

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK	
Sunday 13th February 6th of Ordinary Time (C) Mission Appeal at Mass by the Columban Fathers	Mass at 11.00am <i>Offered In Thanksgiving (PMW)</i> Celebration of Baptism at 12.30pm for Hannah Genevieve McKee
Monday 14th February Saints Cyril & Methodius	Line Dancing Holy Family Parish Hall from 1.00pm
Tuesday 15th February	Mass at 10.00am <i>Offered for The Pinder Family</i> Scripture Sharing Group Holy Family Church from 7.00pm
Wednesday 16th February	First Communion Preparation Meeting in Holy Family Church at 5.30pm
Thursday 17th February	Mass at 10.00am <i>Offered for Deirdre Bolger (sick)</i>
Friday 18th February	
Saturday 19th February	Mass at 11.00am <i>Offered for Vera Howarth</i> Confessions at 11.30am Exposition from 11.30am to 12 noon
Sunday 20th February 7th of Ordinary Time (C)	Mass at 11.00am <i>Offered for the People of the Parish</i>

BECOME INVOLVED WITH LENT IN OUR PARISH THIS YEAR

If any group or individual would like to organise and lead the communal praying of the Stations of the Cross on a morning or afternoon or evening every week during the Season of Lent, please see Father Tony. Any other suggestions or requests about things we could do during Lent this year (and offers to do them!) would also be very welcome. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday the 2nd of March.

THE HOLY FAMILY PLATT BRIDGE

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Sunday 13th February 2022

MISSION APPEAL TODAY BY THE COLUMBAN FATHERS

We offer a very warm welcome to Father Bernard McDermott who joins us for Mass today to make our annual Overseas Mission Appeal on behalf of The Columban Missionaries. Originally from Sale in Manchester, Father Bernard was ordained priest in 1974 and has served in the Philippines and Taiwan

RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY FOR THE MISSIONS

YEAR FOUR FIRST COMMUNIONS

The first of three preparation meetings for baptised-Catholic children in Year Four and their parents with our catechists takes place this week on Wednesday at 5.30pm. Please note that this first meeting will take place here in church; the other two meetings will take place in Holy Family School.

Regular attendance at Sunday Mass by both parents and children is an essential part of the preparation process, as is attendance at each of the three meetings.

WIGAN COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION FOR HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school has received the following update from the Department of Education at Wigan Council:

Thank you to those of you who have attended the consultation sessions or completed the consultation questionnaires.

After considering all of our intelligence and all of the feedback, we will be asking Cabinet on the 17th of February for approval to consult on the closure of Abram Bryn Gates Community School. If approved, this means we will start a new consultation with Abram Bryn Gates governors, parents, staff and wider stakeholders.

Whilst this will come as a relief to the Holy Family community, you will appreciate that this is a very difficult time for those at Abram Bryn Gates School and we ask that you be sensitive to the families and their community.

The details of the report have been released and you will be able to go on to Wigan Council's Website to view the report there and see the details.

LENT MAGAZINES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

With its engaging articles and 47 daily reflections, **Lent Extra 2022** is the must-read magazine for every Catholic for the forthcoming season.

Celebrate Lent 2022 is perfect for 7 to 12 year olds. It will encourage them to think about and grow in their faith while they have loads of fun! Twenty-two pages jam-packed with puzzles and facts, plus a Lent daily calendar and activity sheet for even more things to do.

Both are now on sale from the back of church. Price £1.95

COULD YOU BE A DEACON?

Join Archbishop Malcolm and the diaconate team in an evening meeting for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. Wives and supporting priests or deacons are also welcome. It's on Tuesday the 22nd of February 2022 from 7.30pm to 9.00pm (refreshments from 7pm) at Saint Gregory's Parish House, Weldbank Lane, Chorley PR7 3NW.

If you are interested in the diaconate but unable to attend this evening, please email diaconate@rcaol.org.uk for more information.

To find out more about the ministry and life of a deacon have a chat with Deacon Mike. To find out more about the training course for the diaconate have a chat with our own deacon-in-training Pearse.

SLEEP OUT WITH NUGENT

On Friday 4th of March Nugent Care is asking supporters to give up their bed for the night to experience just a fraction of the challenges of what it's like to be homeless (Under-18's must be accompanied by an adult).

For more information please go to:

<https://wearenugent.org/fundraising/sleep-out-with-nugent/>
or email fundraising@wearenugent.org
or telephone 07833 091852.

FOR LGBTQ+ CATHOLICS

The next LGBTQ+ Mass, with a social afterwards, takes place next Sunday (20th of February) at 2.00pm at Saint Richard's Church, Mayfield Street, Atherton, M46 0AQ. All LGBTQ+ Catholics and their families and friends welcome.

THANK YOU

Offertory Donations at Mass last week amounted to £381.33