



THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY 2013 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (Year C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Catherine Ramsdale</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Thomas Cooke</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>David Power</i>

MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2013

1.30pm	Holy Family	Funeral Service for Thomas Patrick Schofield
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass <i>Margaret Pye</i>

TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass <i>Irene Rosbotham</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass <i>Ints. of LISCf</i>

WEDNESDAY 9TH JANUARY 2013

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass <i>Winifred Sherlock</i>
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THURSDAY 10TH JANUARY 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass <i>Patricia Fanning</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass <i>Clarke & Pinder Families</i>

FRIDAY 11TH JANUARY 2013

7.00m	Sacred Heart	Mass <i>Special Intention</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)

SATURDAY 12TH JANUARY 2013

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass <i>Parishioners</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition

SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY 2013 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (Year C)

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Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass <i>Alan Gorton</i>
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Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord



THE JOURNEY OF THE PILGRIM

The Epiphany celebrates the pilgrimage of the Magi on a journey that leads them to a fresh start, directing them beyond the familiar and into the unknown. These pagan pilgrims know something that the Jewish religious establishment does not: that the promised and long-awaited King of the Jews is now to be born - and in their own local neighbourhood too. And on hearing this Herod and his court gather in a disturbed huddle: The outsiders have unsettled the institution!

Learning from the locals precisely where the new king is said to be found, off they go again. Yet their destination is not a palace but a child, and their journey's end not an institution of power, but a figure as powerless and as fragile as a child. They bow before this child, offering him their curious gifts: A journey that began in curiosity now leads them to wonder-filled worship.

The Magi are the patrons of all those who see and follow signposts to God that the rest of us neither see nor follow. Most of us travel to God by familiar routes, but we should be hesitant to condemn or scoff at those who seem to take other unfamiliar routes in search of the One God. For, if we are all pilgrims in life, what if the outsider is the one who is heading to encounter and worship God at a new and surprising address?

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
FOR "CRIB OFFERINGS" TO SUPPORT
NUGENT CARE'S WORK WITH FAMILIES

A WORD FROM FATHER TONY

The passing of another year is always an occasion for memories. Some moments we will remember with joy; others with sadness. During 2012 we welcomed new members into our parish families; we accompanied our children on their continuing journey of growth in faith; and we said farewell to some of our family and friends who we continue to thank God for and to hold in our hearts and in prayer.

Many have generously shared their time, talent and effort for the work of the Gospel in our parishes; and we have shown our concern and care for those in need both in our own country and further afield through our response to various appeals and collections.

Some have experienced the support and fun that comes from being part of a parish community through the variety of social activities that have taken place; and others have worked silently and hard to provide those opportunities for us to gather and also for us to come together week-in and week-out in worship and praise through prayerful and dignified celebrations of the liturgy. I have no doubt that 2013 will demand yet more of us as we continue in this Year of Faith to follow the Lord in discipleship. But I also have no doubt that together we will continue to answer the call to follow Him with generosity and with love.

Thank you to everyone for all you do to make our parishes the warm and welcoming places that they are. And I wish to you and your families the gift of good health and every blessing in the New Year that opens up before us.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with Gaynor Greenwood from Park View, Abram, and her family on the death of her father Thomas Patrick Schofield on the 19th of December aged 83 years. Although Thomas lived in Cheshire his funeral rites will be celebrated in Holy Family Church on Monday this week at 1.30pm prior to burial in Westwood Cemetery. May the Lord welcome him home.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

Sunday 27th January

Education Sunday: Retiring Collection for the Catholic Education Service

Wednesday 13th February

Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent

Sunday 24th February

IMPACT Deanery Youth Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Hindley Green at 6.30pm



"SHE REFUSES TO SING IT BECAUSE IT'S SEXIST"

WANT TO GET MARRIED?

If you, or anyone you may know, wishes to be married in either of our two churches in 2013 or before Easter 2014 and has not already contacted Father Tony, please do so before the end of this month. We need as much notice as possible so that suitable arrangements can be made for Marriage Preparation for our engaged couples (and the course takes place normally just once each year). The Banns of Marriage for those who are to be married in our churches during 2013 will be published in the weekly bulletin in a few weeks time.

THANK YOU

Holy Family		Sacred Heart
	Christmas Day	
£787.00	Offertory	£715.00
	Last Sunday's	
£424.03	Offertory	£593.70

Thank you to those who contributed to the Retiring Collection taken at the Joint Schools Carol Service held in Holy Family Church on the 19th of December which realised £171 for Wigan and Leigh Hospice.

Sincere thanks to all who organised and supported this year's Christmas Chocolate Tombola which raised £65 for Holy Family Church Funds.

Our thanks for a donation of £10 to Holy Family Church funds in Christmas Remembrance of Eric Roberts from Tony and Pat Roscoe.

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL 2013 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES



By air from Liverpool John Lennon Airport from Friday the 26th of July to Friday the 2nd of August 2013. And also travelling overland by Jumbulance.

Pilgrims who will need help with mobility, nursing or medical care on the journey or in Lourdes should register as soon as possible with the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office on 0151 727 4000. The Closing date for registration is the 30th of April 2013.

The Tour Operator is Joe Walsh Tours at 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2, Ireland. Full details can be found online at www.joewalshstours.ie (there is a reduction of £10 for those who book online) or telephone 0151 909 2871 or email info@joewalshstours.ie. Limited places are available so it is advisable to book early. Hotels costs range from £699pp fully inclusive and a deposit of £150 is payable on booking.

HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL

December 2012 Winners

£25 Prize each week

5th December No. 27

12th December No. 16

19th December No. 19

26th December No. 34



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Sat. 5.30pm Sacred Heart Mass *Christina Crooke*
Sun. 9.00am Sacred Heart Mass *Alan Gorton*
Sun. 10.30am Holy Family Mass *Barbara King*

MONDAY 14TH JANUARY 2013 (Week One of Ordinary Time)

7.00pm Sacred Heart Mass *Irene & Richard Winnard*

TUESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2013

Please Note: No 9.15am Mass at Sacred Heart Church today

10.00am Holy Family Mass *Intentions of Betty Foley*

WEDNESDAY 16TH JANUARY 2013

10.00am Sacred Heart Mass *Eric Gaskell & Family*

THURSDAY 17TH JANUARY 2013 – SAINT ANTONY OF EGYPT

Please Note: No 9.15am Mass at Sacred Heart Church today

10.00am Holy Family Mass *Bill Mangnall*

FRIDAY 18TH JANUARY 2013

7.00m Sacred Heart Mass *Thomas Walsh*
7.30pm Sacred Heart **Reconciliation (Confessions)**

SATURDAY 19TH JANUARY 2013

11.00am Holy Family Mass *Ray & June Jones*
11.30am Holy Family **Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition**

SUNDAY 20TH JANUARY 2013 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm Sacred Heart Mass *Parishioners*
Sun. 9.00am Sacred Heart Mass *Joyce Connell*
Sun. 10.30am Holy Family Mass *Kevin Peter Carlon*

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

OUR BAPTISM FAITH: PASS IT ON

Right from its very beginning, Christianity has been characterised by a movement of tradition. When most Catholics are asked what tradition means they tend to say it's something you cling on to, something you keep. But the primary meaning of the word is quite the opposite: Tradition is not something we keep, but something we hand on. The word Tradition comes from the Latin verb *tradere* which means to transmit, to hand over, to give for safekeeping.

When Saint Paul summarised his preaching to the Corinthians he told them: "I taught you what I had been taught myself" (I Corinthians 15:3). That is tradition in action. When we don't want to lose what we love, we hand it over. Otherwise when we die there will be a double funeral, for us and for the thing we love!

Christianity is always just a generation away from extinction: If we do not hand on what we believe and love to a new generation then Christianity will be reduced to a museum piece, just a memory of what people once believed and practised. Christianity has always depended on people (parents especially) passing on their faith so that others may share the life they cherish. This is the basis behind the new programmes of sacramental preparation which our Archdiocese has embarked upon with parents.

This Year of Faith challenges us all to share our belief with our families, our friends and all we meet. And we don't have to become street preachers to do this; we can do it quietly in what Pope Paul VI called "wordless witness":

"Through this wordless witness these Christians stir up irresistible questions in the hearts of those who see how they live. Why are they like this? Why do they live in this way? What or who is it that inspires them? Why are they in our midst? Such a witness is already a silent proclamation of the Good News and a very powerful and effective one." (Pope Paul VI: *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 21)

➔ FREE BOOK TODAY ➔

Available at the back of church this weekend is Volume Two of the four booklet series "Doorway to Faith" which provides daily reflections from the Catechism of the Catholic Church for each day of this Year of Faith. This second volume addresses the subject matter in section four of the Catechism, something which is very basic to our lives as Christians: Prayer. The booklets are offered free of charge so please take a copy to use as a help for your prayer and reflection in this Year of Faith.

NATIVITY PLAY DVD

The Nativity Play which Holy Family Little Church children performed just before Christmas was recorded and copies of the DVD are available to anyone who would like to have one in exchange for a small donation to Holy Family church funds. Please see Mary Marsh if you're interested.

THANKS FROM COLETTE

Colette Burke has emailed from Lima, Peru where she is helping the Missionary Brothers of Charity in their work with disadvantaged boys to thank her supporters for donations totalling £550 at Christmas. Colette, the Brothers and the boys send their love and prayers to all parishioners.

**TEA AND COFFEE IS SERVED EVERY SUNDAY
IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL AFTER THE MASS**

FROM ARCHBISHOP PATRICK

"Thank you for all the prayers and messages I have received in the past few weeks; they have been deeply moving and much appreciated.

As after my hip replacement, it is clear that my convalescence can now best continue at home, but there is no question of my thereupon resuming pastoral engagements.

Indeed, although the recovery has gone well, I have decided that I must offer to the Holy Father my resignation as Archbishop of Liverpool. It rests with the Holy Father to respond to the request I have put before him. Until then pastoral responsibility for the Archdiocese will remain with me, and the responsibilities of all those who assist me remain fully in place.

Please continue your prayers as this situation develops."



Archbishop of Liverpool

The full report of our Archdiocesan Assembly on **KEEPING THE LORD'S DAY** which was held on the 24th of November has been published and can be found on the diocesan website at www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk (Right click on the "Latest News" tab and then again on the Archdiocesan Assembly Report page).

- FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES -

CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS

For the last ten years the Catholics Bishops' Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer at least 6 internships: Three interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster, two in public policy with CAFOD and one in a media internship in Archbishop's House Westminster. All internships will run from September 2013 to July 2014 and will include accommodation and subsistence allowances.

Full details and an application form can be found at the website address www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-internships and completed application forms must either be emailed to interns@cbcew.org.uk or posted to: Michaela Kelly, Head of HR, at 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. The closing date is 9.00am on the 25th of February 2013 and Assessment days will be 25th and 26th March 2013. If you know anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to apply.

THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION

The Catenian Association is a brotherhood of Catholic men who meet regularly for mutual support, social activities, and to further the work of the lay apostolate in the Church. There are over 10,000 Catenians worldwide in groups called "Circles", the Wigan group being Circle 16, formed in 1913 and celebrating its centenary next year. We meet monthly on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm at Hindley Hall Golf Club with a buffet and informal chat included. Social functions which are organised throughout the year include the Ladies Dinner Dance, President's Night, a Clergy Dinner, a Christmas Party, and President's Weekend. Mass is offered throughout the year for vocations to the priesthood and for the repose of all deceased members.

All practicing Catholic men aged 18 years and over and eligible to join. Interested? Want to know more? Contact Chris Eccleston at Holy Family or phone him on 01942 701049 or visit www.thecatenians.com or speak to any Catenian.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family

Offertory £418.78

Crib Offerings £121.95

Sacred Heart

Offertory £635.50

Crib Offerings £190.00

Our thanks for donations to Holy Family Church in memory of Mona Hurst from sister Joyce and Bill Hilton (£10) and from friend Gladys Hornley (£5)



The Year of Faith,
Celebrating What We Do
and What We Believe

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Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Joyce Connell</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Kevin Peter Carlon</i>

MONDAY 21ST JANUARY 2013 – SAINT AGNES

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Ints. of Ellen Kinsella (sick)</i>
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TUESDAY 22ND JANUARY 2013

Please Note: No 9.15am Mass at Sacred Heart Church today

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Kathleen Tivean</i>
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WEDNESDAY 23RD JANUARY 2013

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Mary Ann O'Connell</i>
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THURSDAY 24TH JANUARY 2013 – SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

Please Note: No 9.15am Mass at Sacred Heart Church today

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Ints. of LISCF</i>
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FRIDAY 25TH JANUARY 2013 – CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

7.00m	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Pat Fanning</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 26TH JANUARY 2013 – SAINTS TIMOTHY & TITUS

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Harry Robinson</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 27TH JANUARY 2013 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Ints. of Colin Gillespie (sick)</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Samuel & Catherine Middlehurst</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

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Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18th to 25th January 2013

"The restoration of unity among all Christians is one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council. Christ the Lord founded one Church and one Church only. However, many Christian communions present themselves as the true inheritors of Jesus Christ; all indeed profess to be followers of the Lord but differ in mind and go their different ways, as if Christ Himself were divided. Such division openly contradicts the will of Christ, scandalises the world, and damages the cause of preaching the Gospel to all the world.

