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THE PARISH BULLETIN



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SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2017

Day	Feast	Time and Place	Liturgy	Mass Intention	Collins Weekday Missal Page
Sunday 3rd September	22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)	Sat. 5.30pm (SH)	Mass	Ian Clayton	
		Sun. 9.00am (SH)	Mass	Eric Gaskell	
		Sun. 10.30am (HF)	Mass	Ann Louise McCarthy	
Mon 4th		7.00pm (SH)	Mass	Marie Pursall	753
Tues 5th		10.00am (HF)	Mass	Fr. Gerald Hurst	755
Wed 6th		10.00am (SH)	Mass	In Thanksgiving (A.V.)	757
		3.00pm (Belong)	Mass	Parishioners	- - -
Thurs 7th		10.00am (HF)	Mass	Bill Mangnall	759
Fri 8th	The Birth of Mary	7.00pm (SH)	Mass	Vincent Moore	1923
Sat 9th		11.00am (HF)	Mass	Harry Robinson	763
Sunday 10th September	23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)	Sat. 5.30pm	Mass	Alan Liptrot	
		Sun. 9.00am (SH)	Mass	William & Agnes Freeman	
		Sun. 10.30am (HF)	Mass	Wilfred Pugh	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS) Friday at 7.30pm (SH) and Saturday at 11.30am (HF)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday from 11.30am to 12 noon (HF)

MASS IN BELONG RESIDENTIAL VILLAGE Wednesday at 3.00pm in The Venue. All welcome.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK Thanks to the members of the Monday afternoon *Trammers Line Dancing Club* for a further recent donation of £500 to Holy Family Church funds. (Since they began "*The Trammers*" have donated a magnificent total amount of £7,000 to Holy Family Church!) And thanks to all who organised and supported the Raffle which took place last Sunday and raised £190 for Holy Family Church funds. Sincere thanks to you all for your generosity.

Holy Family Collection: £403.15

Sacred Heart Collection: £561.00

CONSIDERING BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

The name of the course is "*God for Grown Ups*" and it's a series of meetings to guide people – maybe who were previously baptised into other Christian denominations, or who have never been baptised – and who may now be considering becoming members of the Catholic Church. The Introductory Meeting will take place at Saint John's Parish Meeting Room, Powell Street, Wigan from 7.15pm until 9.00pm on Thursday the 14th of September. If you are such a person, or if you know someone who may be thinking of becoming a Catholic, why not bring this course to their attention? For more information have a chat with Father Tony or contact Sean Murphy, the course co-ordinator, on 01257 452317. (This course may also be of interest to existing Catholics who wish to know more about their faith).

FEAST OF THE WEEK – Friday: The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast originated in Jerusalem about the sixth century, and was observed in Rome in the seventh century: It was later used to determine the date, nine months before her birth, of the date of the feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Because of Mary's important place in salvation history, a feast of her actual birthday is one of only three which the Church celebrates – the others being those of the Lord Himself on the 25th of December and of Saint John the Baptist on the 24th June.

FIRST ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

Our congratulations and best wishes to those who will be celebrating First Anniversaries during this month:

Andrew and Katherine Davies (nee Long) who were married at Sacred Heart Church by Father Tony on the 17th of September 2016; and Benjamin and Rowena Humphrey (nee Mather) who were married at Sacred Heart Church by Father Tony on the 24th of September 2016.

Neve Ellen Humphrey, daughter of Christopher and Laura Humphrey from Queensland, Australia, who was baptised at Sacred Heart Church by Father Tony on the 18th of September 2016.

And we continue to hold in prayer before the Lord those whose First Anniversaries of Death occur during this month:

Margaret Berry of Webster Street, Platt Bridge who died on the 3rd of September 2016 aged 66 years; and Jean Croston of Barton Avenue, Wigan who died on the 26th of September 2016 aged 82 years.

FORTHCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

The following opportunities for prayer and reflection are being offered at "Irenaeus" at 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 1RD. For more information or to book a place on any of the days please telephone 0151 949 1199 or email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or see the website at www.irenaeus.co.uk.

Two **Scripture Weekends** from Friday the 22nd to Sunday the 24th of September ("*I Believe in Miracles*" reflecting on the miracles of Jesus) and from Friday the 17th to Sunday the 19th of November ("*Come let us go up to the Mountain of the Lord*" looking at the Book of the Prophet Micah). Both led by Father Chris Thomas.

An **Individually Guided Retreat** "*Come to the Quiet*" with an opportunity to spend a few days in prayer and silence with the guidance of a director. From 6.00pm on Monday the 25th of September until 10.00am on Saturday the 30th of September. Suggested donation is £210. Limited places available.

A series of **Thursday Scripture Mornings** "*Blessed are you*" – *Discovering the Beatitudes*, on the 14th and 21st and 28th of September and the 5th of October from 10.00am to 12 noon on each of those days.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

With the beginning of a new school year during this week, we will soon begin our preparation with those families who have children wishing to enter into a deeper commitment to the Christian Community through making their First Confession and First Holy Communion. Two Introductory Meetings will take place on Wednesday the 13th of September at 5.45pm in Holy Family School and on Thursday the 14th of September at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart School to which we invite parents of baptised Catholic children in Year Four or above to come along. Details of the Course to be followed and the commitment expected will be explained at these meetings and parents will then be free to choose if they wish this for their children before the Preparation Course begins two weeks later.

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The Retiring Collection which will be taken after Masses next weekend is for the work of the Catholic Education Service (CES) which acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. It has a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh Governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all and increased parental choice. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are over 2000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England educating over 800,000 pupils. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one-third of all of the schools in the country.

VISIT TO SCHOENSTATT SHRINE AT KEARSLEY

A coach will leave Sacred Heart Church at 11.15am prompt on Sunday the 1st of October to go for a Day with Our Lady at the Schoenstatt Shrine and Pastoral Centre at Kearsley, Bolton to be led by Bishop John Arnold of Salford. The cost is £6 which includes tea, coffee and donation. The day begins at 12 noon and ends at 6.00pm and will include Mass, Procession and Crowning of Our Lady's image. Please see the poster on the notice board at the back of Sacred Heart Church and put your name on the list if you'd like to go. Last day for reserving a place is the 24th of September.

RECOVERY FROM DIVORCE AND SEPARATION

A new Archdiocesan Course "*Restored Lives*" to offer support to any who are divorced or separated or recovering from a broken relationship, recently or in the past, starts on Tuesday the 19th of September. Meetings will take place in South Liverpool and in Aintree. More details from Maureen O'Brien, Marriage & Family Life Coordinator at LACE on 0151 522 1044 or email m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk