



**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH, PLATT BRIDGE**  
Part of the Wigan Deanery in the Archdiocese of Liverpool

## Sunday 5th January 2020

### THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY 2020**  
**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**Mass at 10.30am**  
*Offered for Father Philip Barrett*

**MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2020**  
**FUNERAL SERVICE AT 1.30PM**  
**FOR RICHARD FLEMING**

**TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2020**  
**Mass at 10.00am**  
*Offered for Father Matthew McEnroe*  
Weekday Missal Page 135  
**Pray the Rosary at 10.30am (Lady Chapel)**

**THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY 2020**  
**Mass at 10.00am**  
*Offered for David Power*  
Weekday Missal Page 139

**SATURDAY 11TH JANUARY 2020**  
**Mass at 11.00am**  
*Offered for L.I.S.C.F. Intention*  
Weekday Missal Page 143  
**Confessions at 11.30am**

**SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2020**  
**FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR A)**  
**Mass at 10.30am**  
*Offered for Yvonne McDonagh*



### RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY FOR CRIB OFFERING DONATIONS

Today's Retiring Collection replaces our having a donations box placed in our Crib scene throughout the Christmas Season, as happens in most other Catholic churches. The Crib Offerings from today's collection will go to support poor and needy Christian families in Bethlehem and the Holy Land.

### UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Richard Fleming from Stratton Drive, Platt Bridge who died on the 13th of December aged 65 years.

His funeral rites will be celebrated here at Holy Family on Monday of this week the 6th of January at 1.30pm prior to committal at Wigan Crematorium.

May the Lord welcome him home.

### THANK YOU TO YOU FOR THE YEAR JUST ENDED

Heartfelt and sincere thanks to all those who, in any way whatsoever, have given their time and energy to the life of our parish over the past year. In so many roles, some seen but many hidden from view, those who work and undertake ministry in our parish 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 community reaps the benefit of your gift and is 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.

**WISHING YOU JOY AND HAPPINESS IN THIS NEW YEAR**

**Father Tony and Deacon Mike**

## FIRST ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to those and their families who will be celebrating their First Anniversary of Baptism during this month, and especially Benjamin Luke Turner, son of Richard and Rachel Turner of Jennings Park Avenue, Abram, who was baptised here at Holy Family Church on the 27th of January 2019.

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## THANK YOU

For recent Offertory Collections:  
Sunday 22nd December £446.57  
Christmas Eve and Day £763.00  
Sunday 29th December £382.85

*Together with most priests in the Archdiocese of Liverpool, Father Tony does not retain the Christmas Offertory Collection for his own personal use, as was once the custom. All offertories, including those at Christmas and Easter, together with all stole fees and stipends, are paid into the parish bank account to provide for the running expenses of the parish.*

Our sincere thanks to the Committee and Members of Holy Family Club for a very generous donation of £5,000 to Holy Family Church. It will go a large way in helping to resolve the parish's current financial situation. Once again, our heartfelt thanks.

And both Father Tony and Deacon Mike are truly grateful for the Christmas cards, good wishes and gifts which they received from many members of the parish. Your support and affirmation of their ministry is very much appreciated and is a great encouragement. May God bless your kindness.

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## BONUS BALL WINNERS FOR DECEMBER

Wednesday December 4th	Winner Number 01
Wednesday December 11th	Winner Number 25
Wednesday December 18th	Winner Number 45
Wednesday December 25th	Winner Number 40

To join, please see Margaret Lundy at the back of church on Sundays. (For a stake of just £1 there is a Prize of £30 each week).

## FOURTH SYNOD TALK

*What does Scripture teach about faith and family? What does it mean to call home 'the domestic church'? What foundations for faith can be laid in the family?*

The Fourth Synod Talk on the theme of "Faith in the Family" given by Dominika Kurek-Chomycz and John Sullivan, takes place on Monday the 13th of January, at LACE Conference Centre, Croxteth Park, Liverpool L17 1AA at 7.30pm (please note a change of venue from the previous talks) with tea and coffee served from 7.00pm. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers with optional Night Prayer at 9.00pm.

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## CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

We no longer sell a weekly Catholic newspaper, simply because not enough people bought them. We have been selling just one copy each week, while the publishers will not send us less than ten copies. Previously we were not charged for any unsold copies, but that arrangement has now ended. If you wish to read a weekly Catholic paper it is much cheaper for you to read it online or to take out a personal postal subscription. The Catholic Universe costs just £12 a year for its online version. Other online Catholic newspapers are The Catholic Herald, The Catholic Times and The Tablet.

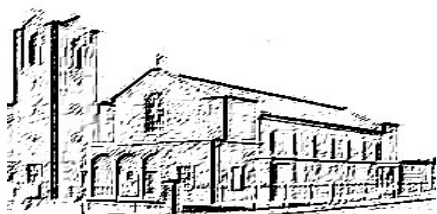
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## LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION

White Collecting Tins are available at the back of church for you to take to put your loose change in and then, when it's full, to return to church and take another one to fill. (Some fill them not with their loose change but with 20p or 50p or even one and two pound coins.)

Many thanks for your support of this loose change collection which has so far raised over £1,800 for church funds. If you don't already support it, why not begin as a New Year initiative?

And William, our Altar Server, continues to be at the church door most Sundays at the end of Mass with his orange bucket to receive any loose change you may wish to donate on a weekly basis.



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**Mass at 10.30am**  
*Offered for Yvonne McDonagh*

**TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2020**

**Mass at 10.00am**  
*Offered for The Lynn and Hey Families*  
Weekday Missal Page 911  
**Pray the Rosary at 10.30am (Lady Chapel)**

**WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2020**

**FUNERAL SERVICE AT 1.30PM**  
**FOR DENISE ANGELA CONNOR**

**THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY 2020**

**Mass at 10.00am**  
*Offered for Father Leo Lynch*  
Weekday Missal Page 915

**SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY 2020**

**Mass at 11.00am**  
*Offered for the Bible Sharing Group*  
Weekday Missal Page 920  
**Confessions at 11.30am**

**SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 2020**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

**Mass at 10.30am**  
*Offered for John Bolger*

### **DAY OUT TO SKIPTON & BOUNDARY MILL**

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### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

### **PREPARATION MEETING**

**NEXT WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY**

**AT 5.45PM IN HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HALL**

### **UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN**

Our thoughts and prayers are with Samantha Price and Elliot Seddon from Haydock on the loss of their son, Baby Jobey Martin Seddon, who was born asleep (stillborn) on the 26th of December. His funeral rites were celebrated here at Holy Family Church last Thursday afternoon prior to burial at Westwood Cemetery. May Jesus hold him in his arms.

And our deep sympathy to her partner Jimmy and to all the family and friends of Denise Angela Connor from Beech Grove, Abram who died on the 21st of December aged 57 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated here at Holy Family Church next Wednesday at 1.30pm prior to burial in Saint Oswald's Churchyard, Ashton-in-Makerfield. May the Lord welcome her home.

### **WHY WE NEED MORE DEACONS**

Archbishop Malcolm will host an evening for men who may be wondering if they are called to be deacons and what the formation involves (wives are also welcome) on Wednesday the 5th of February from 7.30pm to 9.00pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Crow Orchard Lane, Wroughton, WN6 9PA. For further details email [diaconate@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:diaconate@rcaol.co.uk) or phone 0151 522 1042.

### **THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK**

Offertory Collection £389.00  
Crib Offerings £82.40

Many thanks for an anonymous donation of £40 to Holy Family Church funds in remembrance of Father Philip Barrett towards the costs incurred by the parish in hosting the celebration of his funeral rites.

## SYNOD 2020: OUR JOURNEY SO FAR



Thank you to those who came along to the previous parish meetings which discussed the first two Synod Themes and formulated the proposals from Holy Family parishioners as to what we would like to see included on the Synod Agenda. The proposals from Holy Family Parish which have been submitted to the Synod Office are:

### THEME 1: ALL CALLED AND GIFTED BY GOD

**Proposal 1** With the declining number of priests and the increased busyness of our lives we would like to have General Absolution more often, not only to bring us all closer to God as a community through the liturgical celebration, but as a means of 'grave necessity'

**Proposal 2** To bring about a diocesan office for the promotion of 'collaborative' ministry which is open to supporting such a ministry at parish level. The office for collaborative ministry will be inclusive in its ethos and outreach and seek to promote collaborative ministry and leadership of all the baptised called and gifted for parish ministry (ordained missionary disciples and non-ordained missionary disciples).

**Proposal 3** The Pastoral Formation Department to develop a branch which will implement training, guidance and support for priests and parishes to have closer links with their attached schools and for these links to incorporate the school more fully into the life of the parish family.

**Proposal 4** 'Our priests don't meet our youth and our youth don't have much contact with our clergy or parishioners.' To better support ways in which 'Just Youth' can reach out to the youth in our parish. To explore ways of employing youth workers to be present in each Church and to work collaboratively together with other youth workers in our deanery.

**Proposal 5** To further promote ways of developing ongoing faith formation for parishioners. For the Irenaeus Project to have the funding and resources to train and support 'outreach educators' for the purpose of sustaining and furthering faith formation for all people in our parishes.

### THEME 2: SHARING THE MISSION OF JESUS

**Proposal 1** To develop and implement an outreach programme consisting of volunteers (diocesan or parish level) aimed at recognising and supporting the needs of young families in our parish communities. To listen to and support in various ways those parents who feel overburdened by the pressures of life and find it difficult to cope.

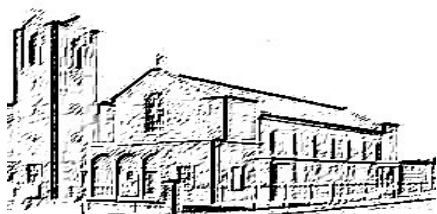
**Proposal 2** To better utilise our sacred spaces and re-open our churches again for the purpose of creating spaces/places of safe haven and quietness amid the noise and pressures of everyday commitments. To have our churches open again even for a few hours once a week and for this opening to be sufficiently supervised through careful planning and organisation at parish level. Offer a variety of programmes each week for all people of our community (prayer, tea/coffee, mediation, sacred music).

**Proposal 3** To be committed to prioritising the needs of the most needy especially the elderly in their own homes who can no longer make it to Sunday or weekday Mass. To reach out and visit the elderly in their own homes and include them in our parish family through offering our friendship and support.

**Proposal 4** To support a commitment by the Archdiocese to ongoing faith formation and training for our priests, deacons and lay ministers to better equip us for evangelization, pastoral care, ecumenical work, interfaith work and collaborative ministry with the aim to be a dynamic Church sharing in the mission of Jesus.

**Proposal 5** To recognise and accept that all people are called and gifted by God and in doing so offering a Mass (weekly/monthly) for all those who feel that they are marginalised and not accepted by the Church including members of the LGBTQ+ community. Everybody is welcome, no terms and conditions apply!

**THE NEXT MEETING TO DISCUSS AND FORMULATE PROPOSALS FROM HOLY FAMILY PARISH ON THEME THREE ("HOW WE PRAY TOGETHER") WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER MASS ON SUNDAY THE 26TH OF JANUARY. PLEASE DO COME ALONG TO IT, BECOME INVOLVED IN THE SYNOD PROCESS, AND MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.**



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**SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 2020**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

**Mass at 10.30am**  
*Offered for John Bolger*

**TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2020**  
**CELEBRATING SAINT AGNES**

**Mass at 10.00am**  
*Offered for all Parishioners*  
Weekday Missal Page 924  
**Pray the Rosary at 10.30am (Lady Chapel)**

**THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY 2020**

**Mass at 10.00am**  
*Offered for LISCF Intentions*  
Weekday Missal Page 928

**SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY 2020**  
**CELEBRATING THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL**

**Mass at 11.00am**  
*Offered for Yvonne McDonagh*  
Weekday Missal Page 1559  
**Confessions at 11.30am**

**SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 2020**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

**Mass at 10.30am**  
*Offered for Kevin Peter Carlon*

## DAY OUT TO SKIPTON & BOUNDARY MILL

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## PARISH MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

The next meeting to discuss and formulate proposals to be sent to the Synod Office from Holy Family Parish on Theme Three ("How We Pray Together") will take place in the Parish Hall after Mass next Sunday the 26th of January. Please do come along to it, become involved in the synod process, and make your voice heard in shaping the future direction of the Church in the parish communities of the Archdiocese of Liverpool. If you choose not to have your say now, then you can't really complain about any changes in the future!

**Copies of the leaflet to help our prayer and reflection on this Third Synod Theme are available from the back of church today. Please do take one home with you and use it to prepare for our gathering and discussion next Sunday.**

## THANK YOU TO OUR GIFT AIDERS

Our sincere thanks to those of you who Gift Aid your regular giving to the parish. HMRC have recently paid to Holy Family Parish the sum of £5,989.94p from the amount of Income Tax you had already paid to them.

If you are a tax-payer and are not already part of the Gift Aid scheme, please do join – it makes a massive difference to parish income, and at no extra cost to you whatsoever. Just pop a note into the offertory collection basket with your name, address and phone number (in an envelope with "Gift Aid" written on the front) and someone will be in touch.

And a huge "Thank You" to Elizabeth Fairhurst who does all the paperwork and record-keeping so that the parish can make a Gift Aid claim to HMRC.

## THE BRICK BOX

The blue box in the piety shop at the back of church is there to receive donations to the food bank run by The Brick to support those who are homeless or down on their luck in the Wigan area. Donations are welcome of any tinned and packet food and dried goods, as well as baby food and nappies, ladies sanitary products, and basic toiletries such as soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

## CATHOLIC BOOKLETS

A selection of Catholic booklets is on sale at the back of church at just 50p each. Have a browse.

## SYNOD REFLECTION EVENING

Everyone is invited to an Evening of Prayer and Reflection on the third Synod Theme: *"How we pray together"* either next Tuesday (21st January) from 7.30pm to 9pm at Saint Joseph's, Crow Orchard Road, Wroughton WN6 9PA or on Wednesday the 29th of January from 7.30pm to 9pm at Our Lady Help of Christians, Portico, L34 2QT. Come along to either evening.

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## HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL

The Parish Hall is available for hire by groups or individuals, either for a one-off event or for regular use. Contact Geoff or Cecilia Hughes on 01942 861084 for more details and bookings.

## UNWANTED BICYCLES WANTED

If you have an unwanted bike it will be gratefully received by *"The Bike Shed"* who will repair and restore it, if needed, and make it roadworthy for asylum seekers and refugees, and anyone else who may need a bike to get around on. They can be a life-changer! Please contact Peter on 07860 538420.

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## THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Offertory Collection £362.81

## PARISH PRIESTS & NOTABLE DATES OF HOLY FAMILY PARISH, PLATT BRIDGE

**1893 - Parish Founded.** Previously served as a mission by priests from Saint William's Parish, Ince.

**1893 to 1895: First Parish Priest: Fr. John Barry.** Born Ireland 1864. Died 27th September 1944. He is buried at St. Peter's, Woolston, Warrington.

**1895 - First church and school built**

**1895 to 1905: Parish Priest: Fr. Louis Verbrugghe.** Born Belgium 1853. Died 6th February 1919.

**1905 to 1908: Parish Priest: Fr. James Wade.** Born Liverpool 1869. Died 21st February 1948.

**1908 to 1911: Parish Priest: Fr. Edward Murphy.** Born Liverpool 1867. Died 31st October 1933. He is buried at Ford Cemetery, Liverpool.

**1911 to 1922: Parish Priest: Fr. Matthew McEnroe.** Born Ireland 1870. Died 8th January 1960.

**1922 to 1928: Parish Priest: Fr. Joseph Rimmer.** Born Liverpool 1863. Died 20th March 1928. He is buried at Our Lady's, Bryn.

**1927 - Presbytery built**

**1928 to 1933: Parish Priest: Fr. James O'Brien.** Born Liverpool 1885. Died 1st May 1955.

**1933 to 1956: Parish Priest: Fr. Thomas Duckett.** Born Preston 1888. Died 25th July 1956. He is buried at St. Mary's, Birchley.

**1956 to 1981: Parish Priest: Fr. John Kennedy.** Born Ireland 1907. Died 9th June 1981. He is buried at St. Oswald's, Ashton-in-Makerfield.

**1960 - Present Church built**

**1965 - Present School built**

**1981 to 2003: Parish Priest: Fr. Philip Barrett.** Born Ireland 1925. Died 17th December 2019

**2003 to 2006: Parish Priest Fr. John McLoughlin**

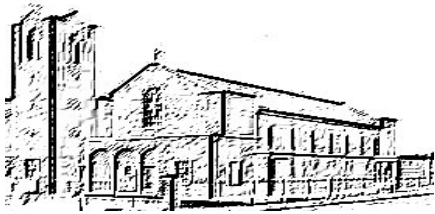
**Since 2006: Parish Priest: Fr. Anthony Mangnall**

**2016 – Church refurbished and modernised**

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

**Mass at 10.30am**  
*Offered for Kevin Peter Carlon*

**TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2020**  
**CELEBRATING SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS**

**Mass at 10.00am**  
*Offered for William Southworth*  
Weekday Missal Page 937  
**Pray the Rosary at 10.30am (Lady Chapel)**

**THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY 2020**

**Mass at 10.00am**  
*Offered for James Carlon*  
Weekday Missal Page 941

**SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2020**

**Mass at 11.00am**  
*Offered for all Parishioners*  
Weekday Missal Page 945  
**Confessions at 11.30am**

**SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2020**  
**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**Mass at 10.30am**  
*Offered for Jimmy Farrell*

## RECOVERY FROM DIVORCE & SEPARATION

The Restored Lives course is a series of six meetings starting on Wednesday the 12th of February and being held at Holy Rosary, Aintree, Liverpool L10 2LG. The course is for any person who has been impacted by the end of a serious relationship, whether separated, currently going through a divorce, or already divorced. Meetings are free, confidential, informative and affirming. If you would like to attend please contact Maureen O'Brien on 07967 753371 or Jacqui Sellek on 07793 825815.

## SYNOD 2020

### PARISH MEETING

### AFTER MASS TODAY



The meeting to discuss and to formulate proposals from Holy Family parishioners on Synod Theme Three ("How We Pray Together") takes place in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass today (Sunday). Please do come along and become involved in the synod process and make your voice heard. (If you choose not to have your say now, then you can't really complain about any changes in the future!)

## REMEMBERING DECEASED PARISHIONERS

We now have a Book of Remembrance, placed beside Our Lady's altar. It lies open at today's date, showing the names of those of our parishioners who died on that day and the year of their death.

Unfortunately, the list is not comprehensive. Churches are not obliged to keep a Register of Deaths, and no such register was kept in Holy Family Parish from its foundation in 1893 until Father John Kennedy began to keep a record of deaths in 1961. For some unknown reason, this stopped in 1964 but was resumed by Father Philip Barrett in 1981 and has been maintained ever since.

You may wish to glance at the names of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, perhaps to remember them, but certainly to pray for them, and maybe even to light a candle for them.

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## MEDJUGORJE D.I.Y.

The Medjugorje Irish Centre offer Pilgrimages from April to October through 2020 with a Seven Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service provided from either Dubrovnik or Split for 266 Euros per person sharing. Book any flight - any time - and they will provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Contact them for further details and to book dates that suit you by telephoning 020 3239 8662 or email [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)

## CELEBRATING MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Archbishop Malcolm invites you to join him in celebrating the Annual Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Metropolitan Cathedral at Liverpool on Sunday the 9th of February at 11.00am.

All are welcome and the Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows and a special blessing for those celebrating significant anniversaries this year.

## GETTING CONFIRMED THIS YEAR

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## TO ARRANGE A BAPTISM

Parents are asked to collect a Baptism Information Leaflet and Application Form from Father Tony in the sacristy after Mass on any Sunday. We hold preparation meetings, for parents and godparents four times each year in March, June, September and December. The actual date for the celebration of your child's Baptism will be arranged at the preparation meeting.

Parents are welcome to come along to the Baptism Preparation meetings, and so to book a date for the Baptism, even before the birth of their child.

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL

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At the end of every year each parish is required to send **PASTORAL STATISTICS** to the Archdiocese who then forward them to Rome. For your information these are the statistics for Holy Family Parish, with previous years for comparison

	2019	2018	2017
<b>Baptisms</b>	14	15	14
<b>Weddings</b>	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>Funerals</b>	17	19	16
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	119	132	142
<b>Collection</b>	£391	£456	£478

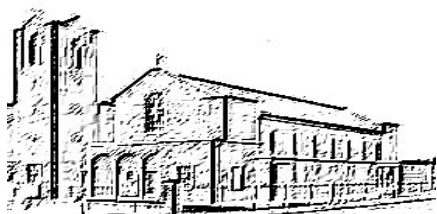
The weekly Mass Attendance figure is an average based on four Sundays in late summer after the holiday period. The weekly Offertory Collection amount is based on the annual total divided by the fifty two Sundays.

## THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Offertory Collection £380.67

Sincere thanks to the members of "The Trammers" Line Dancing Group who meet in the Parish Hall every Monday afternoon, for a further wonderful donation of £500 to Holy Family Church funds. We are truly grateful for your continued and most generous support of the parish.





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# Sunday 2nd February 2020

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Deacon: Rev. Mike Swift

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On Facebook at "Hindley Catholic"

### THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

#### SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2020 FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

*Celebrated forty days after Christmas, and this year replacing the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, today's feast recalls the encounter of the newly-born Christ Child with elderly Simeon and Anna in the Temple: Old Testament prophecy meets New Testament fulfilment. Christ is hailed as "the light to enlighten all nations". By tradition, a candle-lit procession may take place on this day, hence its popular name of "Candlemas".*

**Mass at 10.30am**

*Offered for Jimmy Farrell*

#### TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2020

**Mass at 10.00am**

*Offered for all Parishioners*

Weekday Missal Page 950

**Pray the Rosary at 10.30am (Lady Chapel)**

#### THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2020

##### THE MARTYRS OF JAPAN

**Mass at 10.00am**

*Offered for Fr. Louis Verbrugghe (Anniv)*

Weekday Missal Page 955

#### SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2020

**Mass at 11.00am**

*Offered for Archbishop Derek Worlock (Anniv)*

Weekday Missal Page 960

**Confessions at 11.30am**

#### SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2020 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

**Mass at 10.30am**

*Offered for Agnes Turner*

### OUTING TO SKIPTON AND BOUNDARY MILL IS NEXT FRIDAY



**Our Day Out to Skipton & Boundary Mill Is next Friday the 7th of February. The coach will leave from outside church at 9.30am with a return departure from Boundary Mill of 4.00pm.**

### FIRST ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to those and their families who will be celebrating their First Anniversary of Baptism during this month, and especially Alfie Joseph Jolley, son of Darryl Jolley and Katie Palombella of Warrington Road, Abram, who was baptised here at Holy Family Church on the 10th of February 2019, and Ava Marie Cassie Benson, daughter of Jamie Benson and Jordan Ormshaw of Lily Lane, Bamfurlong, who was baptised here at Holy Family Church on the 17th of February 2019.

### CELEBRATING MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Archbishop Malcolm invites you to join him in celebrating the Annual Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Metropolitan Cathedral at Liverpool next Sunday the 9th of February at 11.00am. All are welcome and the Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows and a special blessing for those celebrating significant anniversaries this year.

### GETTING CONFIRMED THIS YEAR

Students in Catholic High Schools will be contacted via school. But if there are any Year Eight students in non-Catholic schools who want to be Confirmed during 2020, they are invited to a Preparation Day on Saturday the 29th of February from 10.00am to 1.00pm at Lowe House in St Helens. For further details, please contact Father Simon Gore on 01744 740461 or email [s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk](mailto:s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk)

## LIGHT A CANDLE TO BURN FOR A WEEK

You can have a candle (sanctuary lamp) burn night and day for a whole week in church for your intentions either before the Sacred Heart or before Our Lady. To do this please hand a written note into the sacristy with: The intention for which you wish the lamp to burn (as a sign of devotion from yourself, or in memory of a deceased loved one or of a family or for any other intention); Any particular week, which we will do our best to allocate to you (the lamp will burn from Sunday to Saturday); If you wish the lamp to burn either at the Sacred Heart shrine or at Our Lady's altar; A donation (minimum £5) towards the cost of the lamp. The intentions for which the lamps are burning during a particular week will be printed in the newsletter on the Sunday from which it burns. The Sanctuary Lamp on the High Altar will always burn on behalf of all parishioners as a sign of our love for Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

## WHY WE NEED MORE DEACONS

Archbishop Malcolm will host an evening for men who may be wondering if they are called to be deacons and what the formation involves (wives are also welcome) next Wednesday the 5th of February from 7.30pm to 9.00pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Crow Orchard Lane, Wrightington, WN6 9PA. For further details email [diaconate@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:diaconate@rcaol.co.uk) or phone 0151 522 1042.

## RECOVERY FROM DIVORCE & SEPARATION

The Restored Lives course is a series of six meetings starting on Wednesday the 12th of February and being held at Holy Rosary, Aintree, Liverpool L10 2LG. The course is for any person who has been impacted by the end of a serious relationship, whether separated, currently going through a divorce, or already divorced. Meetings are free, confidential, informative and affirming. If you would like to attend please contact Maureen O'Brien on 07967 753371 or Jacqui Sellek on 07793 825815.

## CATHEDRAL WALKING GROUP

The Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool have a Walking Group where individuals get together regularly to have a walk in or around the city. Their next walk will be on Sunday the 16th of February, meeting at 12.30pm at the Cathedral Car Park. More details from Clare Hanlon on 0151 709 9222 extn 201 or email [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk). New walkers are always welcome.

## BONUS BALL WINNERS FOR JANUARY 2020

Wednesday January 1st	Winning Number 05
Wednesday January 8th	Winning Number 32
Wednesday January 15th	Winning Number 28
Wednesday January 22nd	Winning Number 14
Wednesday January 29th	Winning Number 58

To join, please see Margaret Lundy at the back of church on Sundays. (For a stake of just £1 there is a Prize of £30 each week).

## CAFOD VOLUNTEERS

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## LOURDES MASS

The Lourdes Pilgrimage Association invite you to join them in celebrating Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes on her feast day of Tuesday the 11th of February at 7.30pm at Christ the King Church, Queens Drive, Wavertree, L15 6YQ. Bishop Tom Williams will be the main celebrant. All welcome.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON ROSARY

Wigan Lourdes Association gather to pray the Rosary every Friday afternoon at 3.45pm in Saint Mary's Church, Standishgate, Wigan. Everyone welcome. Why not join them? You could even make a day of it: Have a spot of lunch in Wigan (Friday fish and chips!) then time for a look round and to do a bit of shopping, then a coffee, then pop into Saint Mary's to pray the Rosary.

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**THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK**  
Offertory Collection £373.32

Please pray for **BISHOP VINCENT MALONE** who is not very well at the moment. He is currently being cared for in Ince Blundell Nursing Home.

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### THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2020**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

**Mass at 10.30am**

*Offered for Agnes Turner*

**TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2020**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

**Mass at 10.00am**

*Offered for Harry Robinson*

Weekday Missal Page 963

**Pray the Rosary at 10.30am (Lady Chapel)**

**THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2020**

**Mass at 10.00am**

*Offered for Chris Eccleston (sick)*

Weekday Missal Page 968

**SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2020**

**Mass at 11.00am**

*Offered for Alexander Theodossiadis*

Weekday Missal Page 971

**Confessions at 11.30am**

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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

#### PREPARATION MEETING

**NEXT WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY**  
**AT 5.45PM IN HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HALL**

### OUR FOCUS GROUP

We have set up a Focus Group, currently consisting of Father Tony, Deacon Mike and Liz Swift, Mary Marsh and Pearse McDonagh (others will be invited to join in due course) the aim of which is to develop and promote faith growth in the parish through spiritual and pastoral initiatives. The group first met last November and will hold its second meeting this coming Wednesday. If you have any ideas or issues which you'd like the group to consider, please contact any of its members.

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### SAFEGUARDING AND SUPPORT

The Safeguarding page on the Archdiocese of Liverpool website has been updated to make it more informative, approachable and welcoming, and user friendly. It can be accessed by anyone to find out how to raise a concern, or what to do if you are worried about someone. There are also links to information and support pages covering topics such as Addiction, Adoption and fostering, Bereavement, Bullying, Cancer, Carers, Debt, Dementia, Domestic abuse, Eating disorders, Elder abuse, Emotional distress / suicide, Forced marriage and honour violence, Mental health, Parenting, Pregnancy related issues, Self-harm, Sexual abuse and violence. The page can be accessed via the diocesan website at [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

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## THE BRICK BOX

The blue box in the piety shop at the back of church is there to receive donations to the food bank run by The Brick to support those who are homeless or down on their luck in the Wigan area. Donations are welcome of any tinned and packet food and dried goods, as well as baby food and nappies, ladies sanitary products, and basic toiletries such as soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

## LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION

White Collecting Tins are available at the back of church for you to take to put your loose change in and then, when it's full, to return to church and take another one to fill. (Some fill them not with their loose change but with 20p or 50p or even one and two pound coins.) And William, our Altar Server, continues to be at the church door most Sundays at the end of Mass with his orange bucket to receive any loose change you may wish to donate on a weekly basis.

## REGULAR SOCIAL AND SUPPORT GROUPS (NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME)

**Trammers Line Dancing Group** for men and women of all ages meets each Monday from 1.00pm to 3.00pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Contact Sylvia Delargy on 01942 521482.

To help open the treasure of the scriptures, a **Bible Sharing Group** meets each Monday at 7.00pm in Saint Wilfrid's Church, Bolton Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield. Contact Deacon Mike Swift on 01942 715177.

Coming to Jesus through Mary, members of the **Legion of Mary** meet to pray the Rosary each Tuesday at 10.30am in the Lady Chapel at Holy Family Church. Contact Mary Marsh on 01942 701091.

With activities and friendship for girls, **Brownies and Guides** meet each Wednesday in Holy Family Parish Hall, Brownies at 6.30pm and Guides at 8.00pm. Contact Sheila Marcroft on 01942 861981.

Mothers and grandmothers meet to pray for their children at **Mother's Prayers** each Thursday at 2.00pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Contact Mary Marsh on 01942 701091.

For any finding it hard to cope with the loss of a loved one, a **Bereavement Support Group** meets on the last Saturday of each month at 12.15pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Contact Mary Marsh on 01942 701091.

**THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK**  
Offertory Collection £466.89

We are informed that **CHRIS ECCLESTON**, once a parishioner and much involved in parish life here, is not very well and being cared for in Garswood House Care Home in Ashton. Please hold him in your prayers.

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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

**Mass at 10.30am**

*Offered for Brian Ormshaw*

**TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2020**

**Mass at 10.00am**

*Offered for all Parishioners*

Weekday Missal Page 975

**Pray the Rosary at 10.30am (Lady Chapel)**

**THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2020**

**Mass at 10.00am**

*Offered for Father James Wade (Anniv)*

*(Holy Family Parish Priest 1905 – 1908)*

Weekday Missal Page 978

**SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2020**

**CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE**

**Mass at 11.00am**

*Offered for Dennis & Anne Wright (nee Turton)*

*(Diamond Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving)*

Weekday Missal Page 1606

**Confessions at 11.30am**

**SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2020**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

**Mass at 10.30am**

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### ► IMPORTANT HEALTH ADVICE ◀

The Bishops of England and Wales have advised that when receiving Holy Communion, on every occasion but especially at this time of year, and the worries of some concerning the Coronavirus, **ANYONE WITH COLD OR FLU SYMPTOMS SHOULD NOT RECEIVE THE SACRED HOST ON THE TONGUE AND SHOULD NOT DRINK FROM THE CHALICE.** Please note that there are no plans to suspend receiving from the chalice generally, nor exchanging the Sign of Peace, at this present time, although we are reminded to wash our hands frequently and thoroughly throughout the day and also to use an antiseptic hand gel when possible.

### LENT EXTRA MAGAZINE

Lent begins in ten days' time. Copies of this year's "Lent Extra" magazine are on sale at the back of church at the discounted price of £1.50 (normally £1.99) containing articles and ideas for keeping a fruitful Lent and reflections for each of the days of the season.

### ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday we have our Annual Mission Appeal, this year being made on behalf of the Volunteer Missionary Movement (VMM), an international lay Catholic development organisation founded here in England in 1969.

Its members work in eight African countries with local communities, regardless of race, gender, politics or religion, to address the causes as well as the symptoms of poverty. VMM sends skilled people to assist with those needs and to train local counterparts. The skilled volunteers they provide include such persons as doctors, nurses, teachers, engineers, agriculturists, builders, mechanics, project managers, and many more.

The VMM representative joins us to ask for our assistance through a retiring collection which will be taken next Sunday, for our support through prayer – and for volunteers to join them in their work!

## REFLECTION AND PRAYER AT IRENAEUS

**Scripture Retreat Days** on Saturday the 29th of February (a look at the Book of Numbers) and on Saturday the 27th of June (looking at Paul's Letters to Titus and Philemon) and on Saturday the 7th of November (reflecting on the book of Prophet Isaiah). All sessions are 9.30am to 5.00pm.

**Scripture Mornings** on Thursdays the 5th, 13th, 19th, and 26th of March (Discovering the Prophet Daniel) from 10.30am to 12noon.

**A Weekend of Silence and Reflection** ("Be not Afraid") from Friday the 27th to Sunday the 29th of March. Residential or non-residential available.

All taking place at Irenaeus, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD. For more details or to book a place on any of the above please contact Irenaeus on 0151 949 1199 or email [Jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:Jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)

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## LADYBRIDGE SINGERS FREE CONCERT

The *Ladybridge Singers* will present a concert of classical, religious and light music next Saturday the 22nd of February at 7.30pm in Saint John's Church, Standishgate, Wigan. The concert is free with a retiring collection being taken at the end. Refreshments will be served during the Interval. Everyone welcome.

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL

The Parish Hall is available for hire by groups or individuals, either for a one-off event or for regular use. Contact Geoff or Cecilia Hughes on 01942 861084 for more details and bookings.

## SYNOD 2020: SYNOD THEME FOUR

Copies of the Discussion Leaflet on the Fourth Synod Theme ("Building Community: Nurturing & Belonging") are available from the back of church. Please take a copy and use it as a basis for prayer and reflection. A Parish Meeting to formulate our responses into proposals will take place soon.

## IT'S OKAY NOT TO BE OKAY

Approximately 1 in 4 people in the UK experience a mental health problem every year. But there are services we can access in times of need. The Hub of Hope ([www.hubofhope.co.uk](http://www.hubofhope.co.uk)) is the first database of its kind, bringing grassroots and national mental health services together in one place. The website allows anyone, anywhere, to find the nearest source of support as well as providing a 'talk button' connecting users directly to the Samaritans. And Mind ([www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk) or telephone 0300 123 339) is a mental health charity whose aim is that no one has to face a mental health problem alone.

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2019

The Financial Statement for the parish for 2019 has now been prepared and submitted to the Archdiocese.

Our total income for the year was £50,560. However our total expenditure was £88,055 which means the parish ran at a deficit of £37,495. Even taking into account the cost of the new heating boiler which was installed last year (£31,500) we would still have ended the year with a loss of approximately £6,000.

Every parish operates with donations to the Offertory Collection at Mass as its main source of regular income which, including the Christmas and Easter Offertories, came to £21,600. That sum was supplemented by other occasional income during 2019 which included donations (£12,050), Gift Aid (£5,900), and fundraising activities (£2,760). Sincere thanks to those who contributed.

Although we expected to end the year still overdrawn, as at the 31st of December 2019 our bank balance actually stood in credit at £4,600. (As at the 31st of January 2020 this had fallen to £2,856).

A summary of the Income and Expenditure of the parish for 2019 has been placed on the notice board.

**THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK**  
Offertory Collection £340.29

The **SANCTUARY LAMPS** burn this week:  
Sacred Heart: For a Successful Operation (JK)  
Our Lady: In Loving Memory of Mary Appleton

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<b>TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2020</b> <b>Mass at 10.00am</b> <i>(No Intention Requested)</i> Weekday Missal Page 987 <b>Pray the Rosary at 10.30am (Lady Chapel)</b>
<b>✚ THE SEASON OF LENT ✚</b>
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2020</b> <b>► A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE ◀</b> <b>Mass at 10.00am</b> <i>Offered for all Parishioners</i>  <b><i>There will be Evening Mass at 7.00pm at Saint Benedict's, Hindley and at All Saints. Golborne</i></b>
<b>THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2020</b> <b>Mass at 10.00am</b> <i>(No Intention Requested)</i> Weekday Missal Page 155
<b>SATURDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 2020</b> <b>Mass at 11.00am</b> <i>Offered for Kevin Peter Carlon</i> Weekday Missal Page 161 <b>Confessions at 11.30am</b>
<b>SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2020</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)</b> <b>Mass at 10.30am</b> <i>Offered for all Parishioners</i> <b><u>HOLY HOUR OF EXPOSITION FROM 3.00PM</u></b>

### ► **ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL TODAY** ◀

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Could you volunteer? Are you over 21? Have at least one year of work experience in a professional or technical area? Motivated to help others who live in poverty? VMM provides all training, allowances, insurance, flights and resettlement support for long-term volunteers. No experience? If you are over 18 and interested in volunteering for four weeks, VMM has short-term projects for those aged 18 to 70+

More information at [www.vmminternational.org](http://www.vmminternational.org)

### TAKE A FREE LENT BOOKLET

Please take a copy of the Lent "Walk with Me" booklet home with you from Mass today. It gives a brief reflection for each day of the Season of Lent which can be used as a starter for daily prayer. There is no charge.

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## SYNOD REFLECTION EVENING

An Evening of Prayer and Reflection on the fourth Synod Theme: "Building Community and Nurturing Belonging". Next Thursday (27th February) from 7.30pm to 9pm at Saint Joseph's, Crow Orchard Road, Wrightington WN6 9PA or on Wednesday the 4th of March from 7.30pm to 9pm at Our Lady Help of Christians, Portico, L34 2QT. Come along to either.

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## ► LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY ◀

Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday, which is a penitential day of Fasting (reducing the amount of food and drink we consume) and Abstinence (eating no meat or, for any vegetarians or vegans, keeping to a very simple diet on this day).

Mass here in Holy Family Church will be celebrated at 10.00am on Ash Wednesday during which there will be the traditional giving and receiving of ashes as a sign of our willingness to change (to repent) during this graced time of Lent. For any who may wish it, an Evening Mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm on Ash Wednesday at both Saint Benedict's, Hindley and All Saints, Golborne.

## SPECIALS FOR LENT

### CELEBRATING RECONCILIATION

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### LENT READING & PRAYERBOOKS

Catholic booklets for Lent reading, including versions of The Stations of the Cross, are on sale at the back of church priced at just 50p each.

### LENT EXTRA MAGAZINE

Copies of this year's "Lent Extra" magazine are on sale at the back of church at the discounted price of £1.50 (normally £1.99) containing articles and ideas for keeping a fruitful Lent and reflections for each day.

**THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK**  
Offertory Collection £371.04

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# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH, PLATT BRIDGE

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### THE LITURGY FOR THIS FIRST WEEK OF LENT

#### SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2020 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)

Mass at 10.30am

*Offered for all Parishioners*

**HOLY HOUR OF EXPOSITION FROM 3.00PM**

#### TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2020

Mass at 10.00am

*Offered for Catriona Thompson (sick)*

Weekday Missal Page 167

**Pray the Rosary at 10.30am (Lady Chapel)**

#### THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2020

Mass at 10.00am

*(No Intention Requested)*

Weekday Missal Page 173

#### SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2020

Mass at 11.00am

*Offered for LISCF Intentions*

Weekday Missal Page 179

**Confessions at 11.30am**

#### SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2020 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)

Mass at 10.30am

*Offered in Thanksgiving (Ruby Scotson)*

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### HELPS FOR LENT

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#### "CATHOLICISM" – UNDERSTAND YOUR FAITH

The highly-acclaimed "Catholicism" DVD-based course (devised by Bishop Robert Barron of the Word on Fire Ministry) is being held at Saint Marie's Church Hall, Standish on the Mondays of Lent, beginning tomorrow (2nd March) at 7.30pm. Understand what you believe!

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT LOCAL CHURCHES

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Fridays at 2.00pm	Saint Wilfrid's, Stubshaw Cross
Fridays at 6.15pm	Sacred Heart, Hindley Green
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Fridays at 7.00pm	Saint Jude's, Poolstock

### RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR CAFOD

**Next Friday the 6th of March is CAFOD'S Lent Fast Day**

## CATHOLIC MIRACLE RALLY WEEKEND

The *Cor et Lumen Christi* Community are holding a Catholic Miracle Rally Weekend to celebrate the living presence of Jesus and the healing power of the Spirit in the Church on Saturday the 14th (from 9.30am to 9.30pm) and Sunday the 15th of March (from 9.30am to 5.00pm) at All Hallows Catholic High School, Crabtree Avenue, Preston, PR1 0LN. Speakers are Michelle Moran, Fr. Gabriel Joseph and Damian Stayne and the weekend will include joyful praise, intimate worship, Holy Mass, Prayer for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit, and an Open Healing Service on the Saturday evening. All welcome. For more information please email see [www.coretlumenchristi.org](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org)

## LOCAL POLICE SURGERY

Greater Manchester Police will be holding a Police Surgery next Wednesday the 4th of March in Holy Family Catholic Club, Tram Street at 6.00pm. Local residents are very welcome to go along and voice any concerns they may have to members of Team Abram who police our local area.

## CANDLES THAT BURNS FOR A WEEK

We've been asked, in addition to before Our Lady and the Sacred Heart, if a sanctuary lamp can also be requested to burn before Saint Joseph or Saint Anthony or Saint Martin. The answer is yes, most certainly. Just hand in a note of the intention for which you wish the lamp to burn (for yourself, for a sick friend, in memory of a deceased loved one or family, or for any other intention); any particular week, which we will do our best to allocate to you (the lamp will burn from Sunday to Saturday); where you wish the lamp to burn; and your donation (minimum £5) towards the cost of the lamp. The intentions for which the lamps are burning will be printed in the newsletter on the Sunday from which they burn.

*"I Lit a Candle For You" cards are available from the Piety Shop so that you can let someone know that a candle burns in church for them at your request.*

## LOURDES PILGRIMAGE JULY 2020

The Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year takes place from the 24th to the 31st of July, led by Archbishop Malcolm, with direct flights from Liverpool. The price varies, depending on which hotel you book, from £749 to £859. For more information or to book a place contact Joe Walsh Tours on 0151 909 2871 or email: [info@joe.walshstours.co.uk](mailto:info@joe.walshstours.co.uk) or visit the website at [www.joevalshstours.co.uk](http://www.joevalshstours.co.uk)

## SYNOD 2020 OUR NEXT PARISH MEETING

Our next Parish Synod Meeting will take place on Sunday the 15th of March in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass. We will pool our thoughts on the Fourth Synod Theme ("Building Community: Nurturing and Belonging) and formulate these into solid proposals which will then be sent to the Synod Office. Everyone welcome to come along.

## PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FROM OUR LAST PARISH MEETING

The proposals submitted to the Synod Office from Holy Family Parishioners (formulated by those who came to the last meeting held on the 26th of January to discuss the Third Synod Theme "How we pray together") were as follows:

**Proposal 1:** To have other opportunities outside of Mass to foster prayer and reflection (church keys to be given out to leaders of these various initiatives).

**Proposal 2:** To form a group at parish level to help identify the needs of those who are 'in need' in our communities and developing a programme which enables the team to carry out pastoral visits. Prayer would be at the heart of these visits.

**Proposal 3:** To counter the lack of young people in our Church we need to be able to find ways of reaching out to them and explaining the Mass to them in a way with is meaningful and promotes the growth of their faith.

**Proposal 4:** Again, open our churches and have our sacred spaces accessible for quiet moments of prayer, meditation and reflection.

**Proposal 5:** To form a team which will bring the joy of the Gospel message to our children in our school, not as a subject to learn, but as an experience to take part in through prayer, activities and other creative means.

## BONUS BALL WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY 2020

Wednesday February 5th	Winner Number 01
Wednesday February 12th	Winner Number 06
Wednesday February 19th	Winner Number 10
Wednesday February 26th	Winner Number 04

To join, please see Margaret Lundy at the back of church on Sundays. For a stake of just £1 there is a Prize of £30 each week.

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Offertory Collection £366.00  
VMM Mission Appeal £293.00

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**SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2020**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)**

**Mass at 10.30am**

*Offered In Thanksgiving (Ruby Scotson)*

**HOLY HOUR OF EXPOSITION FROM 3.00PM**

**TUESDAY 10TH MARCH 2020**

**Mass at 10.00am**

*Offered for all Parishioners*

Weekday Missal Page 184

**Pray the Rosary at 10.30am (Lady Chapel)**

**THURSDAY 12TH MARCH 2020**

**Mass at 10.00am**

*(No Intention Requested)*

Weekday Missal Page 190

**SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 2020**

**Mass at 11.00am**

*Offered for Victoria Anne Mills*

Weekday Missal Page 196

**Confessions at 11.30am**

**SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2020**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)**

**Mass at 10.30am**

*Offered for Peggy Mason*

**HOLY HOUR OF EXPOSITION FROM 3.00PM**

**RETIRING COLLECTION**  
**TODAY FOR CAFOD'S**  
**LENT FAST DAY**

### ► WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT ◀

Following some very strong advice received from the Archbishop, many churches have chosen to suspend certain liturgical practices.

Much of the advice given about the Corona Virus from various "experts" seems to be conflicting and confusing. But here at Holy Family Church, for the moment we are making three changes to our normal practice with immediate effect:

- (1) Due to the high frequency of direct contact with saliva in distributing Holy Communion, **THE SACRED HOST WILL BE PLACED ONLY INTO YOUR OPEN HAND AND NOT ON YOUR TONGUE.** (This will affect only a very few, but if you choose not to receive the Host into your hand, then you are choosing not to receive Holy Communion).
- (2) Holy Water has been removed from the stoups at the church door. (You may continue to bless yourself as you enter the church but without using Holy Water).
- (3) Father Tony and Deacon Mike will continue to stand at the back of church at the end of Sunday Mass but will not offer or expect you to shake hands.

For everything else, we rely on your own common sense. We will continue for now (until we may be forbidden from doing so) to offer Communion from the Chalice, but no one should feel they have to drink from it. We will also continue to invite you to offer a Sign of Peace to one another, but this may be done with a smile and a nod of the head, rather than with any physical contact.

Anyone with cold or flu symptoms should not come to church and, in such cases, this would not be regarded as deliberately missing Mass (you should spend time in prayer at home instead).

And the most common sense piece of advice given to us all is to wash our hands frequently with soap and water throughout the day. And don't panic!

## NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

New Offertory Collection Envelopes come into use from Easter Sunday the 12th of April and are available for you to collect from the back of church. For those who are Gift Aiders, numbered envelopes are provided and your name is printed on your numbered box. If you are not a Gift Aider but would still like to use envelopes for your weekly giving, please take one of the boxes of un-numbered envelopes.

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## LENT DAY RETREAT AT SACRED HEART

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Fridays at 7.00pm	Saint Jude's, Poolstock

## RECENT CLERGY APPOINTMENTS WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

### Parish Appointments

Archbishop Malcolm has announced the following Clergy Appointments to become effective in March:

Fr Chris McCoy takes up appointment as assistant priest at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

Fr Mark Beattie becomes parish priest of St Bede, Clayton Green, and St Chad, South Hill.

Fr Liam Collister becomes parish priest at St Oswald and St Sebastian, Liverpool.

Fr David Potter will temporarily be parochial administrator of St Columba and St John Fisher, Huyton and Knowsley Village.

Fr Joseph Simionato FDP will temporarily provide pastoral care for Our Lady of Walsingham, Netherton.

### Appointment of Deans

The terms of office of deans expired on 29th February. In view of Synod 2020, and the likely restructuring of Pastoral Areas that will ensue, the following appointments became effective from 1st March 2020 and will be for one year only.

Bootle & Litherland - Fr Barry McAllister  
Chorley – Fr Graeme Dunne  
Crosby – Mgr. Canon John Furnival  
Croxteth and Walton – Canon Chris Fallon  
Isle of Man – Mgr. John Devine  
Knowsley – Fr Andrew Rowlands  
Leigh – Fr Paul Seddon  
Leyland – Fr Michael O'Dowd  
Liverpool North – Fr Conor Stainton-Pollard  
Liverpool South – Canon Tony O'Brien  
Ormskirk & Maghull – Fr Grant Maddock  
St Helens – Canon Tom Neylon  
Southport – Fr Atli Jónsson  
Upholland – Fr John Hindley  
Warrington – Fr David Heywood  
Widnes – Fr Michael Fitzsimons  
Wigan – Fr Aidan Kelly  
Woolton & Halewood - Fr Stephen Pritchard

**THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK**  
Offertory Collection £429.27

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(No requests received)

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### SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2020 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)

Mass at 10.30am

*Offered for Peggy Mason*

**HOLY HOUR FROM 3.00PM TO 4.00PM**

### TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2020 SAINT PATRICK, PATRON OF IRELAND

Mass at 10.00am

*(No Intention Requested)*

Weekday Missal Page 207

### THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2020 SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

Mass at 10.00am

*Offered for all Parishioners*

Weekday Missal Page 1638

### FUNERAL SERVICE AT 2.30PM FOR MARY ELIZABETH BURGESS

### SATURDAY 21ST MARCH 2020

Mass at 11.00am

*Offered for Father Joseph Rimmer*

*(Holy Family Parish Priest 1922 to 1928)*

Weekday Missal Page 219

Confessions at 11.30am

### SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)

Mass at 10.30am

*Offered for Wilfred Pugh*

**HOLY HOUR FROM 3.00PM TO 4.00PM**

### NEXT SUNDAY RETIRING COLLECTION FOR NUGENT CARE

### SYNOD PARISH MEETING TODAY

Our Parish Gathering to prepare for Synod 2020 takes place today (Sunday) in the Parish Hall immediately after Mass. We will pool our thoughts on the Fourth Synod Theme ("Building Community: Nurturing and Belonging") and formulate these into proposals which will be sent to the Synod Office.

### UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Mary Elizabeth Burgess from Sydney Street, Platt Bridge, who died on the 8th of March aged 84 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated here at Holy Family Church next Thursday the 19th of March at 2.30pm prior to committal at Wigan Crematorium. May the Lord welcome her home

### SUNDAY HOLY HOUR

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### ► REVISED & UPDATED DIRECTIVE ◀ FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

**(Please note the parts underlined and in bold type)**

As a precaution at this present time against the spread of cold and flu viruses:

Holy Communion is to be received under one form only (the Sacred Host will be placed **ONLY** into your open hand, and not onto your tongue) and **the Chalice WILL NOT be offered**; the Sign of Peace **SHOULD** be exchanged by a smile and a nod of the head, rather than by any physical contact; a sanitised hand gel should be used often (if you have one) and hands should be washed frequently throughout the day with soap and water. And please remember that if you develop any cold or flu symptoms then you should **NOT** come to Mass but should "self-isolate" at home and follow the latest NHS guidelines.

## THE BANNS OF MARRIAGE

We publish the Banns of Marriage between Samantha Lewis (once from Simpkin Street, Abram) and Michael Smith, both now from Lime Vale, Spring View, and who intend to be married here at Holy Family Church on Saturday the 15th of August 2020.

If you know of any legal impediment to their marriage, or any serious reason why they should not be married to one another, you should inform Father Tony as soon as possible. Please hold Samantha and Michael in prayer in these coming months as they prepare to give the gift of themselves to each another through their living out of the Sacrament of Marriage.

## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY IN WIGAN

Saint Patrick's Church in Scholes will be celebrating their Patronal Feast next Tuesday the 17th of March beginning at 1.45pm with a Procession of the Statue of Saint Patrick from Saint Patrick's School into church for the Celebration of Mass at 2.00pm. After the Mass there will be celebratory refreshments for all in the School Hall. Everyone welcome.

## LENT DAY RETREAT AT HINDLEY GREEN

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## THANK YOU

Heartfelt thanks to *The Trammers* Line Dancing Group who meet every Monday afternoon in Holy Family Parish Hall (new faces always welcome to join) for a very generous donation to Holy Family Church of £500. Since they began, this brings the total donated to Holy Family Church by *The Trammers* to an incredible £15,000.

## EASTER CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

We will be holding an Easter Chocolate Tombola after Mass on Easter Sunday (12th of April). Any gifts of chocolate confectionery will be most welcome. Please bring to Mass and hand them to Mary Marsh.

## THE RE-DEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY

Archbishop Malcolm writes: *"It has been agreed by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales that the Re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary should take place this year. The Re-dedication in 2020, unlike the original dedication made by King Richard II in 1381, will not be the gift of the country of England, but the personal gift of the faith of the people of England to the Mother of God. We call upon Our Lady to guide and protect our country in the years to come, that we may work together to build a common good, as we seek to embrace the truth of the Gospel. The re-dedication seeks to inspire us to create a culture that respects life, embraces the great diversity of our people, and inspires all to a greatness of heart that will serve our community, seeking the good of others before ourselves, especially the poor and the marginalised of our world."*

The Act of Re-dedication will take place on Sunday the 29th of March at 12 noon at England's National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, and repeated in Catholic cathedrals and churches across England. In next week's newsletter we'll give you details of how we as individuals can be involved and of how the Act of Re-dedication will take place here at Holy Family Church.

As a prelude to the Act of Re-dedication, at the end of Mass next Sunday (Mothering Sunday) the Little Church children will present flowers before the statue of Our Lady in the Lady Chapel.

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<b>THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK</b> Offertory Collection £354.35 Cafod Lent Fast Day £129.05	The <b>SANCTUARY LAMPS</b> before both the Sacred Heart and Our Lady are burning during this week for healing for a sick person (HR).
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As we expected, the Bishops have now **SUSPENDED THE CELEBRATION OF MASS IN PUBLIC** (you can read their letter over the page). Priests will continue to offer Mass in our churches but in private, behind closed doors and without a congregation. And so, during this week **FATHER TONY WILL OFFER MASS PRIVATELY** for all Parishioners and their families, especially those who are sick and feeling isolated or alone. In addition the following Mass Intentions will be offered: For Father Joseph Rimmer (Holy Family Parish Priest from 1922 to 1928); For Wilfred Pugh (22nd March); For Victoria Anne Mills (29th March). You can continue to hand in requests for Mass to be offered for your intentions. Post them through the presbytery letterbox or email them to Father Tony. All **OTHER PUBLIC GATHERINGS** in our churches are also suspended, such as Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. (Funerals will now be celebrated only at the graveside or crematorium, with just the immediate family present, and a Mass "In Memoriam" celebrated at a later date when things return to normal.)

Please note that **HOLY FAMILY CHURCH WILL BE OPEN EACH DAY FROM 11.00AM UNTIL 4.00PM** for anyone who wishes to call in to pay a Visit to the Blessed Sacrament, to spend some time in prayer, to light a candle, or just for some peace and quiet. But please keep a safe "social distance" from any other individuals who may be in church when you visit.

The **SANCTUARY LAMPS WILL BURN** during this week: Before the Blessed Sacrament, For all Parishioners and their Families; Before Our Lady, In Memory of Winifred Atherton; Before the Sacred Heart, For the Intentions of Mary Marsh; Before Saint Anthony, In Memory of Margaret and Tommy Mason; Before Saint Martin, For the Deceased Members of the Hankey Family.

And don't forget that British Summer Time begins next weekend at 2.00am on the morning of Sunday the 29th of March and **CLOCKS AND WATCHES GO FORWARD BY ONE HOUR** from that time. (But, looking on the bright side, if you forget at least you won't be late for Mass!)

In place of our normal Parish Newsletter, we will continue to produce this **WEEKLY BRIEFING** to share with you what may be happening in the parish each week and to keep us in touch with one another. This will be available from the back of church every weekend as well as being posted on our Hindley Catholic page on Facebook.

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**NOTABLE DATES IN THE COMING WEEK**

Sunday 22nd March 2020 – Fourth Sunday in Lent (Year A)  
Tuesday 24th March 2020 – Commemoration of Saint Oscar Romero  
Wednesday 25th March – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord  
Sunday 29th March 2020 – Fifth Sunday in Lent (Year A)

Please note that your usual weekly Offertory Collection donation can be posted through the letterbox of the presbytery.

## Letter From the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales

18th March 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, so many aspects of our lives must change. This includes the ways in which we publicly express our faith. It is very clear that, following official advice and in order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS, at this time we must not gather for public acts of worship in our churches. This will begin from Friday evening, 20th March 2020, until further notice.

Our churches will remain open. They are not closing. They will be a focal point of prayer, where you will find solace and strength. In visiting our churches at this time, we will observe with great care the practices of hygiene and the guidance on social distancing. However, the celebration of Mass, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, will take place without a public congregation.

Knowing that the Mass is being celebrated; joining in spiritually in that celebration; watching the live-streaming of the Mass; following its prayers at home; making an act of spiritual communion: this is how we share in the Sacrifice of Christ in these days. These are the ways in which we will sanctify Sunday, and indeed every day.

We want everyone to understand that in these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed. This is, without doubt, the teaching of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2181). This pandemic is the 'serious reason' why this obligation does not apply at this time.

You will find more details about the pathway of prayer and sacramental life we are now to take on the Bishops' Conference website ([www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)). Your own bishop and parish priest will provide further support, encouragement and information about our way of prayer together in the coming weeks.

The second vital aspect of these challenging times is our care for each other. There are so many ways in which we are to do this: being attentive to the needs of our neighbour, especially the elderly and vulnerable; contributing to our local food banks; volunteering for charitable initiatives and organisations; simply keeping in touch by all the means open to us.

During these disturbing and threatening times, the rhythm of the prayer of the Church will continue. Please play your part in it. The effort of daily kindness and mutual support for all will continue and increase. Please play your part in this too. For your commitment to this, we thank you.

*'The Lord is my shepherd, There is nothing I shall want.'*

May God bless us all.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP

On behalf of all the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales





# **THE HOLY FAMILY PLATT BRIDGE**

## **Sunday 19th July 2020**

**WE'RE BACK**  
**... but not to the "old normal"**

**If you exhibit any symptoms of cold or flu, or have a serious medical condition, you should NOT attend church. The Bishops of England and Wales have suspended the obligation on all Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays. You may wish to come to a weekday Mass instead, or to pray at home and continue to access the virtual celebration of Mass online.**

Social distancing must be observed at all times (one metre at least or more) and so every second bench has been closed off. Only sit together if you live in the same household. Please remain seated. Do not use the bench kneelers. Face coverings (a mask or scarf covering your mouth) should be worn while you are inside the church (you may lower it to be able to receive Communion).

**To allow social distancing in smaller gatherings, there will be TWO Masses celebrated each Sunday here at Holy Family Church at 11.00am and at 5.00pm. Each Mass will be limited to 90 persons. Mass will be shorter, there will be no singing or processions, the Gloria and Creed will be omitted. Holy Communion will be distributed after Mass, not during it.**

Hand sanitizer has been placed in the porch to use before you come into or leave the church. (You may wish to bring your own hand sanitizer with you to use each time before you enter or leave the church.)

Take a copy of the Sunday Mass Sheet and the Weekly Newsletter and any other papers as you enter church and take them home with you afterwards, either to keep or to dispose of. Do not leave them on the bench or at the back of church after Mass.

There will be no hymn singing at Mass and so hymnbooks are not required.

Weekday Missals will not be made available for weekday Mass.

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And finally ..... We understand that, after being in isolation for such a long period of time, some will be afraid of suddenly being in a large gathering with others. In which case, instead of coming to Sunday Mass you may wish to come along to a weekday Mass on Tuesday or Thursday at 10.00am when there will be fewer people present. The obligation of Mass on Sunday remains suspended.

### **REVISED MASS TIMES**

Please note our revised Mass Times here at Holy Family Church:

Sundays: Two Masses at 11.00am and 5.00pm

Tuesday and Thursday: Mass at 10.00am each day

No Mass or Confessions now on Saturday mornings

Each Mass will be limited to 90 persons being able to attend.

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## **PRIVATE PRAYER AND LIGHTING CANDLES**

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## **PROVIDING FACE COVERINGS**

The regulations state that face coverings (a face mask or a scarf covering your mouth) must be worn whenever you come to church. Please note that on your first visit we will provide you with a face mask if you do not have one with you. On every other occasion you will be expected to bring your own.

## **GOING TO CONFESSION**

Confessions will not be heard in the confined space of the confessional. Anyone who **needs** to celebrate this sacrament should see Father Tony and their confession will be heard while observing social distancing. Remember that the Church has always taught that our everyday faults (venial sins) are forgiven simply by praying a sincere and heartfelt Act of Contrition.

## **CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS**

Although we no longer sell Catholic Newspapers each week at church, you can take out a personal subscription to The Catholic Universe and The Catholic Times and have them delivered direct to your home every week, postage free. Please go to [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. There's a Special Offer of three months for just £18.

## THE LITURGY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

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### THIS SUNDAY 19TH JULY 2020

#### Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

11.00am Mass Offered for recently deceased Parishioners

5.00pm Mass Offered for all Parishioners

### TUESDAY 21ST JULY 2020

10.00am Mass Offered for a Special Intention (AJM)

### THURSDAY 23RD JULY 2020

#### Memorial of Saint Bridget of Sweden

10.00am Mass Offered for Bill (RIP) and Clara Mangnall

### NEXT SUNDAY 26TH JULY 2020

#### Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

11.00am Mass Offered for Father Thomas Duckett

5.00pm Mass Offered for all Parishioners

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#### Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

11.00am Mass Offered for Father Thomas Duckett (Anniv)  
5.00pm Mass Offered for all Parishioners

### TUESDAY 28TH JULY 2020

10.00am Mass Offered for Michelle Eckersley (Sick)

### THURSDAY 30TH JULY 2020

10.00am Mass Offered for recently deceased Parishioners

### NEXT SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST 2020

#### Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

11.00am Mass Offered for all Parishioners  
5.00pm Mass Offered for the intentions of LISCF

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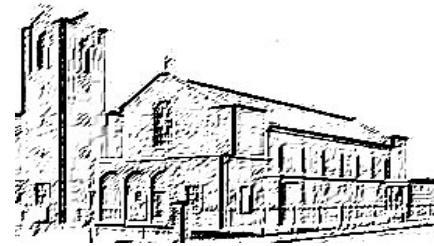
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## OUR NEW WAYS OF CELEBRATING MASS

**If you exhibit any symptoms of cold or flu, or have a serious medical condition, you should NOT attend church. The Bishops of England and Wales have suspended the obligation on all Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays. You may wish to come to a weekday Mass instead, or to pray at home and continue to access the virtual celebration of Mass online.**

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**To allow social distancing in smaller gatherings, there will be TWO Masses celebrated each Sunday here at Holy Family Church at 11.00am and at 5.00pm. Each Mass will be limited to 90 persons. Mass will be shorter, there will be no singing or processions, the Gloria and Creed will be omitted. Holy Communion will be distributed after Mass, not during it.**

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**Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.**

## WELCOME TO MICHELLE

For over a year, Michelle Eckersley from Westhoughton, who was originally baptised into the Anglican Communion, had been joining us for Mass here at Holy Family Church and meeting with our catechists to prepare for her Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church during Eastertide. And then the Lockdown happened! Also during that time, Michelle was diagnosed with serious illness and admitted as a patient to The Christie Hospital. After telephone and email conversations between Father Tony and the Catholic Chaplain to Manchester Hospitals, Michelle was formally received into the Catholic Church and was Confirmed at The Christie Hospital on the 12th of June by the Hospital Chaplain, Father Martin Dowd. We welcome her with great joy into our parish community and into the wider family of the Catholic Church. Please hold her and her family in prayer.

## UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

During the Lockdown period we were notified of the deaths of: Michael James of Bickershaw Lane, Abram (12th of March aged 51 years), Eugene O'Neill from Belong (2nd of April aged 88 years), James Caveney from Walthew Lane, Platt Bridge (19th of April aged 71 years), David Winstanley from Belong (21st of April aged 89 years), John Cotton from Park Lane, Abram (26th of April aged 90 years), June Gough from Warrington Road, Abram (3rd of June aged 77 years), and Sylvia Price from Marlborough Avenue, Spring View (5th of June aged 69 years). Like so many others at this time, their funeral rites have been celebrated simply with just immediate family permitted to be present. Father Tony offered Mass privately for them upon being told of their passing. May the Lord welcome them home and embrace their families and friends with deep faith, with strong hope, and with his tender love.

## MAGNIFICAT MONTHLY MISSAL

In place of the use of Weekday Missals, we are offering copies of *Magnificat* for sale at the back of church, containing the texts of the Mass for each day of the month of August (Sundays and Weekdays) and a short form of Morning and Evening Prayer for every day, along with reflections and details of the saints celebrated during the month. Cost is £4.99p a copy.

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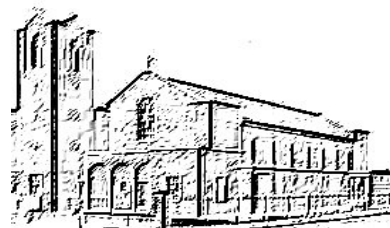
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### THIS SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST 2020

#### **Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)**

11.00am      Mass      Offered for all Parishioners

5.00pm      Mass      Offered for LISCFC Intentions

### TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST 2020

#### **Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Patron of Priests**

10.00am      Mass      Offered for Recently Deceased Clergy

### THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST 2020

#### **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

10.00am      Mass      Offered for a Private Intention (RW)

### NEXT SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST 2020

#### **Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)**

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### READERS RETURN

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If you would be willing and available to perform this ministry (one reader per Mass) please contact Father Tony, and also let him know at which Mass - 11.00am or 5.00pm - you will be available to read. The names of the Readers will be printed in the newsletter a week in advance.

### THANK YOU TO THE STEWARDS

A massive "Thank You" to our team of volunteer stewards. They open the church for each Mass, direct us while we are in church to ensure we comply with government regulations, and sanitise the church after each Mass. Quite simply, we would not have been allowed to re-open for Mass without their generosity in giving their time, and it is very much appreciated. Please see one of the stewards if you would like to join them.

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### COVID-19 SUPPORT FOR CAFOD

CAFOD has joined forces with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk as coronavirus spreads rapidly through refugee camps and communities suffering from conflict, who have no

one else to help them. You can offer your support by donating to the fund at [www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirus](http://www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirus).

### RECENT CLERGY DEATHS

**Father Joe Weston**, Parish Priest of Saint Benedict's at Hindley since 1992, died on the 31st of April in Wigan Royal Infirmary. **Bishop Vincent Malone** died on the 18th of May in Liverpool Royal Hospital. And **Father Bernard Eager**, formerly Parish Priest of Saint Catherine's, Lowton and once our Area Dean, died on the 29th of June. The funeral rites of each were celebrated privately with only immediate family present, as have been the funeral rites of so many others in recent months. May the Lord welcome them home.

### RECENT CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Archbishop Malcolm has recently announced the following changes to clergy appointments within the Archdiocese of Liverpool:

With effect from 1st July 2020: **Fr Kevan O'Brien** to be parish priest, Holy Cross, St Helens; **Fr Jonathan Brown** to be chaplain to Carmel, Allerton

With effect from September 2020: **Canon Thomas Neylon** to be parish priest and dean in Widnes; **Fr Carl Mugan** to be parish priest in Widnes; **Canon Michael Fitzsimons** to be parish priest, St John Fisher, Knowsley and St Columba, Huyton; **Fr Philip Carr** to be parish priest, St Julie, Eccleston and English Martyrs, Haydock; **Fr John Hindley** to be parish priest, St Philomena and Holy Name, Fazakerley; **Fr Kevin McLoughlin** to be parish priest, Holy Family, Southport; **Fr Leo Daley** to be parochial administrator, Our Lady and All Saints, Parbold in addition to St John the Evangelist, Burscough; **Fr Joseph Simionato FDP** to be parish priest, Our Lady of the Annunciation, Standish and St Bernadette, Shevington; **Fr Bruce Wallis** to be parish priest, Our Lady of Walsingham, Netherton in addition to St Benet, Netherton; **Fr Michael Thompson** to be parish priest, St Mary, Castletown and St Columba, Port Erin; **Fr Leo Cooper** to be parish priest, St Benedict, Hindley; **Fr Kenny Hyde** to be parish priest, St Richard, Skelmersdale; **Fr Dominic Risley** to be assistant priest, St Michael and All Angels, Kirkby; **Fr Peter Murphy** (newly-ordained on 28th of June) to be assistant priest at the Metropolitan Cathedral; **Fr Mark**



**Moran** to join the Team Ministry in Widnes; **Fr Brian Dougherty** (Isle of Man) and **Fr John Cullen** (Waterloo) to retire from active ministry.

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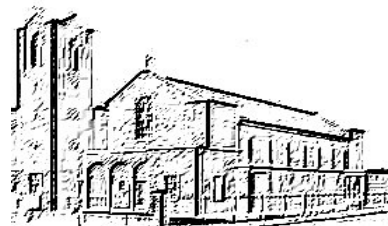
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#### Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

11.00am      Mass      Offered for all Parishioners

5.00pm      Mass      Offered for LISCFC Intentions

### TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST 2020

#### Memorial of Saint Clare

10.00am      Mass      Offered for a Private Intention (CM)

### THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST 2020

10.00am      Mass      Offered for Sheila & John Purcell (sick)

### NEXT SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 2020

#### Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11.00am      Mass      Offered for Bill Mangnall (anniv)

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## **STATEMENT ON RACIAL JUSTICE FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES**

We stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the USA as they challenge the evil of racism and the brutal killing of George Floyd. As the US Bishops made clear: "We cannot turn a blind eye to these atrocities and yet still try to profess to respect every human life. We serve a God of love, mercy, and justice."

Systemic racism is embedded in our own society. The disproportionate harm suffered by BAME people throughout the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted profound inequalities, marginalisation and injustice here in the UK. The peaceful Black Lives Matter protests taking place in our towns and cities reflect the understandable anger that so many people feel about this.

As Catholics we recognise that racism is an evil which must be opposed; we all have a responsibility for actively promoting racial justice. Whenever we ignore racism or dismiss BAME people's experience of it, we are complicit in violations of human dignity. We pray for God's help to overcome racism in all its forms and that we might protect everyone who suffers its consequences. We are all made in God's image.

Bishop Declan Lang  
Lead Bishop for International Affairs

Bishop Paul McAleenan  
Lead Bishop for Racial Justice

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## **SYNOD 2020 IS NOW SYNOD 2021**

When we set off on our Synod journey with the words "Together on the Road", we never imagined what this year had in store for us! The last few months have been unexpected and they have taught us all that the road has many twists and turn on it and, as the Synod journey continues, God is calling us to listen, often in new and exciting ways. A revised Synod Timetable has been published and Synod 2020 will now take place over the weekend of the 18th, 19th and 20th of June 2021. To help us re-focus our minds on the Synod Themes we will hold a Synod Sunday in the Archdiocese of Liverpool on the 18th of October. But in the meantime you can find full details of the changes on the Synod website at [synod2020.co.uk](https://synod2020.co.uk)

## **LOURDES IN DECEMBER**

Lourdes from the 7th to the 11th of December 2020. Full Board in Lourdes. Flying from Manchester to Carcassonne with coach transfer to Lourdes. Priest Leader: Father Vin McShane. Cost £525 based on Twin Share. In Lourdes for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Limited availability. For more details and bookings contact Leisure Time Travel on 0151 524 1476 or 07512 856 045

## **UNIVERSALIS APP**

If you would prefer to assist at Mass using your mobile phone rather than any printed sheets or books, there is an app called *Universalis* which will give you the complete texts for Mass each day, both readings and prayers. It also provides you with the full texts for the Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office).

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### **Readers for Next Sunday (16th August)**

11.00am – Margaret Bolger; 5.00pm – Mary Marsh

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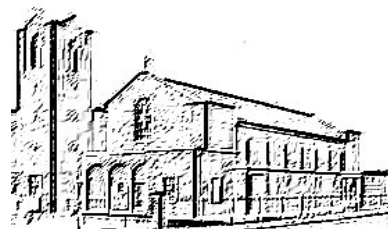
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##### Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11.00am      Mass      Offered for Bill Mangnall (Anniv)

5.00pm      Mass      Offered for all Parishioners

#### TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST 2020

10.00am      Mass      Offered for a Sick Person (HR)

#### THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST 2020

10.00am      Mass      Offered for a Private Intention (PMW)

#### NEXT SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2020

##### Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

11.00am      Mass      Offered for all Parishioners

5.00pm      Mass      Offered for Vera Howarth

The church will be opened thirty minutes before the start of each Mass for private prayer and to allow any who may wish to light votive candles.

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For any who may still be a little worried about being part of a large crowd when coming to Mass, there is plenty of room in Holy Family Church. The 11.00am Mass on Sunday has an attendance of around 45 people, while the 5.00pm Mass has an attendance of just 10 people. The Masses on Tuesday and Thursday each have an attendance of around 25. So lots of room for social distancing.

## **REFLECTION BY POPE FRANCIS ON THE ASSUMPTION (2014)**

Today we celebrate the Assumption of Our Lady, body and soul, into the glory of heaven. Mary's Assumption shows us our own destiny as God's adoptive children and members of the body of Christ. Like Mary our Mother, we are called to share fully in the Lord's victory over sin and death, and to reign with him in his eternal Kingdom. This is our vocation.

In venerating Mary, Queen of Heaven, we also turn to her as Mother of the Church. We ask her to help us to be faithful to our Baptism, to guide our efforts to transform the world in accordance with God's plan, and to enable the Church to be ever more fully a leaven of his Kingdom in the midst of society. May Christians be a generous force for spiritual renewal at every level of society. May they combat the allure of a materialism that stifles authentic spiritual and cultural values, and the spirit of unbridled competition which generates selfishness and strife. May they also reject inhumane economic models which create new forms of poverty and marginalize workers, and the culture of death which devalues the image of God, the God of life, and violates the dignity of every man, woman and child.

In celebrating this feast, we look to Mary as our Mother of Hope. Her song of praise reminds us that God never forgets his promise of mercy (cf. Lk 1:54-55). Mary is the one who is blessed because "she believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord" (Lk 1:45). In her, all God's promises have been proved trustworthy. Enthroned in glory, she shows us that our hope is real; even now it reaches as "a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul" (Heb 6:19) to where Jesus is seated in glory.

This hope, dear brothers and sisters, the hope held out by the Gospel, is the antidote to the spirit of despair that seems to grow like a cancer in societies which are outwardly affluent, yet which often experience inner sadness and emptiness. Upon how many of our young has this despair taken its toll! May they, the young, never be robbed of their hope!

Let us turn to Our Lady and implore the grace to rejoice in the freedom of the children of God, to use that freedom wisely in the service of our brothers and sisters, and to live and work as signs of the hope which will find its fulfilment in that eternal Kingdom where to reign is to serve.

## **WHEAT INTOLERANT OR COELIAC?**

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## **BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS**

We can now celebrate the **Celebration of Baptism** in church once again. This must be in a private ceremony with no more than thirty people present. Government restrictions must be adhered to (stewards in attendance, social distancing, one-way system, face coverings worn, no toilet facilities). Although **Funeral Services** are also permitted we do not recommend holding them in Holy Family Church at this, time since government restrictions (stewards in attendance, social distancing, one-way system observed, face coverings worn, no toilet facilities) also prohibit any singing or family involvement and state that such funeral services should be brief. At the present time, services at the graveside or crematorium allow much greater flexibility regarding time allowed, choice of music, family involvement and the giving of eulogies.

## **READERS AT MASS**

We are now again permitted the use of Readers at Mass. Due to the One-Way system in operation in church, the reader should arrive in good time to be seated in the front bench in front of the lectern, come up to the lectern from the side, sanitize their hands before reading, and return to their place after reading. The readings should be proclaimed slowly, audibly, and with meaning and conviction. Those who proclaim the scriptures should prepare in advance, and not just "get up and read from the book". If you would be willing and available to perform this ministry (one reader per Mass) please contact Father Tony, and also let him know at which Mass - 11.00am or 5.00pm - you will be available to read. The names of the readers will be printed in the newsletter in advance.

### **Readers This Sunday (16th August):**

11.00am – Margaret Bolger; 5.00pm – Mary Marsh

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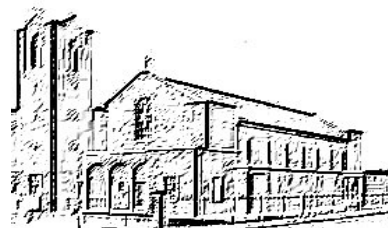
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Archdiocese of Liverpool

## THE HOLY FAMILY PLATT BRIDGE

Sunday 23rd August 2020

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### THE LITURGY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

#### THIS SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2020

##### Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

11.00am	Mass	Offered for all Parishioners
5.00pm	Mass	Offered for Vera Howarth

#### TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST 2020

10.00am	Mass	Offered for Irene Conway
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#### THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST 2020

##### Memorial of Saint Monica

10.00am	Mass	Offered for Trevor Roberts
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#### NEXT SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST 2020

##### Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

11.00am	Mass	Offered for Ann Louise, Maurice & Maurice McCarthy
5.00pm	Mass	Offered for all Parishioners

The church will be opened thirty minutes before the start of each Mass for private prayer and to allow any who may wish to light votive candles.

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Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **IRENE CONWAY** from Whitley Crescent, Abram who died on the 13th of August aged 88 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated tomorrow (Monday) in a private graveside service at Saint John's Churchyard, Abram. May the Lord welcome her home.

## **SUNDAY COMMENT by Bishop John Rawsthorne**

“Of all the pressing challenges facing our country at this time, the politicians are pushing the desperate asylum seekers risking their lives in small boats crossing the Channel to the number one priority, or very close to it.

As a fellow human being, my heart goes out to those poor people. How desperate do you have to be to put yourself in the hands of people whose only interest is in your money? And this will usually be at the end of a very long journey, involving a number of very risky elements, desperately entrusting yourself in a small boat to one of the busiest shipping lanes in the world.

Most are fleeing persecution and conflict. And they have every right to seek asylum. It is lawful. So, we are presented with a moral issue that always has political implications, but which in this case is being played out of all proportion - and played with an element of prejudice. The numbers are really tiny, but the language of invasion is used, and talk of the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy being involved. For heaven's sake! In fact, these asylum seekers to the UK are far fewer in number than are those approaching Germany, France, Spain and Greece. The language and actions in their regard are clearly designed to play upon people's fears, and perhaps distract attention from other issues.

Pope Francis, who has such a clear world-view and such a deeply Christ-centred heart, is constantly appealing for true generosity towards refugees and asylum seekers. It is not always easy, but it is important that we learn to see the world with those eyes and be prepared to speak out at the injustice of it.”

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## **CHURCH GIVING – NEW OPTIONS TO DONATE**

In addition to the basket in church, there are now two further options available to make donations to our church – by mobile text and by online giving.

### **Option 1 - By Text from your Mobile Phone:**

You can now make one-off gifts of £5 or £10 by text:

Text HOLYWIGAN to 70460 to donate £5

Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £5 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text HOLYWIGANNOINFO to 70460

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## **Readers Next Sunday (30th August)**

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**White Collecting Tins** are available at the back of church for you to take to put your loose change in and then, when it's full, to return to church.

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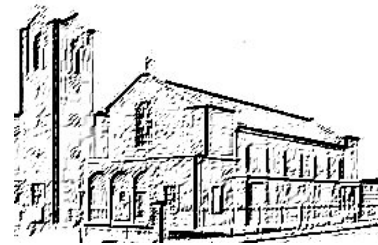
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11.00am      Mass      Offered for Ann Louise, Maurice & Maurice McCarthy  
5.00pm      Mass      Offered for all Parishioners

### TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020

*(Today's Readings can be found on Page 22 of Magnificat)*

10.00am      Mass      Offered for a Private Intention (LISCF)

### THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2020

#### Feast of Saint Gregory the Great

*(Today's Readings can be found on Page 46 of Magnificat)*

10.00am      Mass      Offered for Bill Mangnall

### NEXT SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2020

#### Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

11.00am      Mass      Offered for all Parishioners  
5.00pm      Mass      *(No intention requested for this Mass)*

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## WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

In a further step towards some form of normality, being baptised today (Sunday) in a private ceremony is Raynie King, born on the 14th of July 2019, the daughter of Lee King and Caitlin Sumner from Warrington Road, Abram. We welcome her with great joy into the family of the Church.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Parents whose children completed the preparation course earlier this year are welcome to present their children to receive their First Holy Communion. This will be on an individual basis, one child at a time, and can take place during any Sunday or weekday Mass, but with only the very immediate family present and observing all government regulations in place at that time. Please contact Mary Marsh to arrange a date if you wish for this to happen.