"But the Lord of Ages wisely and patiently follows out the plan of grace on our behalf, sinners that we are. In recent times more than ever before, He has been rousing divided Christians to remorse over their divisions and to a longing for unity. Everywhere large numbers have felt the impulse of this grace, and among separated brethren also there increases from day to day the movement, fostered by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for the restoration of unity among all Christians. This movement toward unity is called "ecumenical." Those belong to it who invoke the Triune God and confess Jesus as Lord and Saviour, doing this not merely as individuals but also as corporate bodies. For almost everyone regards the body in which they have heard the Gospel as their Church and indeed, God's Church. All however, though in different ways, long for the one visible Church of God, a Church truly universal and set forth into the world that all people may be given life by the Gospel and so be saved, to the glory of God."

Decree of the Second Vatican Council on Ecumenism

"Unitatis Redintegratio" art. 1

21st November 1964

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

We publish the Banns of Marriage for the following couples who intend to be married in our churches during the coming year. If you know of any canonical or legal impediment or any other serious reason why they should not be married please contact Father Tony as soon as possible, And, just as importantly, please hold them in your prayers.

Friday 26th April 2013 at Holy Family, Platt Bridge

Jodie Fishwick and Michael Burrows of Anderton Street, Ince

Friday 8th June 2013 at Holy Family, Platt Bridge

Jenna Marie Hickey and James Jeffrey Taylor of Marlborough Avenue, Ince

Saturday 22nd June 2013 at Sacred Heart, Hindley Green

Laura Crompton and Steven Beardsworth of Boscombe Place, Hindley

Saturday 27th July 2013 at Sacred Heart, Hindley Green

Kelly Marie Ashurst and Nicholas Stephen Prior of Harbrook Grove, Hindley Green

Saturday 28th September at Sacred Heart, Hindley Green

Kerry Taylor and Scott Waring of Swan Lane, Hindley Green

Saturday 5th October 2013 at Holy Family, Platt Bridge

Katie Greenhalgh and Daniel Jackson of Crediton Drive, Platt Bridge

Saturday 30th November 2013 at Holy Family, Platt Bridge

Rebecca Abbott and Paul John Hughes of Beech Grove, Abram

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2013

In Lourdes at the same time as the official Archdiocesan Pilgrimage but departing from Manchester Airport on Saturday the 27th of July at 1.15pm, staying in the Hotel Louis de France, with the return flight on Saturday the 3rd of August at 5.00pm. Price is £688 based on two persons sharing (add £116 for a single room). See Deacon Ken for more details.

PARISH PLANNING MEETINGS

There's an Open Meeting for Sacred Heart Parishioners in the Gordon Room on Monday of this week after Mass at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

The Friends of Holy Family will meet during the after-Mass Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall on Sunday the 3rd of February to plan future social and fund-raising events. All welcome.

REFLECTING ON OUR FAITH



Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School in Ashton continues with their series of discussions on the Catholic Faith to bring together staff, parents and pupils (as well as any other individuals who may be interested) to reflect on the basics of our faith and how it can be lived in the modern world. The sessions are informal, free and refreshments will be provided. The next session takes place this Thursday (24th of January) on Prayer and runs from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

Everyone welcome.

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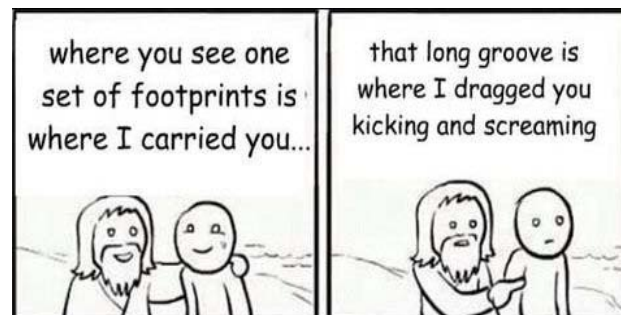
Holy Family
£357.18

Sacred Heart
Offertory £571.30

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Next Sunday (27th January) is Holocaust Memorial Day, remembering the more than six million Jews and many others who perished in the Nazi death camps during the Second World War. To mark the remembrance this year, two local events are taking place this coming Friday (25th January) to which everyone is welcome: In the Council Chamber of Wigan Town Hall (Hewlett Street Entrance) at 10.30am and in The Derby Room of the Turnpike Centre in Leigh Civic Square at 1.30pm.



MEDJUGORJE REUNION

Father Peter Kelly is holding a Reunion and an Afternoon of Prayer for all Medjugorje pilgrims at Saint Oswald's, Old Swan, Liverpool next Saturday (26th January). The afternoon begins with welcomes at 2.00pm, Praying the Rosary at 2.30pm, Mass celebrated at 3.00pm, and a sharing of experiences from 4.00pm. Parking is available on the Tesco car park nearby.

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Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Samuel & Catherine Middlehurst</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

MONDAY 28TH JANUARY 2013 – SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Joseph Clarkson</i>
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TUESDAY 29TH JANUARY 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Kay McGowan</i>

WEDNESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2013

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Sandra King</i>
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THURSDAY 31ST JANUARY 2013 – SAINT JOHN BOSCO

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Mgr. Stephen Loudon</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Bill Mangnall</i>

FRIDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2013

7.00m	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Raymond Adams</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2013 – PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Christopher Barlow</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2013 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Joseph & Ethel Reid</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Raymond Shaw & Family</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>

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Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

WELCOME TO THE YEAR OF LUKE

The liturgical readings are on a three-yearly cycle and each year we hear a different Gospel being proclaimed at Sunday Mass. On the Ordinary Time Sundays of this liturgical Year C the gospel readings we will hear will be taken from the Gospel according to Luke.

