years, via our contact with them through Colette Burke, we have supported the work of Mother Teresa's Missionary Brothers of Charity in Lima, Peru, who work with disadvantaged boys and young men. They do not fund-raise but rely solely on donations which are given to them through Divine Providence. Colette is paying a further visit to the Brothers from the 23rd of March and would welcome any donations you may feel able to make. These can be given through Colette or paid directly into the Brothers' bank account. She can be contacted on 07877 114534 or email colette.burke@btopenworld.com.

SACRED HEART PARISH MEETING

There will be an Open Parish Meeting for Sacred Heart Parish on Monday of this week the 13th of March at 7.00pm in the Gordon Room at Sacred Heart Church for all interested parties and any Sacred Heart parishioners who may wish to become involved in planning and organising the Summer Event later in the year. Or, if you would like to be involved but can't make the meeting, please contact Deacon Ken.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

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.



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| Sun. 9.00am | Sacred Heart | Mass | <i>Peter & Esther Flynn</i> |
| Sun. 10.30am | Holy Family | Mass | <i>Golden Wedding Thanks (Prior)</i> |
| Sun. 3.00pm | Holy Family | Way of the Cross & Holy Hour | |

MONDAY 20TH MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 1638)

TRANSFERRED SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

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| 7.00pm | Sacred Heart | Mass | <i>Canon Gerard Wharton</i> |
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TUESDAY 21ST MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 207)

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| 10.00am | Holy Family | Mass | <i>LISCF Intentions</i> |
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WEDNESDAY 22ND MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 210)

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| 10.00am | Sacred Heart | Mass | <i>Ints. of Maree McKillen</i> |
| 3.00pm | Belong Village | Mass | <i>Parishioners</i> |

THURSDAY 23RD MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 213)

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| 11.00am | Holy Family | Funeral Mass for Peter Sykes | |
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FRIDAY 24TH MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 216)

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| 6.15pm | Sacred Heart | Stations of the Cross | |
| 7.00pm | Sacred Heart | Mass | <i>Margaret Hoare</i> |
| 7.30pm | Sacred Heart | Confessions | |

SATURDAY 25TH MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 1645)

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

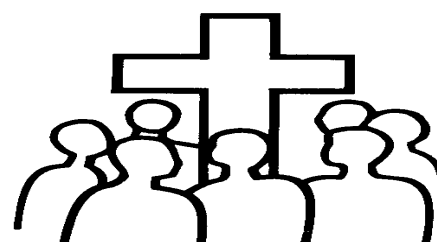
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| 11.00am | Holy Family | Mass | <i>Agnes Turner</i> |
| 11.30am | Holy Family | Confessions and Exposition | |

SUNDAY 26TH MARCH 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

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| Sat. 5.30pm | Sacred Heart | Mass | <i>Ellen Connolly</i> |
| Sun. 9.00am | Sacred Heart | Mass | <i>Elizabeth Cooke</i> |
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**RETIRING COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND FOR
LENTEN ALMS**

BRITISH SUMMER TIME

Don't forget that NEXT weekend in the very early hours of Sunday the 26th of March the clocks go forward one hour – so an hour less in bed. Don't be late for Mass!

FAREWELL

Our deep sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Peter Sykes, late of Park Lane, Abram who died on the 3rd of March aged 78 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church next Thursday the 23rd of March at 11.00am prior to burial in Hindley Cemetery. May the Lord welcome him home.

ENGLISH MARTYRS, HAYDOCK

Archbishop Malcolm has asked Father Ron Johnson, to assume the responsibility for English Martyrs Parish, Haydock following the recent retirement of Father Tom Kennedy. This is in addition to him also being Parish Priest of All Saints, Golborne and of Saint Lewis, Croft.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

Next weekend we will welcome Sister Kevina into our parish communities who comes to make the annual appeal for our support of the work of the overseas missions. Sister Kevina is a member of the Franciscan Missionaries of Saint Joseph who have missions in Kenya and Uganda in East Africa and in Ecuador in South America, and she will share with us something about the work they do there. There will be a retiring collection after each of the Masses next weekend to support the work of the overseas missions.

SAINT WILLIAM'S, INCE

With the retirement from next weekend of Father Ron McGivern, it was announced recently in the churches of the Wigan Deanery that, after the 26th of March, Saint William's Church at Ince is to be temporarily taken out of sacred use and no Mass will be celebrated there. Saint Patrick's Church at Wigan will have just one Mass celebrated by supply priests on Sundays at 10.45am. Until a definite future for their church is known, without wishing to be seen to "poach" them, Saint William's parishioners will be very welcome to join us each Sunday at the 10.30am Mass at Holy Family.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Offertory £463.61

Cafod £496.91

SACRED HEART

Offertory £531.00

Cafod £398.00

Our sincere thanks for a further donation to Holy Family Church in memory of the late Agnes Turner of £20 received from Mrs. G. Gough.