Please note that no arrangements can yet be made for First Communions in 2021 due to the rapidly changing situation we are living through.

## REVISED SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DATES

In this far from usual year, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have requested that the dates of the customary annual Special Collections be revised so that we can still have the opportunity, if we wish, to support the work carried out by the various agencies. The revised timetable is:

Sunday 13th September	Holy Places
Sunday 20th September	Home Mission / Evangelisation
Sunday 4th October	Peter's Pence
Sunday 11th October	CAFOD Fast Day Appeal
Sunday 18th October	Overseas Missions
Sunday 1st November	Catholic Communications
Sunday 15th November	Day for Life

On those dates, the two baskets by the exit door of the church will be allocated for these collections and the basket on the table as you enter church will be to collect your normal offertory collection donations to the parish. On Sundays when no Special Collection is directed to be taken all the baskets will be to collect your donations to the parish.

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## WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

With the current restrictions and procedures in place there aren't too many ways in which people can get more practically involved in parish life and liturgy. But there are two roles currently open to everyone – being a Steward or becoming a Reader. If you'd like to be a Steward, have a chat to one of the team to find out what the role involves and how you can join. To be a Reader at Mass, please contact Father Tony.

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### Readers Next Sunday (6th September)

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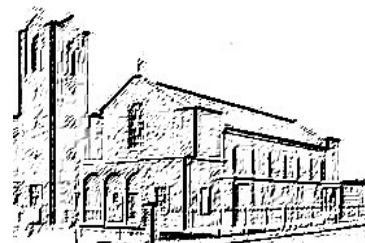
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#### THIS SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2020

##### Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

11.00am Mass Offered for all Parishioners

5.00pm Mass *(No intention requested for this Mass)*

#### TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2020

##### Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*(Today's Readings can be found on Page 104 of Magnificat)*

10.00am Mass Offered in Honour of Our Blessed Lady

#### THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2020

*(Today's Readings can be found on Page 128 of Magnificat)*

10.00am Mass *(No intention requested for this Mass)*

#### NEXT SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2020

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## **WELCOME FATHER LEO**

We welcome among us Father Leo Cooper who formally begins his ministry as Parish Priest of Saint Benedict's, Hindley this weekend. Originally from St. Helens, Father Leo worked as a painter and decorator before beginning studies for the priesthood at The Pontifical Bede College in Rome (Father Tony was a fellow student). Father Leo was ordained priest in 1998 and, before being appointed to Hindley, was Parish Priest of Castletown and Port Erin on the Isle of Man. We wish him a fruitful and happy ministry among us..

## **FIRST ANNIVERSARIES**

We continue to hold in prayer those whose First Anniversary of Death occurs during this month, especially John Berry from Parkfields, Abram who died on the 28th of September aged 62 years, and Joe Siney from Belong who died on the 29th of September 2019 aged 95 years.

## **EMMAUS SUNDAY MASS SHEET**

From today we begin using the "*Emmaus Sunday Mass Sheet*" published by the Catholic Printing Company. Government regulations for acts of worship continue to state that they should be "economical" (which means kept short!) and so for the present time we will continue to omit the Gloria and the Creed at Mass on Sundays. (You could recite the Creed privately in prayer at home). Please note that the exact wording of some of the prayers used by the priest may differ slightly from those printed on the Mass Sheet.

## **RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY**

There will be a Retiring Collection next Sunday for the Upkeep of the Holy Places. (This collection was originally due to take place in Holy Week which was not possible this year due to the suspension of public worship).

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## **THE SEASON OF CREATION**

Based on an initiative of Pope Francis, the Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from the 1st of September to the 4th of October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and encourages awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. It's a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we're awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. During the season this year, we enter a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation. With so much injustice all around us, now is the time for Christians everywhere to come together and show the world how to love each other and creation.

Pope Francis tells us: "We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family. The Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet, the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish. Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years. We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us. The idea of infinite or unlimited growth, which proves so attractive to economists, financiers and experts in technology ... is based on the lie that there is an infinite supply of the earth's goods, and this leads to the planet being squeezed dry at every limit. Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start."

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11.00am – Neil Valentine; 5.00pm – Pearse McDonagh

## **Next Sunday (13th September)**

11.00am – Margaret Bolger; 5.00pm – Mary Marsh

## **THANK YOU**

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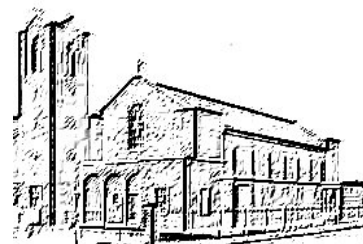
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11.00am Mass Offered for all Parishioners

5.00pm Mass *(No intention requested for this Mass)*

#### TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2020

##### Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

*(Today's Readings can be found on Page 191 of Magnificat)*

10.00am Mass Offered for Father Anthony Garrett (LD)

#### THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2020

*(Today's Readings can be found on Page 256 of Magnificat)*

10.00am Mass Offered for Pat & Alan Whittle (Diamond Wedding)

#### NEXT SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2020

##### Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

11.00am Mass Offered for Christopher Bolger (LD)

5.00pm Mass Offered for all Parishioners

The church will be opened thirty minutes before the start of each Mass for private prayer and to allow any who may wish to light votive candles.

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Please note that Places of worship are exempt from the Government's latest regulations which come into effect from tomorrow (Monday) placing a limit of six persons for social gatherings. The church therefore remains open and Mass continues to be celebrated with the procedures continuing to be strictly followed.

### **HOLY PLACES COLLECTION TODAY**

There will be a Retiring Collection as you leave church today for the Upkeep of the Holy Places. The cost of maintaining the sites associated with the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus in the Holy Land is too much for the small Christian community which lives there. The whole Catholic community shares that burden through this annual collection for the Upkeep of those Holy Places.

### **HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY**

There will be a retiring collection as you leave church next Sunday (20th of September) to support the sharing of accurate information about the Catholic Faith, to individual enquirers and to society at large, through the work of the Catholic Media Centre. See [www.homemission.co.uk](http://www.homemission.co.uk) for more information.

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### **PIETY SHOP ITEMS AND CARDS**

Although the Piety Shop at the back of church remains closed so as not to encourage any form of gathering, a small selection of items (rosary beads, statues, Mass/Sympathy and other occasion cards) is available outside the shop on the shelf under the notice board. But if you wish to browse and purchase items, please remember to do so one person at a time.

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### **READERS AT SUNDAY MASS**

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#### **Next Sunday (20th September)**

11.00am – Neil Valentine; 5.00pm – Pearse McDonagh

### **THANK YOU**

Offertory Donations at Mass last week amounted to £319.35

### **UPDATE ON PEARSE**

We're delighted to share with you an update on Pearse McDonagh and his formation for future ordination as a Permanent Deacon for the Archdiocese of Liverpool serving here in Holy Family Parish and in the Wigan Deanery.

Pearse has now begun his third year of the four-year programme of academic, spiritual and pastoral formation for ordination. Last year he was formally accepted and acknowledged by the Archbishop as a Candidate for Ordination. A further step along the journey to ordination is achieved this week when Pearse will receive the Ministry of Lector during a Mass celebrated on Tuesday evening (15th September) at Saint Teresa's Church in St. Helens. The next step after this will be for him to receive the Ministry of Acolyte before eventual ordination as a Deacon in the summer of 2022. Pearse has also recently begun a new role as Prison Chaplain at HMP Forest Bank, a category B male prison which accepts remand and sentenced adults and young offenders.

Please continue to hold Pearse, and his wife Nichola and their two boys, in your prayers as he continues his journey towards ordination and service as a Deacon.

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### **UPDATE ON CHURCH REPAIRS**

During the lockdown it was noticed that some areas of the church walls on the left hand side were "bubbling" causing the paint to flake off. On investigation this was found to be due to water seepage, which has now hopefully been remedied. After allowing time for the brickwork to dry, the affected areas will need to be replastered and repainted. We are waiting for a costing for this work.

The iron railings around the car park and the rear and right side of the church are showing signs of rust (one of the hinges on the main gates has already rusted through). They need to be treated and repainting. Weather permitting, this work was due to start this weekend at a cost of £3,800.

And the car park has been badly in need of resurfacing for a long time, the cost of which will be well in excess of £20K. Since we have now repaid the five-year loan for the interior repairs and renovation of the church, we hope the archdiocese will give us a new loan so that this work can take place.

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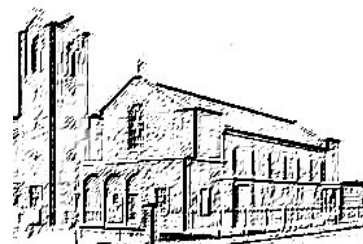
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## THE HOLY FAMILY PLATT BRIDGE

Sunday 20th September 2020

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### THE LITURGY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

#### THIS SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2020

##### Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

11.00am      Mass    Offered for Christopher Bolger (LD)  
5.00pm      Mass    Offered for all Parishioners

#### TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2020

*(Today's Readings can be found on Page 318 of Magnificat)*

10.00am      Mass    Offered for Sebastian Leo Aldred (sick child)

#### THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2020

##### Memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham

*(Today's Readings can be found on Page 340 of Magnificat)*

10.00am      Mass    Offered for Betty Lloyd (LD)

#### NEXT SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2020

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5.00pm      Mass    Offered for all Parishioners

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**Please watch out for wet paint over the next few weekends while the church and car park railings are being repainted**

### **RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY FOR HOME MISSIONS**

There will be a retiring collection as you leave church today to support the sharing of accurate information about the Catholic Faith, to individual enquirers and to society at large, through the work of the Catholic Media Centre. See [www.homemission.co.uk](http://www.homemission.co.uk) for more information.

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### **LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION**

White Collecting Tins are available at the back of church for you to take to put your loose change in and then, when it's full, to return to church and take another one to fill. Some choose to fill the tins with just 20p or 50p or £1 or £2 coins. But whatever you save and give is greatly appreciated.

### **HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL**

Holy Family Parish Hall is available for hire, either by groups or individuals, for social events or for family gatherings, for one-off occasions or for regular meetings. Contact Geoff or Cecilia Hughes on 01942 861084 for more details. Physical distancing and all relevant guidance and procedures must be observed.

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### **THANK YOU**

Offertory Donations at Mass last week amounted to £361.88  
The Retiring Collection for the Holy Places amounted to £82.00  
Envelopes for the Catholic Education Service amounted to £33.00

### **UPDATE ON SERVICES AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**

*Please note that these arrangements can change very quickly as a result of evolving circumstances and new government regulations.*

The procedures on the back page of the newsletter **MUST** be strictly followed for the **Celebration of Mass** and for all other public gatherings in church.

No **Funeral Services** are taking place in church. Services at the Graveside or Crematorium only. On a Tuesday or a Thursday the immediate family and a few very close friends could attend the regular 10.00am Mass on that day which would be offered for the deceased, without the body being present or any personal eulogy. The committal rites and any personal tributes or eulogy for the deceased could take place at the graveside or crematorium later that day.

**First Holy Communions** can take place on an individual basis at any Mass on a Sunday or weekday by booking a date for this in advance with Mary Marsh. Only immediate family should be present and all current Covid-19 Government precautions and procedures must be observed. Face coverings must be worn and the directions of the stewards followed.

Private **Baptism and Wedding Ceremonies** can take place in church with just immediate family and very close friends present and observing all current Covid-19 Government precautions and procedures. Limit of 30 persons. Face coverings must be worn and the directions of the stewards followed.

The confessional room is not being used. However **Confessions** can be heard upon request, but outdoors while observing physical distancing.

No **Home Communion Visits** are taking place at this time. However a member of the household who is a practicing Catholic could be commissioned by Father Tony as an Extraordinary Minister on a temporary basis to take Holy Communion to a sick or elderly relative or friend living with them.

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### **READERS AT SUNDAY MASS**

**This Sunday (20th September)**

11.00am – Neil Valentine; 5.00pm – Pearse McDonagh

### **Next Sunday (27th September)**

11.00am – Margaret Bolger; 5.00pm – Mary Marsh



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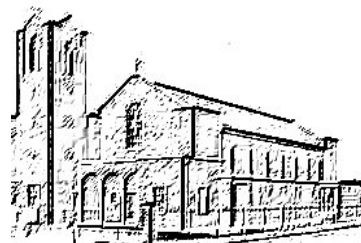
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5.00pm      Mass    Offered for all Parishioners

#### TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2020

##### Feast of Saint Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and all Angels

*(Today's Readings can be found on Page 398 of September's Magnificat)*

10.00am      Mass    Offered for Edna Craven (Anniv)

#### THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2020

##### Memorial of Saint Therese of Lisieux

*(Today's Readings can be found on Page 31 of October's Magnificat)*

10.00am      Mass    Offered for Albert Whittle

#### NEXT SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2020 (Rosary Sunday)

##### Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

11.00am      Mass    Offered for all Parishioners  
5.00pm      Mass    Offered for Marjorie Turner (Anniv)

The church will be opened thirty minutes before the start of each Mass.

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Please hold in prayer **Michael Harrison** from Maple Drive, Abram, who died on the 21st of September aged 75 years. A private family graveside funeral will take place at 11.00am on Monday the 5th of October at Saint John's, Abram. May the Lord welcome him home.



## WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Being baptised today (Sunday) in a private ceremony are: Sofia Tremarco, born on the 5th of March 2013, and Luca David Tremarco, born on the 15th of May 2014, the children of Michael Tremarco and Shauneen Wadeson from Lily Lane, Platt Bridge; and Wade Edward Blakeley, born on the 18th of February 2017, the son of Michael Blakeley and Carina Wadeson from Portland Close, Platt Bridge. We welcome them with great joy into the family of the Church.

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## RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR PETER'S PENCE

There will be a Retiring Collection next Sunday for Peter's Pence. This is a gesture which began in Anglo-Saxon England and is now the annual offering of Catholics throughout the world made to the Pope. The money raised provides a fund which will be used by Pope Francis on behalf of all Catholics to offer humanitarian aid to victims of such disasters as hurricane, flood, famine and drought. In recent months Peter's Pence donations have also gone to relieve the Covid-19 situation of those living in developing countries.

## RECOVERY FROM DIVORCE AND SEPARATION

The *Restored Lives* course is a series of six online meetings by Zoom starting on Monday the 12th of October. The course is for any person who has been impacted by the end of a serious relationship whether separated, currently going through a divorce or already divorced, either recently or at any time in the past. Meetings are free, confidential, informative and affirming. For further details please contact Maureen O'Brien [m.obrien@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.obrien@rcaol.org.uk)

## YES, THIS MEANS YOU!

Please remember that how we can gather now for the celebration of Mass is **NOT** a return to how we did before: Things are very different now, and will be very different for quite a while. The only reason our churches are allowed to remain open is if we can guarantee that we are making every possible effort to keep the risk of infection as low as possible. If we are seen to be ignoring the statutory procedures then we could be ordered to close our doors again. And if that happens, with a further drop in the number of Mass-goers and another long-term sizeable loss of income for the parish, they may never open again.

The majority of people who come to Mass at Holy Family are observing these procedures. And we are very grateful to you – it means we can continue to celebrate Mass together in safety. But there are one or two individuals, particularly at the 11.00am Mass on Sunday morning, who are ignoring the instructions of the stewards and selfishly insist on doing things as they once could (sitting where they want instead of where they are directed, standing in the porch, wandering around the church, etc). For the good of us all, we must insist that everyone behaves according to the procedures on the back page of the newsletter, and follows the directions of the stewards. This is the “new normal” for us all at this time. There can be no exceptions.