Background to the Gospel of Luke

On the night of the 18th of July in the year 64 AD a fire broke out in Rome that blazed for a week. It destroyed two-thirds of the imperial city. Rumour spread like the fire itself that the mad emperor, Nero, was to blame. To divert suspicion from himself, Nero looked for a scapegoat. His choice fell on the Christians because their founder had taught that he had come to bring fire on the earth and wished that it was burning already.

The Roman authorities learned to distinguish Christianity from Judaism. Before the fire, Christianity was tolerated as a sect of Judaism; after the fire, the Christians suddenly became the terrorist group to blame for the destruction of Rome. The great apostles Peter and Paul died in this persecution.

While the church was adapting to its illegal status within the Roman Empire, the first great defence of Christianity was written, the two-volume work of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Both are dedicated to a high Roman official, his Excellency Theophilus, defending Christianity against the accusations of his governing class. Luke will show that Jesus was found innocent by the representatives of the Roman power: Pilate declared Jesus innocent as did the Roman centurion overseeing the crucifixion. Jesus was no terrorist, but turned his back on political revolution to accomplish a more profound revolution in the heart of people. Are Christians suspected of anti-social behaviour? Luke will portray the founder of Christianity as a figure of nobility and grace, a man who breathed kindness and graciousness.

Continued overleaf

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR
THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION COUNCIL

The Writer Luke

Luke is the only writer in the New Testament who is not a Jew. He was not even an actual disciple of Jesus: he tells us that he gets his information from those who were eye-witnesses and ministers of the word. These are his sources. As a Gentile, Luke has a particular interest in the abiding truth that Jesus is for everyone: he comes not only as the glory of the house of Israel, but as the light to enlighten the Gentiles.

Luke has a particular interest in old people. Only in his Gospel do we meet the venerable ancients in Elizabeth and Zechariah, Simeon and Anna. They are not fascinated by the past, the good old days: what is still to happen dominates their life. They are still excited about tomorrow and what the future holds. For Luke, it is their faith, the faith of old age, that brings in the new age of Gospel. For all their wrinkles, they have never lost the capacity to wonder nor their desire to share their excitement in the midst of a world that has become tired with itself.

It would be difficult to celebrate Christmas as we do without Luke. Matthew and Luke have different birth scenes: Matthew has important people, wise men, coming from afar to the house of Joseph where Jesus is born. By contrast, Luke has Mary and Joseph come down from the hill country of Nazareth to Bethlehem, where the child is born in an animal shelter and local peasants drop in to celebrate with the young peasant couple.

Things to look out for in his Gospel

Luke has a special place in his Gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles for the women of Galilee, the women followers of Jesus who stayed with him right to the end. They represent so many women down the ages: women whose love and loyalty make them strangely unafraid, women whose talent is to be there; women who follow Jesus to the terror of Golgotha, and who stay around to pick up the pieces.

In Luke's Gospel, the gates of God's kingdom are open to all people of goodwill. For Luke, God has no immigration policy. All Luke's heroes are outsiders and outcasts, the kind of people who are forgettable and overlooked in every other realm, but not in Jesus' kingdom.

Luke knows about ambiguity in life: he knows that the good people in life are not always the correct people; he knows that decency and courtesy can come from the most unexpected quarter; he knows that kindness can flourish beyond the boundaries of religion.

As we continue our journey of discipleship of the Lord Jesus during this Year of Faith, and with the Gospel according to Luke as our guide, may the Good News continue to be fresh, alive and active among us.

**TEA AND COFFEE IS SERVED EVERY SUNDAY
IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL AFTER THE MASS**

OUR PARISH FAMILY

This weekend we welcome into the People of God and our parish family through the celebration of Baptism at Holy Family Church, Molly June Saunders aged eight months from Elizabethan Walk, Platt Bridge

THE FRIENDS OF HOLY FAMILY

Everyone is welcome to come along and join the Friends of Holy Family for a brief meeting during the after-Mass Coffee Morning next Sunday (3rd February) in Holy Family Parish Hall to plan social and fund-raising events for the coming year. New ideas are always very welcome: So why not come along next Sunday and share your ideas with us?

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2013

In Lourdes at the same time as the official Archdiocesan Pilgrimage but departing from Manchester Airport on Saturday the 27th of July at 1.15pm, staying in the Hotel Louis de France, with the return flight on Saturday the 3rd of August at 5.00pm. Price is £688 based on two persons sharing (add £116 for a single room). Please contact Deacon Ken if you're interested in going.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family

Offertory £384.33

Sacred Heart

Offertory £595.60

A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

To mark the beginning of National Marriage Week, the Archdiocesan Celebration of Marriage and Family Life is this year taking place in our Deanery. Bishop Vincent Malone will be the main celebrant on Sunday the 10th of February at 3.00pm at Our Lady Immaculate Church, Downall Green Road, Bryn and it's a celebration to which everyone is invited: young and old, married or single, widowed, separated or divorced but with maybe a special invitation extended to those who are due to be married during this year or those couples celebrating a special Wedding Anniversary sometime in 2013. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the parish centre.

PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR 2012

A copy of the Annual Financial Statement of Income and Expenditure for 2012 for each parish has been placed on the notice board at the back of each respective church for you to see. Basically, the main point in each Financial Statement is that expenditure exceeded income in both parishes during the year ending 31st of December 2012: At Holy Family Parish by £32K (£43.5K was spent on maintenance and repair work) and at Sacred Heart Parish by £12.5K (£10.5K was spent on repairs). Repair and maintenance work is an ongoing necessity in every year, but additional work was carried out last year in both parishes which was mandatory as a result of the Surveyors' Inspections carried out during 2011.



THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2013 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Joseph & Ethel Reid</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Raymond Shaw & Family</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>

MONDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2013

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Joan Warburton</i>
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TUESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2013 - SAINT AGATHA (3rd Century)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Rose McGuckin</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Wendy Hurst</i>

WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2013 – MARTYRS OF JAPAN (16th Century)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Roseanne Clarke</i>
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THURSDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Francis Rigby</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Marie Taylor</i>

FRIDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2013

7.00m	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Archbishop Derek Worlock (anniv)</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2013

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Ints. of LISCF</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2013 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Jess Harrison</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Barbara King</i>
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Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

Wednesday 13th February

Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent

Sunday 24th February

IMPACT Deanery Youth Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Hindley Green at 6.30pm (Meeting in Sacred Heart School from 4.00pm)

Sundays 3rd, 10th & 17th March

Launch of the new Archdiocesan Baptism Preparation Course with parents asking for Baptism for their children (*Further courses will be run over the first three Sundays in June, September and December*)

Thursday 28th to Saturday 30th March

The Celebration of the Solemn Liturgy of the Easter Triduum

Sunday 31st March

Easter Sunday and the Reception of Angharad Wheatley into Full Communion with the Catholic Church during Mass at Holy Family

Sunday 7th April

Annual Mission Appeal being preached by Sister Daphne Norden

Friday 26th April

Wedding of Jodie Fishwick and Michael Burrows at Holy Family Church

Sunday 19th May

Pentecost Sunday and the celebration of Confirmation and First Communion with some of our Year Four Children at 10.30am in Holy Family Church and at 3.00pm in Sacred Heart Church. (*Parents are reminded that they must already be coming to Mass with their children every weekend if they wish them to receive these sacraments*)

DEFENDING MARRIAGE

As mentioned at Mass last week, our bishops ask to send one of the provided postcard to our MP Yvonne Fovargue at the House of Commons to register our opposition to the Government's proposal for a Same-Sex Couples Marriage Bill. Due to the effect of the bad weather on last weekend's postal deliveries, these postcards were received at Holy Family but not at Sacred Heart.

They are now available at the back of Sacred Heart Church this weekend, but if you intend to send one please post it today and send it First Class since the Bill is being rushed through to its first vote in Parliament next Tuesday at around 7.00pm.

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

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SCHOOL CAR PARKING

Parents, Mass-goers and those using the club are reminded that the car park by the side of **Sacred Heart Church** is for the use of school staff only between the hours of 8.30am and 4.00pm from Monday to Friday during term time.

The rear gates of **Holy Family Church** car park are opened each day during term time so that parents may park there as they bring their children to school in the mornings and collect them in the afternoons, thus avoiding inconvenience to our neighbours in Tram Street. But please park **ONLY** on the tarmac-covered main parking area: Do not park in the small area of land adjoining the priest's garage (access to the church and garage is needed at all times, plus cars churn up the bare ground in wet weather.)

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family		Sacred Heart	
£394.14	Offertory	£509.40	
£101.98	Catholic Education	£121.00	

OUR PARISH FAMILY



Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the families and friends of those who have died recently and whose funeral rites have already been celebrated:

Elsie Dawber from George Street, Hindley who died on the 11th of January aged 87 years and whose funeral rites were celebrated at Howe Bridge Crematorium on the 21st of January;

Kathleen Battle from The Mews, Hindley who died on the 13th of January aged 57 years and whose funeral rites were celebrated at Wigan Crematorium after a service at Sacred Heart Church on the 22nd of January;

Iris Tindall from Atherton Road, Hindley Green who died on the 15th of January aged 81 years and whose funeral rites were celebrated at Wigan Crematorium on the 24th of January.

May the Lord welcome them home.

QUIZ NIGHT NEXT SATURDAY 9TH FEBRUARY AT 9.00PM

in Holy Family Club
Tram Street, Platt Bridge

Free Buffet

Cash Prizes

AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 21? THINKING ABOUT PRIESTHOOD?

Next Sunday (10th of February) at 2.00pm the Vocations Team will be holding its monthly discernment meeting at Saint Charles Borromeo Church, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool. This meeting is aimed at young men aged between 15 and 21 who are maybe considering the idea of offering themselves to God and his people through the priesthood. The group gather to pray, to socialise and to learn more about the vocation of the priesthood and what being a priest entails. If you'd like to attend this group or would just like a little more information then please contact Father James Preston on 0151 727 2493. No obligation to buy!

SCRIPTURE WEEKENDS BY IRENAEUS IN 2013

Each weekend begins on the Friday and ends on the Sunday and will be led by Father Chris Thomas at Saint Joseph's Prayer Centre, Blundell Avenue, Formby, L37 1PH.

February 15th to 17th
"For Such a Time as This"
Exploring the Book of Esther

April 19th to 21st
"The Lord is my Salvation"
A Journey through the Book of Exodus

To book a place on any of the above weekends phone Irenaeus on 0151 949 1199 or email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

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Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Jess Harrison</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Barbara King</i>
Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism	

MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2013 – OUR LADY OF LOURDES

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Sister Raymond</i>
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TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Dinah Wilson</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Kathleen Hoare</i>



ASH WEDNESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2013 THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON OF LENT

10.00am	Sacred Heart	<i>Gerald Dootson</i>
7.00pm	Holy Family	<i>Mollie O'Connell</i>

THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2013 – SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS (9th Cent)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Marcus Reid</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Fred Kissack</i>

FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2013

6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Stations of the Cross	
7.00m	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Eileen Shaw</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2013

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Bill Mangnall</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2013 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Dunne Family</i>
Sat. 6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Gerard Foley</i>
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Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

WELCOME THE SEASON OF LENT



This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Season of Lent and a Day of Fasting and Abstinence. Fasting means reducing the amount of food and drink we take: Abstinence means refraining from eating meat (or, in the case of vegetarians, from some other favourite form of food). Fasting and Abstinence are obligatory for all Catholics on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and are undertaken as a spiritual form of communion with Our Lord in his Passion and also as an outward sign of witness to our Catholic identity. For this same reason, some form of self-denial is also encouraged throughout the Season of Lent (although you can have a day off on feastdays!)

Catholics are encouraged to begin the Season of Lent by coming together to celebrate the Eucharist on Ash Wednesday and receive the sign of ashes on our heads: Mass on Wednesday will be celebrated at 10.00am in Sacred Heart Church and at 7.00pm in Holy Family Church. Ashes will be imposed during each of these Masses.

We are also invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to pray and reflect on the Way of the Cross. You'll find more about the opportunities offered for both of these in our parishes each week during Lent elsewhere in your copy of this newsletter.