FROM ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM

The following letter was recently received from Archbishop Malcolm. Although addressed to the priests of the Archdiocese, it was not sent in confidence and, since it contains an invitation to all, it is reprinted here for your information:

Dear Father.

I am writing to you to ask for your guidance and help. You will be aware that one of the main tasks that I have as your Archbishop is the appointment of priests to the parishes. In many ways it is one of the most important and sacred tasks of a bishop. It is also one of the most difficult.

As you know we have fewer priests and people at Mass than we had in recent times. There is also a number of clergy preparing to retire from active ministry after a lifetime of service to the Church. So I need your advice. I am asking you, clergy and people together, to look carefully at your Pastoral Area and to see how we can best serve the mission of the Church in your part of the Diocese. I want to best use the resources of priests, people and buildings that we have. I would be very grateful if you could share with me your ideas of how we can go forward with fewer priests and perhaps fewer buildings too.

I have asked your Dean to call clergy and people together to help me in the forward planning that we need to embark upon. I know that many of you took part in the Leaving Safe Harbours process and we have already been able to put in place some of the recommendations that came from Pastoral Area plans: I thank you for that. You may wish to revisit the planning that you did then. I ask you to share with me in this present task, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, so that we can be the Church that God has called us to be.

Yours in sincerely in Christ,



Archbishop of Liverpool

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new Offertory Envelopes will be available for you to collect from next weekend: From the Gordon Room at Sacred Heart Church or from the back of church at Holy Family. They will come into use from Palm Sunday the 9th of April. Those who Gift Aid their weekly offerings will find that a numbered box of envelopes has been allocated to them with their name and address written on the box: Unnumbered envelopes will be available for non Gift-Aiders to use.



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| Sat. 5.30pm | Sacred Heart | Mass | <i>Ellen Connolly</i> |
| Sun. 9.00am | Sacred Heart | Mass | <i>Elizabeth Cooke</i> |
| Sun. 10.30am | Holy Family | Mass | <i>Vicky Mills</i> |
| Sun. 3.00pm | Holy Family | Way of the Cross & Holy Hour | |

MONDAY 27TH MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 225)

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| 7.00pm | Sacred Heart | Mass | <i>William Henry Mills</i> |
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TUESDAY 28TH MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 227)

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| 10.00am | Holy Family | Mass | <i>Kevin Peter Carlon</i> |
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WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 231)

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| 10.00am | Sacred Heart | Mass | <i>In Thanksgiving (V)</i> |
| 3.00pm | Belong Village | Mass | <i>Parishioners</i> |

THURSDAY 30TH MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 234)

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| 10.00am | Holy Family | Mass | <i>Sandra King</i> |
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FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 238)

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| 6.15pm | Sacred Heart | Stations of the Cross | |
| 7.00pm | Sacred Heart | Mass | <i>Vincent Moore</i> |
| 7.30pm | Sacred Heart | Confessions | |

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL 2017 (Weekday Missal Page 241)

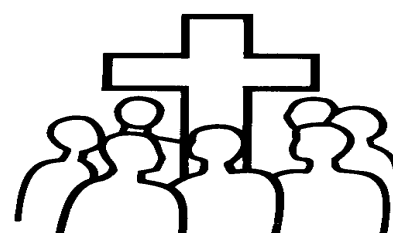
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| 11.00am | Holy Family | Mass | <i>Vera Hayes</i> |
| 11.30am | Holy Family | Confessions and Exposition | |

SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)

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| 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> |
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**FOREIGN MISSION APPEAL
AT MASS THIS WEEKEND
BY A MISSIONARY SISTER**

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There will be a retiring collection after each of the Masses at both of our churches this weekend to support the work of the overseas missions.

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.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new Offertory Envelopes are available from this weekend 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 Palm Sunday the 9th of April. 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 non Gift-Aiders to use.

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.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

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.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

NEXT SUNDAY 2ND APRIL

FOR CHURCH EASTER 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 THE UPKEEP OF 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. *Although traditionally taken during the Good Friday Liturgy, this collection will take place in our two churches after the Masses on Palm Sunday instead.*

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

HOLY FAMILY

Offertory £402.30

Lenten Alms £132.70

SACRED HEART

Offertory £671.50

Lenten Alms £274.25