**To put it bluntly: If you do not wish to do things according to the “new normal” then you should not come to church at this time.**

## READERS AT SUNDAY MASS

**This Sunday (27th September)**

11.00am – Margaret Bolger; 5.00pm – Mary Marsh

**Readers Next Sunday (4th October)**

11.00am – Neil Valentine; 5.00pm – Mary Marsh

## THANK YOU

Offertory Donations at Mass last week amounted to £252.45

The Retiring Collection for Home Mission Sunday amounted to £114.00

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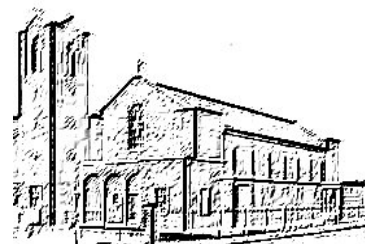
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#### THIS SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2020 (Rosary Sunday)

##### Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

11.00am Mass Offered for all Parishioners

5.00pm Mass Offered for Marjorie Turner

#### TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2020 (*Magnificat Missal Page 95*)

9.40am The Praying of the Rosary

10.00am Mass Offered for Michael Harrison (LD)

#### THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2020 (*Magnificat Missal Page 118*)

9.40am The Praying of the Rosary

10.00am Mass Offered for John Redfern (LD)

#### NEXT SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2020

##### Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

11.00am Mass Offered for John Sweeney

5.00pm Mass Offered for all Parishioners

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## RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY FOR PETER'S PENCE

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### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to Olivia Srokowska who will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion during the 11.00am Mass today (Sunday). May she keep Him always close to her and receive Him in the Holy Eucharist often and always with love and gratitude.

### UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of:

Michael Harrison from Maple Drive, Abram, once Group Scout Leader of 29th Wigan (Holy Family) Scouts, who died on the 21st of September aged 75 years. His funeral rites will take place tomorrow (Monday) in a private graveside service at 11.00am in Saint John's Churchyard, Abram.

John Redfern from Collinge Street, Platt Bridge who died on the 25th of September aged 63 years. His funeral rites will take place in a private service at Howe Bridge Crematorium next Thursday (8th October) at 12 noon.

May the Lord welcome them home.

### CHANGE IN REGULATIONS FOR BAPTISM

Please note that under new government regulations which came into effect from last Monday (28th of September) the number of those now able to be present at the celebration of Baptism has been reduced from thirty to just six persons and for weddings to fifteen persons. The number allowed to be present at a Funeral Service remains unchanged for now at thirty persons.

### READERS AT MASS

Just four people have offered to read at Sunday Mass, two for each Mass. So unless there is a massive influx of volunteers to be readers (which we're not holding our breath for!) there seems little need to print their names on the newsletter each week; from now they can arrange things between themselves.

## PRAYING THE ROSARY IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

During the month of October we will pray the Rosary together in church before Mass every Tuesday and Thursday at 9.40am. Why not give the Rosary a special place in your own personal prayer life at home during these coming days?



*Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote:* The Holy Rosary is not a pious practice, banished to the past and thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the younger generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated within herself all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said.

When praying the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are re-lived as the various steps of Christ's mission are traced. With Mary, our hearts are oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. Christ is put at the centre of our life, of our time, of our city, through the contemplation of his holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow and glory.

May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace emanating from these mysteries, so that through us Jesus can "water" society, beginning with our daily relationships, purifying them from so many negative forces, thus opening them to the newness of God. The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial, brings great peace. For it contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the centre of each "Hail Mary" we pray.

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### THANK YOU

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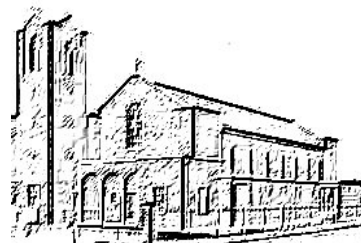
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11.00am Mass Offered for John Sweeney

5.00pm Mass Offered for all Parishioners

#### TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2020 (*Magnificat Missal Page 177*)

9.40am The Praying of the Rosary

10.00am Mass Offered for a Successful Operation for L.

#### THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2020 (*Magnificat Missal Page 200*)

##### Memorial of Saint Teresa of Avila

9.40am The Praying of the Rosary

10.00am Mass Offered for Jimmy Hesketh (LD)

#### NEXT SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2020 – World Mission Sunday

##### Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

11.00am Mass Offered for Muriel's Aunt Chrissy (LD)

5.00pm Mass Offered for M.M. who is sick

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### RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY FOR CAFOD

supporting especially communities devastated  
by Covid-19 infection in the Third World

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to Amelia Holmes who will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion during the 11.00am Mass today (Sunday). May she keep Him always close to her and receive Him in the Holy Eucharist often.

### **UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN**

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to Margaret, Steven and Alan, and all the family and friends of James (Jimmy) Hesketh from Tram Street, Platt Bridge, once steward of Holy Family Club, who died last Thursday aged 82 years. At Jimmy's own request there will be no funeral (Direct Cremation). May the Lord welcome him home.

### **REMEMBERING FIRST ANNIVERSARIES**

We continue to hold in prayer those whose First Anniversary of Death occurs during this month, remembering especially Rita Wilkie from Tram Street, Platt Bridge who died on the 23rd of October 2019 aged 89 years.

### **REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DEAD**

As is customary, Mass will be offered throughout the month of November for those whose names are included on our November Dead List. To have members of your families and friends included, place a list of their names into an envelope (with a donation if you wish) write "November List" on the front, and pop it into the Offertory Collection basket before the end of October

### **ARMCHAIR RETREATS**

Denis Blackledge SJ, Jesuit Parish Priest of Saint Francis Xavier's Church in Liverpool, invites you to join him in an "Armchair Retreat" with a series of short down-to-earth, scripture-based video reflections. You can access them at [www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/armchair-retreats](http://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/armchair-retreats)

### **OVERSEAS MISSIONS COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY**

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday and there will be a Retiring Collection taken as you leave church next Sunday to support the work of the overseas missions. For more information please go to [www.missio.org](http://www.missio.org)

### **FROM RIGHT TO LIFE:**

#### **Help protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot**

Abortion is currently available in the UK right up to birth for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these conditions can be corrected. A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK. Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Please visit [www.standupandsmile.org.uk](http://www.standupandsmile.org.uk) to email your MP asking them to support the Bill. It only takes 30 seconds. To find out more about the pro-life work of Right to Life and maybe become a supporter of that work please visit [www.righttolife.org.uk](http://www.righttolife.org.uk)

### **FROM THE ARCHBISHOP TO OUR STEWARDS**

In his monthly *Ad Clerum* letter to the priests Archbishop Malcolm writes: "Please pass on my thanks to our volunteers who work so hard as stewards and cleaners in order that our churches can continue to be opened for Mass. I know that much of the work that goes on is done unseen. My deepest thanks to all our volunteers. So much is possible when we work together, that it becomes a living out of our Synod journey in a concrete and substantive way. May this energy and enthusiasm continue, despite the uncertainties about the future."

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### **THANK YOU**

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The Retiring Collection for Peter's Pence amounted to £70.76

Please note that any envelopes for CAFOD which were handed in last week will be included in the total amount for today's retiring collection.

Sincere thanks for a donation of £150 to Holy Family Church in remembrance of the late Irene Conway from her family. May God bless your kindness.

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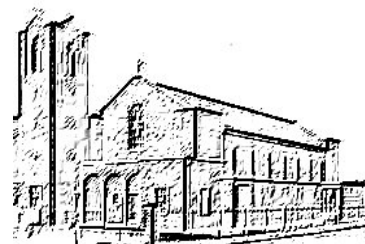
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11.00am	Mass	Offered for Muriel's Aunt Chrissy (LD)
5.00pm	Mass	Offered for M.M. who is sick

#### TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2020 (*Magnificat Missal Page 302*)

9.40am	The Praying of the Rosary
10.00am	Mass Offered in Thanksgiving (HR)

#### THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2020 (*Magnificat Missal Page 325*)

9.40am	The Praying of the Rosary
10.00am	Mass Offered for Bill Mangnall

#### NEXT SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2020

#### Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

11.00am	Mass	Offered for Rita Wilkie
5.00pm	Mass	Offered for Margaret Fox (LD)

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**RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY  
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### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to Kian Fitzgerald who will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion during the 11.00am Mass today (Sunday). May he keep Him always close and receive Him in the Holy Eucharist often.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER STROWBRIDGE**

Best wishes and *Ad Multos Annos* to Father Hubert Strowbridge, who has provided supply cover here at Holy Family in past years, and who is celebrating his 90th Birthday this weekend.

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### **CLOCKS GO BACK NEXT WEEKEND**

British Summer Time ends next weekend at 2.00am on the morning of Sunday 25th October and clocks should go back by one hour from that time.

### **CHRIST IS ALIVE RETREAT**

*Irenaeus* invite you to join them for a “Christ is Alive” Virtual Retreat via Zoom on Tuesdays the 20th and 27th of October and 3rd of November from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. To book a place contact [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)

### **THANK YOU**

Offertory Donations at Mass last week amounted to £331.62

The Retiring Collection for CAFOD’s Harvest Appeal amounted to £215.42

Sincere thanks for three donations received last weekend of £100 (anonymous via the offertory collection basket) and of £50 from M.& L and of £40 from Amelia’s grandparents. God bless your thoughtfulness.

### **MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM FOR SYNOD SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2020**

I am writing this to you today because this was to have been the weekend of our Synod 2020 gathering. The situation we are living in at the moment has, as you know, meant that we felt it right to move the Synod until June next year. The work of the Synod has not stopped – God is still asking us to reflect on becoming the kind of Church he is calling us to be, and in many ways we have been invited to do this with a new urgency at this time.

Our Synod journey brings together the “imperatives” of co-responsibility, collaboration and genuine listening between Church leaders and the lay faithful. Synodality is an essential aspect of Church life today. Pope Francis is firm on this as the way forward. I am reminded of something that Pope Benedict said in 2012: “Lay people should not be regarded as collaborators of the clergy, but, rather, as people who are really co-responsible for the Church’s being and acting ... It is therefore important that a mature and committed laity make its own specific contribution to the ecclesial mission with respect for the ministries and tasks that each one has in the life of the Church.”

This is very much your role in the next part of our Synod journey. Over 3,500 proposals were submitted – thank you. The Synod Working Party (and others) have worked with all these proposals and have faithfully kept all the proposals and ideas that you have highlighted. They have produced a summary which we are making available to you this weekend at [www.synod2020.co.uk](http://www.synod2020.co.uk)

I need each of you to play your part in discerning the next steps forward. At the beginning of December each Synod Member will have to indicate which of the ideas and issues that they are most drawn to. They will need your input to do this faithfully. This will enable us to present to you, in March, the Synod Proposals to be voted on in June. After June we will work on drawing up a Pastoral Plan at Advent 2021 in the light of the Synod Proposals.

The next months are an exciting opportunity for us all to listen again to the voice of the Spirit of God guiding and directing us. Please play your part. We will not be able to complete this task faithfully without you.

+ **Malcolm McMahon**

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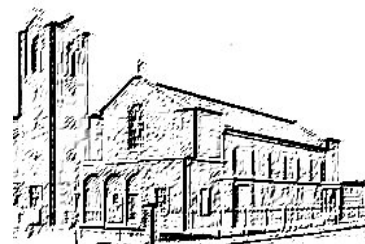
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## THE HOLY FAMILY PLATT BRIDGE

Sunday 25th October 2020

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### THE LITURGY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

#### THIS SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2020

##### Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

11.00am Mass Offered for Rita Wilkie  
5.00pm Mass Offered for Margaret Fox (LD)

#### TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2020 (*Magnificat Missal Page 385*)

9.40am The Praying of the Rosary  
10.00am Mass Offered for Intentions of Henry Scapens

#### THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2020 (*Magnificat Missal Page 408*)

9.40am The Praying of the Rosary  
10.00am Mass Offered for James, Katie & Ita Costello

#### NEXT SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2020

##### Solemnity of All Saints

11.00am Mass Offered for Irene Conway  
5.00pm Mass Offered for Fr. Edward Murphy (PP 1908 - 1911)

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## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to Lewis Talbot who will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion during the 11.00am Mass today (Sunday). May he keep Him always close and receive Him in the Holy Eucharist often.

## UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Our deep sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends of Marie Skett from Southfield, Platt Bridge who died on the 17th of October aged 77 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Howe Bridge Crematorium on Tuesday the 3rd of November at 10.00am. May the Lord welcome her home.

## REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DEAD

Mass will be offered throughout November for those whose names are included on our November Dead List. To have your families and friends included, place a list of their names into an envelope (with a donation if you wish) write "November List" on the front, and pop it into the Offertory Collection basket.

## MAGNIFICAT MONTHLY MISSAL

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## ZOOM SCRIPTURE MORNINGS

Led by Father Chris Thomas from *Irenaeus* on Thursdays the 5th, 9th, 16th and 26th of November from 10.30am to 12 noon. No charge but any donations would be welcome. To book a place email [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)

## THANK YOU

Offertory Donations at Mass last week amounted to £307.67  
The Retiring Collection for World Mission Sunday amounted to £143.45

## "FRATELLI TUTTI"



Pope Francis visited Assisi on the 3rd of October, the eve of the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, to sign a new Encyclical Letter entitled "Fratelli Tutti" (which sounds more like a type of ice cream rather than a papal document!)

The title is a direct quotation from Saint Francis of Assisi which translates as Fraternity and Social Friendship. It's a reflection on something that Pope Francis cares deeply about: a concern for one another, for every other human being regardless of any difference.

We live in a time marked by war, poverty, migration, climate change and pandemic. Recognising a brother or sister in everyone we meet, and for Christians, recognising the face of Jesus in those who suffer – these responses reaffirm the irreducible dignity of every human person created in the image of God. They also remind us that no one can ever emerge from these present hardships alone, one against another, the global north against the global south, the rich against the poor or any other excluding differentiation.

One of the central themes of the encyclical reflects on our common belonging and responsibility. It is a reflection on our hopes for the future and encourages the church and people of good will to take responsibility for making those hopes a reality by working together.

It's available to read for free on the Vatican website ([www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)) or to buy in print from the Catholic Truth Society ([www.ctsbooks.org](http://www.ctsbooks.org)).

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## RETRouvaille: A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGES

Is your marriage stressed, unloving, cold? Do you want to improve your communication? Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking of doing so? Do you want to try again? The Retrouvaille Programme may be just what you need! The next programme is a virtual one taking place on the 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th of November 2020. Being 'virtual' means experiencing it from your own home. For more information contact Clive & Kathy on 0788 7296983 or Gearóid & Julie on 0797 3380443. Or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk). Complete confidentiality is assured.

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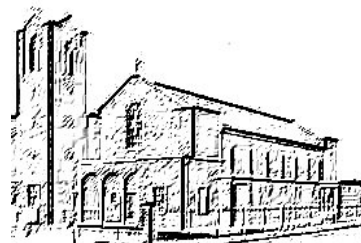
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##### Solemnity of All Saints

11.00am      Mass      Offered for Irene Conway  
5.00pm      Mass      Offered for Fr. Edward Murphy (PP 1908 - 1911)

#### TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2020 *(Magnificat Missal Page 66)*

##### Memorial of Saint Martin de Porres

10.00am      Mass      Offered for Marie Skett *(Funeral Today)*

#### THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2020 *(Magnificat Missal Page 88)*

10.00am      Mass      Offered for those named on our November Lists

#### NEXT SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2020

##### (REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)

##### Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

11.00am      Mass      Offered for Marie Blundell *(Died Recently)*  
5.00pm      Mass      Offered for those named on our November Lists

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## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to Toby Hutchinson who will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion during the 11.00am Mass today (Sunday). May Jesus be his closest friend through receiving Him often in the Eucharist.

## **UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN**

Our deep sympathy and prayers are with Colette and all the family and friends of Malcolm McMahon, once from Maple Drive, Abram who died on the 27th of October. Funeral arrangements were not available at the time of printing.

We have also been informed of the death of Marie Blundell, once from Tram Street, Platt Bridge. Her burial has taken place at Westwood Cemetery.