JOIN US TO REFLECT ON THE WAY OF THE CROSS

FROM NEXT FRIDAY AT 6.15PM
Before Mass at Sacred Heart

FROM NEXT SUNDAY AT 3.00PM
During a Holy Hour
at Holy Family

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into the People of God and our Parish Family through the celebration of Baptism this weekend at Sacred Heart Church: Caleb Luke Gallagher aged eleven months, from Askwith Road, Hindley Green. *(In accordance with the ancient practice of the Church, the Sacrament of Baptism will not be celebrated in either of our churches again until after the Season of Lent at Easter)*

FREE "WALK WITH ME" BOOK

Copies of the "Walk With Me" booklet of daily reflections for the Season of Lent are being distributed free of charge to Mass-goers at both of our churches this weekend. Do please take a copy and use it as a help to prayer during Lent. *(Would Eucharistic Ministers also take a copy to those they visit with Holy Communion along with their usual copy of our weekly parish bulletin.)*

**TEA AND COFFEE IS SERVED EVERY SUNDAY
IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL AFTER THE MASS**

NEW HYMNBOOKS FOR SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart Church will very shortly begin using new hymnbooks to replace the well-worn copies of "Hymns Old and New" which have been in use for very many years. The hymnbook that has been chosen is "Celebration Hymnal for Everyone", the same as used at Holy Family Church but a more recent edition, revised to include the new wording of the Mass settings which came in last year. Any donations which Sacred Heart parishioners may wish to make towards the cost of these new hymnbooks would be welcomed.

HOLY FAMILY EASTER BINGO

The Friends of Holy Family will be holding an Easter Bingo in Holy Family Club on Tuesday the 19th of March. Any gifts of prizes (chocolates, Easter Eggs, bottles, etc.) will be gratefully received by Neil Mulhearn or Mary Marsh or can be brought to Holy Family Church.

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION IN LENT

Friday at 7.30pm (Sacred Heart)

Saturday at 11.00am (Saint Benedict)

Saturday at 11.30am (Holy Family)

Saturday at 6.15pm (Sacred Heart)

Saturday at 6.30pm (Saint Benedict)

LEAD US IN THE WAY OF THE CROSS AT SACRED HEART

During the Season of Lent which begins next Wednesday, we are offered two opportunities each week to gather together as a community to pray the Way of the Cross: On Sundays at 3pm in Holy Family Church and on Fridays at 6.15pm in Sacred Heart Church concluding with the Mass at 7pm. The Sunday Stations of the Cross will be led by Father Tony and will take place during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, using a different version of the Way of the Cross prayers each week. The Friday Stations at Sacred Heart will be more informal and led by a different individual or parish group each week, using whichever version of the prayers that individual or group may choose, and also whatever musical, lighting or visual aids they may wish to use. If any parish group or individual person would like to volunteer to lead us in praying the Stations of the Cross on any particular Friday, please sign your name on the list at the back of Sacred Heart Church.

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THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family
Offertory £418.90

Sacred Heart
Offertory £553.75

COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

There will be a Retiring Collection taken after each of our Masses at both churches next weekend in aid of Lenten Alms. The donations you give through Lenten Alms are sent to the Archbishop to be used in support of some local needs and charitable causes.

HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL JANUARY WINNING NUMBERS

January 2nd	No. 42
January 9th	No. 32
January 16th	No. 45
January 23rd	No. 29
January 30th	No. 05

Sacred Heart Catholic Club (Behind the Church)

Tel. 01942 255192
Bingo Nights each week
on Tuesday & Sunday at 9.00pm
with Concert Night every Saturday

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH CLUB

Holy Family Catholic Club

Tram Street, Platt Bridge
Tel. 01942 866167
Bingo Nights each week
on Monday & Wednesday at 7.45pm
and Sunday at 9.00pm

*Both Clubs have a function room
which is available for private hire.*

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2013 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Dunne Family</i>
Sat. 6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Gerard Foley</i>
Sun. 3.00pm	Holy Family	Stations of the Cross & Exposition	

MONDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2013

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Isobel McGarry</i>
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TUESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Joan Warburton</i>

WEDNESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2013

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Anthea Killip</i>
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THURSDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Austin King</i>
1.30pm	Sacred Heart	Funeral Service for Brian Bray	

FRIDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2013 – FEAST OF SAINT PETER, APOSTLE

6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Stations of the Cross	
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Sheila Flanagan</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2013

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Thomas & Susan O'Neill</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2013 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Edith McCormack</i>
Sat. 6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Thomas Cooke</i>
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First Sunday of Lent (C)

THE RESIGNATION OF POPE BENEDICT XVI

"After having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry. I am well aware that this ministry, due to its essential spiritual nature, must be carried out not only with words and deeds, but no less with prayer and suffering. However, in today's world, subject to so many rapid changes and shaken by questions of deep relevance for the life of faith, in order to govern the bark of Saint Peter and proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary, strength which in the last few months, has deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me. For this reason, and well aware of the seriousness of this act, with full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome, Successor of Saint Peter, entrusted to me in such a way that, as from 28th February 2013 at 20:00 hours, the See of Rome, the See of Saint Peter, will be vacant and a Conclave to elect the new Supreme Pontiff will have to be convoked by those whose competence it is.

"I thank you most sincerely for all the love and work with which you have supported me in my ministry and I ask pardon for all my defects. And now, let us entrust the Holy Church to the care of Our Supreme Pastor, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and implore his holy Mother Mary, so that she may assist the Cardinal Fathers with her maternal solicitude in electing a new Supreme Pontiff. With regard to myself, I wish to also devotedly serve the Holy Church of God in the future through a life dedicated to prayer."

Benedictus PP XVI

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
FOR "LENTEN ALMS" CHARITIES

EVENING MASS NEXT SUNDAY (24TH FEBRUARY)

Next weekend only, there will be an additional Mass celebrated at 6.30pm in Sacred Heart Church. The Impact Group from Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School, Ashton will hold their monthly Youth Meeting at 4.00pm next Sunday in Sacred Heart School (new members of the group are always welcome!) which will be followed by activities for the young people on either the car park or the school field, culminating with them playing a leading part in the celebration of Mass in the church at 6.30pm. Although the Mass will be celebrated especially with young people in mind, everyone is welcome to come along. We hope you will!

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OUR PARISH FAMILY

Our deep sympathy and prayers are with Maureen and all the family and friends of Brian Bray, late of Grasscroft Road, Hindley Green who died on the 8th of February aged 71 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church next Thursday at 1.30pm prior to cremation at Howe Bridge.

May the Lord welcome him home.

Some copies of the "Walk with Me" booklet of daily Lent reflections are still available free-of-charge from the back of both of our churches. Do please feel free to take an extra copy to pass on to a friend or neighbour.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY NEXT FRIDAY

Next Friday is Lent Fast Day when we are being asked to deny ourselves some food and give the money thus saved to support the work of Cafod in developing countries. Please take a Cafod envelope/leaflet from the back of church this weekend and return it with your offering in the retiring collection for Cafod which will be taken after the Masses next weekend.

LEAD US IN PRAYING THE WAY OF THE CROSS AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

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CONFESSIONS IN LENT

Friday at 7.30pm (Sacred Heart)

Saturday at 11.00am (St. Benedict)

Saturday at 11.30am (Holy Family)

Saturday at 6.15pm (Sacred Heart)

Saturday at 6.30pm (St. Benedict)

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

The local Bolton branch of the Walsingham Association invite you to join them on their Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham from Monday the 22nd to Friday the 26th of April. The cost will be £210 per person which includes return coach travel and half-board accommodation as well as one full-day and one half-day excursion. For bookings and any further details please contact Mary or Peter Eckersley on 01204 651766.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Heartfelt thanks to the Wednesday Senior Citizens Group at Holy Family who, since resuming their meetings last summer, have donated £700 to church funds to date. Also to those who organise and support Holy Family's weekly Bonus Ball Draw which over the past few years has raised £1,200 annually for the parish.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family

£430.50

Sacred Heart

Offertory

£464.70

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS AT 6.15PM

Before Mass at Sacred Heart

SUNDAYS AT 3.00PM

During a Holy Hour
at Holy Family Church

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Sun. 3.00pm	Holy Family	Stations of the Cross & Exposition	
Sun. 6.30pm	Sacred Heart	Deanery IMPACT Youth Mass	

MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2013

1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Funeral Service for Louise Derricott	
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>

TUESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Patrick Hoare</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Intentions of LISCF</i>

WEDNESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2013

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
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THURSDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Intentions of Pope Benedict XVI</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Kevin Peter Carlon</i>

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2013 – FEAST OF SAINT DAVID OF WALES

6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Stations of the Cross	
7.00m	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 2ND MARCH 2013

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Eric & Teresa Mills</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 2013 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
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THE PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday 24th February 2013

Second Sunday of Lent (C)

POPE BENEDICT XVI – THE EPILOGUE

“My dear friends, at this moment I can only say: pray for me, that I may learn to love the Lord more and more. Pray for me, that I may learn to love his flock more and more, in other words, you, the holy Church, each one of you and all of you. Let us pray for one another, that the Lord will carry us and that we will learn to carry one another.

“Are we not perhaps all afraid in some way? If we let Christ enter fully into our lives, if we open ourselves totally to him, are we not afraid that He might take something away from us? Are we not perhaps afraid to give up something significant, something unique, something that makes life so beautiful? Do we not then risk ending up diminished and deprived of our freedom? No! If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great. No! Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human existence truly revealed. Only in this friendship do we experience beauty and liberation. And so, today, with great strength and great conviction, on the basis of long personal experience of life, I say to you: Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ – and you will find true life.”

FROM THE HOMILY OF POPE BENEDICT XVI
AT HIS INAUGURATION MASS, APRIL 2005

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Saturday at 11.30am
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Saturday at 11.00am and 6.30pm

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

SACRED HEART, HINDLEY GREEN
Friday at 6.15pm before Mass
HOLY FAMILY, PLATT BRIDGE
Sunday at 3.00pm with Exposition
SAINT BENEDICT, HINDLEY
Friday at 7.00pm

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
FOR CAFOD'S LENT FAST DAY

WELCOME TO IMPACT

This weekend we welcome to Sacred Heart Church the Impact Group from Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School, Ashton who are holding their monthly Youth Meeting at 4.00pm today (Sunday) in Sacred Heart School (new members of the group are always welcome!) followed by activities for the young people on either the car park or the school field, and culminating with them playing a leading part in the celebration of Mass in Sacred Heart Church at 6.30pm. Everyone welcome!

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Louise Derricott, late of Smithwood Avenue, Hindley, who died on the 9th of February aged 39 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church on Monday prior to burial at Hindley Cemetery. Also the family and friends of John Tindall, late of Atherton Road, Hindley Green who died aged 85 years on the 6th of February, just three weeks after the death of his wife Iris. His funeral rites were celebrated at Wigan Crematorium last Monday. May the Lord welcome them home.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

The Bolton branch of the Walsingham Association invite you to join them on their Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham from Monday the 22nd to Friday the 26th of April. The cost will be £210 per person which includes return coach travel and half-board accommodation as well as one full-day and one half-day excursion. For bookings and further details please contact Mary or Peter Eckersley on 01204 651766.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Being in Lourdes at the same time as the official Archdiocesan Pilgrimage but departing from Manchester Airport on Saturday the 27th of July at 1.15pm, staying in the Hotel Louis de France, with the return flight on Saturday the 3rd of August at 5.00pm. The cost is £688 based on two persons sharing (add £116 for a single room). Please contact Deacon Ken before the end of this month to book a place or for further details.

HOLY FAMILY EASTER BINGO

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THANK YOU FROM ANGELA

Angela Thomas would like to thank Father Tony, the members of Holy Family Choir, friends and fellow parishioners for their prayers, cards and support over the past year of her illness. Holy Mass will be offered for all of your intentions.

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THE RESIGNATION OF POPE BENEDICT XVI

As from 20:00hrs next Thursday (the 28th of February) Pope Benedict XVI will resign his position as Supreme Pontiff and the See of Peter will be declared vacant until a conclave of the College of Cardinals meets and a new Pope is elected. Archbishop Vincent Nichols of Westminster, has sent the following message to Pope Benedict on behalf of the Catholics of England and Wales:

Holy Father.

On behalf of the Catholics of England and Wales, and expressing sentiments shared by many others, I write to offer you, at this historic moment, our loving affection and prayers. We recognise the courage and integrity of your decision to step down from the See of St Peter and we assure you of our support, while very conscious of our profound sense of loss.

We thank you, Holy Father, for all your years of service to the Church, and most of all for the seven years of your Apostolic Ministry as Supreme Pontiff. We have treasured your loving care as Pope and your wonderful teaching. Through your ministry many have grown in love of our faith and, most crucially, in their relationship with Our Lord. We remember with joy and exhilaration your Visit to the United Kingdom in 2010 when you thrilled us with your presence and spoke the message of the Gospel to the hearts of so many.