And on the first anniversary of his passing we continue to hold in prayer, John Bolger who died on the 10th of November 2019 aged 70 years.

May the Lord welcome them home.

## **MASS INTENTIONS IN NOVEMBER**

Apart from for those who have died recently or for parishioners whose First Anniversary is being remembered, the Masses in November will be offered for those named on our November Pious Lists. All other Mass Intentions received will be offered as soon as possible after November. (If you have included their names on your November List then they will be included in those Masses).

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## **THANK YOU**

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## **CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS REMEMBERING ALL SOULS**

**From a Homily  
of Pope Francis**

The Solemnity of All Saints is “our” celebration: not because we are good, but because the sanctity of God has touched our lives. The Saints are not perfect models, but people through whom God has passed. We can compare them to the Church windows which allow light to enter in different shades of colour. The saints are our brothers and sisters who have welcomed the light of God in their heart and then have passed it on to the world, each according to his or her own particular “hue”.

Today in the Gospel, Jesus addresses his followers, all of us, telling us that we are “Blessed” (Mt 5:3). These are the Beatitudes. They do not require conspicuous gestures; they are not for supermen, but for those who live the trials and toils of every day, for us. This is how the saints are: like everyone, they breathe air polluted by the evil there is in the world, but on the journey they never lose sight of Jesus’ roadmap, indicated in the Beatitudes, which is like the map of Christian life.

Today is the celebration of those who have reached the destination indicated by this map: not only the saints on the calendar, but many brothers and sisters whom we may have met and known. Today is a family celebration, of many simple, hidden people who in reality help God to move the world forward. And there are so many of them today! Thanks to these unknown brothers and sisters who help God to move the world forward, who live among us!

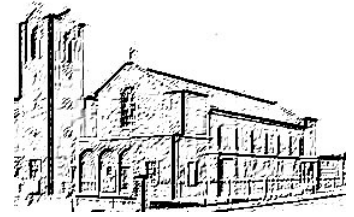
Lastly I would like to quote another beatitude, which is not found in the Gospel but at the end of the Bible, and it speaks of the end of life: “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord” (Rev 14:13). Throughout this month we will be called to accompany with prayer our deceased, so they may be forever joyful in the Lord.

Let us remember our beloved departed ones with gratitude and let us pray for them. May the Mother of God, Queen of the Saints and Gate of Heaven, intercede for us on our journey of holiness and for our loved ones gone before us, who have departed for the heavenly Homeland.

# **Holy Family Church, Platt Bridge**

## **LOCKDOWN BRIEFING**

**Sunday 8th November 2020**



### **MASS INTENTIONS (Private Masses)**

THIS SUNDAY	32ND OF ORDINARY TIME (A)	All Parishioners
MONDAY	LATERAN BASILICA DEDICTN.	Vera Howarth (Anniv)
TUESDAY	SAINT LEO THE GREAT	November List Names
WEDNESDAY	SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS	November List Names
THURSDAY	SAINT JOSAPHAT	November List Names
FRIDAY	ORDINARY TIME WEEKDAY	November List Names
SATURDAY	ORDINARY TIME WEEKDAY	Mgr. Austin Hunt (LD)
NEXT SUNDAY	33RD OF ORDINARY TIME (A)	All Parishioners

### **SEVEN-DAY LAMPS IN NOVEMBER**

Throughout November the lamps before Our Lady and the Sacred Heart in church are burning 24/7 for all the Faithful Departed and especially those named on our November Lists.

### **ONLINE MASSES**

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### **SAINT OSWALD'S OPEN FOR PRAYER**

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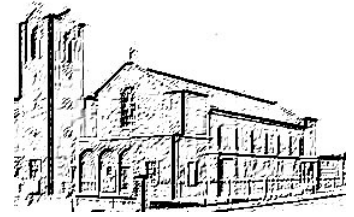
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# **Holy Family Church, Platt Bridge**

## **LOCKDOWN BRIEFING**

**Sunday 15th November 2020**



### **MASS INTENTIONS (Private Masses)**

THIS SUNDAY	33RD OF ORDINARY TIME (A)	All Parishioners
MONDAY	ORDINARY TIME WEEKDAY	John & Sheila Purcell (LD)
TUESDAY	SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY	November List Names
WEDNESDAY	ORDINARY TIME WEEKDAY	November List Names
THURSDAY	ORDINARY TIME WEEKDAY	November List Names
FRIDAY	ORDINARY TIME WEEKDAY	November List Names
SATURDAY	PRESENTATION OF OUR LADY	November List Names
NEXT SUNDAY	CHRIST THE KING (A)	All Parishioners

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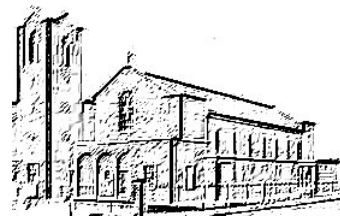
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# **Holy Family Church, Platt Bridge**

## **LOCKDOWN BRIEFING**

**Sunday 22nd November 2020**



### **MASS INTENTIONS (Private Masses)**

THIS SUNDAY	CHRIST THE KING (A)	All Parishioners
MONDAY	ORDINARY TIME WEEKDAY	Mgr. Austin Hunt (LD)
TUESDAY	MARTYRS OF KOREA	November List Names
WEDNESDAY	ORDINARY TIME WEEKDAY	November List Names
THURSDAY	ORDINARY TIME WEEKDAY	November List Names
FRIDAY	ORDINARY TIME WEEKDAY	November List Names
SATURDAY	ORDINARY TIME WEEKDAY	November List Names
NEXT SUNDAY	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)	All Parishioners

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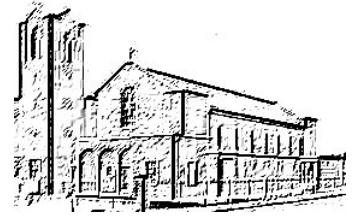
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# **Holy Family Church, Platt Bridge**

## **LOCKDOWN BRIEFING**

**Sunday 29th November 2020**



### **MASS INTENTIONS (Private Masses)**

THIS SUNDAY	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)	All Parishioners
MONDAY	SAINT ANDREW	November List Names
TUESDAY	ADVENT WEEKDAY	Marie Blundell (LD)
WEDNESDAY	ADVENT WEEKDAY	Fr. Des Power (LD)
THURSDAY	SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER	Mgr. Austin Hunt (LD)
FRIDAY	ADVENT WEEKDAY	Private Intention (LISCF)
SATURDAY	ADVENT WEEKDAY	Private Intention (AH)

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### **PUBLIC MASS RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY**

With the period of Lockdown due to end next Wednesday, our churches can open again for the public celebration of Mass. At Holy Family Church this will be from next Sunday, the 6th of December and the Masses will be:

NEXT SUNDAY	11.00am Mass	John Cotton
SECOND OF ADVENT	5.00pm Mass	All Parishioners

### **ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS 2020**

Our regular Newsletter will be available from church next Sunday and will give details of the different arrangements and times of the Masses for Christmas this year at Holy Family Church.

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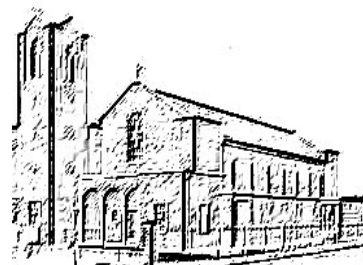
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### Sunday 6th December 2020

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### THE LITURGY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

#### THIS SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2020

##### Second Sunday of Advent (Year B)

11.00am	Mass	Offered for John Cotton
5.00pm	Mass	Offered for all Parishioners

#### TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2020 (*Magnificat Missal Page 109*)

##### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00am	Mass	Offered for Billy Roberts
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#### THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2020 (*Magnificat Missal Page 133*)

10.00am	Mass	Offered for John Bolger
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#### NEXT SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2020

##### Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)

11.00am	Mass	Offered for Rita & Bernard Abbott (Diamond Wedding)
5.00pm	Mass	Offered for Margaret Delaney

The church will be opened thirty minutes before the start of each Mass for private prayer and to allow any who may wish to light votive candles.

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## WELCOME BACK TO MASS



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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## MAGNIFICAT MONTHLY MISSAL

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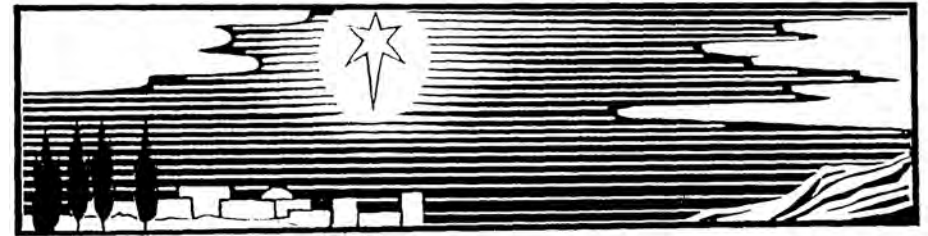
## REMEMBERING FIRST ANNIVERSARIES

We continue to hold in prayer before the Lord those whose First Anniversary of Death will occur during this month, remembering especially Arthur Lesley Bond from Marlborough Avenue, Spring View who died on the 11th of December 2019 aged 77 years; Richard Gerard Fleming from Stratton Drive, Platt Bridge who died on the 13th of December 2019 aged 65 years; Father Philip Barrett, a former Parish Priest of Holy Family, who died on the 17th of December 2019 aged 94 years; and Denise Angela Connor from Beech Grove, Abram who died on the 21st of December 2019 aged 57 years.

## ATTENDING MASS FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR

During this time of Pandemic, the obligation on Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays (including Christmas Day) remains suspended. So, in order to avoid any large gatherings, you may wish and choose to celebrate the feast by attending Mass on some other day when there will be fewer people present, instead of Christmas Day itself this year – maybe the 5.00pm Mass on the following Sunday, or Mass on Tuesday or Thursday in the week following Christmas.

## CHRISTMAS MASS ARRANGEMENTS



To regulate the number of people at each Mass this Christmas the Archbishop has advised that admission should be by ticket only (one ticket per person who wishes to attend). Tickets are limited to 80 for each of the Masses and are available from the stewards at the back of church during Advent. There will be four Masses for Christmas which will be celebrated as follows:

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER**

**MASS AT 6.00PM AND 7.30PM**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER**

**MASS AT 9.30AM AND 11.00AM**

**ADMISSION TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH MASS  
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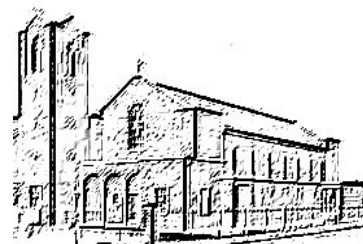
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##### Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)

11.00am Mass Offered for Rita & Bernard Abbott (Diamond Wedding)

5.00pm Mass Offered for Margaret Delaney

#### TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2020 (*Magnificat Missal Page 194*)

10.00am Mass Offered for Thomas McGuire

#### THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2020 (*Magnificat Missal Page 258*)

10.00am Mass Offered for Father Philip Barrett (1st Anniversary)

*Parish Priest of Holy Family 1981 to 2003. Died 17th December 2019*

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11.00am Mass Offered for Trevor John Cording

5.00pm Mass Offered for Gordon Findley

The church will be opened thirty minutes before the start of each Mass for private prayer and to allow any who may wish to light votive candles.

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Congratulations to Freddie Smith who will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion during the 11.00am Mass today (Sunday).

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## **STAYING WARM**

One of the requirements of the current regulations is that the church doors must remain open to assist with ventilation. As a result, even though the church heating is on and working at this time, it may still be a little chilly on some days. So it may be a good idea to wear your big winter coat when you come to Mass - and even a hat and scarf if you really feel the cold.

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**MASS AT 6.00PM AND 7.30PM**



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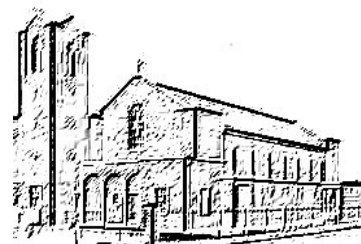
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#### TUESDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2020 (*Magnificat Missal Page 319*)

10.00am Mass Offered for Josie & Jack Walker

#### THURSDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2020

No Morning Mass today. Christmas Vigil Masses at 6.00pm and 7.30pm

##### CHRISTMAS MASSES

##### ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY

##### Be Seated in Church Five Minutes Before

Christmas Eve 6.00pm	Offered for all Parishioners
Christmas Eve 7.30pm	Offered for Kathleen Sweeney
Christmas Day 9.30am	Offered for Harry Robinson
Christmas Day 11.00am	Offered for The O'Hare Family

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## MARY'S PRAYER

It was the most simple, and yet greatest, prayer ever uttered.  
It was not a prayer that sought, but a prayer that accepted.  
It was a prayer that began and ended with the same word,  
Listening, then acquiescing.  
As Mary heard God's Word, accepted God's Word,  
and so, gave birth to God's Word,  
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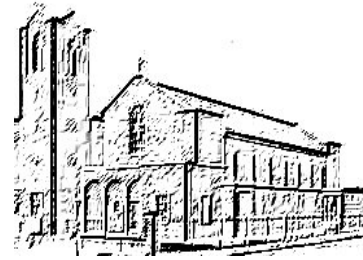
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#### TUESDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2020 (*Magnificat Missal Page 438*)

10.00am Mass Offered for Stan, Barbara & Sandra King

#### THURSDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2020 (*Magnificat Missal Page 464*)

10.00am Mass Offered for Martin & Agnes Harrington

#### FRIDAY 1ST JANUARY 2021 (*Magnificat Missal Page 23*)

##### NEW YEAR'S DAY Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**12 noon** Mass Offered for all Parishioners

#### NEXT SUNDAY 3RD JANUARY 2021

##### Second Sunday after Christmas (Year B)

11.00am Mass Offered for Wilfred Pugh

5.00pm Mass Offered for Francis Turner

**The church will be opened thirty minutes before the start of each Mass**

## **A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH**

Loving God, when you entrusted your Son to the care of Mary and Joseph, you did not spare them the pains that touch the life of every family. Bless our parish, dedicated to the patronage of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Teach us to rely on your word, that in our trials as in our joys we may be clothed in gentleness and patience and united in love. Make us ever-thankful for the blessings you give us through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh.

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## **MASS ON NEW YEARS DAY AT 12 NOON**

During this week, as we say goodbye (and maybe good riddance?) to 2020, let's embrace 2021 as a New Year with fresh hope. You may wish to do this by coming along to Mass at 12 noon on New Year's Day to pray God, whose love for us never changes, to grant us better days in the life that lies ahead of us in the coming year, through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God.

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TO SUPPORT CHRISTIAN FAMILIES IN NEED  
LIVING IN BETHLEHEM AND THE HOLY LAND**

## **FROM ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM**

No one can fail to be moved by the heart-wrenching accounts of families that have been tragically affected by the coronavirus. Families are not only mourning their loved ones who have died but are often separated from their children, parents or grandparents because of the need to keep safe. One of the paradoxes of modern life is that as belief in the reason for Christmas declines the feast grows in importance because of its emphasis on family. Therefore, it seems appropriate that today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family to ask for blessings on our own families.

Family life is strained by many different pressures, not only the coronavirus. This is felt none more so than by refugees, who experience acutely the dislocation of family life through war or persecution, but also by those who seek a different life through migration.

The Holy Family itself experienced the same pressure of dislocation, and today's gospel is a reminder that difficulties are never far away. Mary is warned by Simeon that a sword will pierce her own soul too. So it was that Joseph and Mary experienced the anxiety which is often shared by many parents about their children.

Our Catholic faith grows in our homes through the parents' love for each other and for their children. As we are drawn into this love, we can see the presence of Jesus as an additional member of our family, guiding, supporting and loving each of us. For this reason, we can be sure that Jesus dwells in all our families, giving families the strength to take up their crosses and so follow him, to rise again after they have fallen, to forgive one another, to bear one another's burdens.

The presence of Jesus in our families is seen in the many signs of hope which are around us. While I am well aware that family life is not simple, I also know that the love that is deep within a family is possible, because that love is an expression of God's love for us.

May the new year ahead be a time of peace and health. And may the Lord bless you and your families.

**+ Malcolm McMahon OP**  
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