We promise you our prayers for the years ahead. May God bless you with peace and the gift of consoling prayer. We know that you will continue, faithfully, your life-long vocation of love of God and His Church and of prayer for us all.

Yours devotedly in the Lord Jesus Christ,

+ Vincent Nichols

Note: In one of his own last public acts before retirement, Archbishop Patrick will preside at Mass in the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool next Thursday evening at 7.00pm to "accompany the Holy Father into retirement". All are welcome.



THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family
Offertory £417.32
Lenten Alms £105.26

Sacred Heart
Offertory £523.80
Lenten Alms £135.00

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

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Sun. 3.00pm	Holy Family	Stations of the Cross & Exposition	

MONDAY 4TH MARCH 2013

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>James Mason</i>
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TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 2013

No 9.15am Mass at Sacred Heart Church today

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Michael Togher</i>
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WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 2013

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>John Ryding</i>
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THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2013

No 9.15am Mass at Sacred Heart Church today

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Wilfred Pugh</i>
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FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 2013

6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Stations of the Cross	
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Isabella Mills</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 9TH MARCH 2013

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

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THE PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday 3rd March 2013

Third Sunday of Lent (C)

SEDE VACANTE

From Archbishop Patrick:

Today, Wednesday the 27th of February 2013, I received word that our Holy Father has accepted my request to set aside my service to Our Lord and his body the Church as Archbishop of Liverpool and Metropolitan of the Northern Province. As you know I made this request because of the stroke I experienced on the 10th of December 2012. This decision takes effect immediately.

In due course a new Archbishop of Liverpool will be appointed, but the life of the diocese in its many aspects must continue. To ensure that necessary oversight and pastoral leadership are maintained the Holy See has appointed Bishop Tom Williams as Apostolic Administrator. Such office holders as Vicars General and Episcopal Vicars no longer have Canonical standing. However all those support services focussed at LACE will continue as before.

I only add: All that needs to be said at this time was in last Sunday's Pastoral Letter.

Archbishop Emeritus of Liverpool

NEW BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE BEGINS

As from this weekend our two parishes are beginning a new way of preparation with parents who have requested Baptism for their children. The material used in this new Baptism Preparation Course has been put together by the Archdiocesan Pastoral Formation Department and invites parents and godparents to join the worshipping community for the celebration of Mass on three consecutive Sundays, followed each week by a meeting with our team of catechists. The aim of the course is to give parents (and godparents) a greater awareness of the faith which they will promise to hand on to their children in the years following Baptism. The course will be offered four times each year (over the first three Sundays of March, June, September and December) to parents who have first collected a Baptism Information Pack from church at Mass on any weekend during the year. Parents can take part in the Baptism Preparation Course even before their child is born.

A BREAK FROM COFFEE

Due to the above Baptism Preparation meetings taking place in the Parish Hall after Mass over the next three weeks, there will be no after-Mass Coffee Morning at Holy Family for the next three Sundays. They will resume from Sunday the 24th of March.

NEW HYMNBOOKS AT SACRED HEART

From this weekend we begin to use new hymnbooks at Sacred Heart Church to replace the previous ones which had become a little dog-eared after more than twenty years of use. The new books contain a greater selection of hymns and so will hopefully do away with the need for photocopied sheets for hymns which were previously not in the hymnbook. Donations towards the cost will be most gratefully received: The cost of each hymnbook works out at £5 and we purchased 250 copies.

HOLY FAMILY EASTER BINGO

The Friends of Holy Family will be holding an Easter Bingo in Holy Family Club on Tuesday the 19th of March beginning at 7.00pm. Any donations of suitable prizes (chocolates, Easter Eggs, bottles, etc.) can be given to Neil Mulhearn or Mary Marsh or brought to church with you.

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Tuesday 19th March

Easter Bingo: Holy Family Club at 7pm

Thursday 28th to Saturday 30th March

Celebration of the Easter Triduum

Easter Sunday 31st March

Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church of Angharad Wheatley at Holy Family at 10.30am

Sunday 7th April

Annual Mission Appeal at both of our churches by Sister Daphne Norden

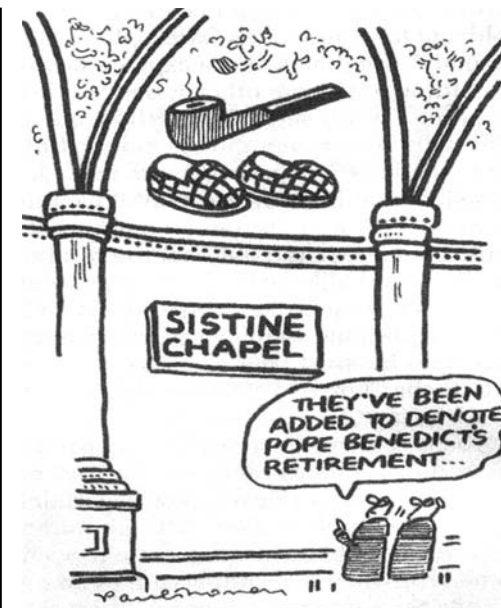
Friday 26th April

Wedding of Jodie Fishwick & Michael Burrows at Holy Family

Pentecost Sunday 19th May

Celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Communion with some of our Year Four Children at 10.30am in Holy Family Church and at 3.00pm in Sacred Heart Church.

(Parents are reminded that they must already be coming to Mass with their children every weekend if they wish them to receive these sacraments)



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Bingo Nights on Tuesday & Sunday

Concert Night every Saturday

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Bingo Night on Sunday

*Both Clubs have a function room
which is available for private hire.*

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family

Offertory £389.36

Cafod £240.90

*Our thanks to Margaret Robinson for
a £50 donation to Holy Family Church
in remembrance of the late Jean Gurhy.*

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Cafod £284.00



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You're good at pontificating.**

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HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL FEBRUARY WINNING NUMBERS

February 6th No. 43

February 13th No. 48

February 20th No. 47

February 27th No. 22

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our sincere thanks for donations of
£100 and £5 to Sacred Heart Church
towards the cost of the new hymn
books.

And also to Margaret Robinson for a
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Pope Benedict XVI

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEK TOWARDS THE COST OF FLOWERS TO DECORATE THE CHURCH THROUGHOUT EASTER

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Sacred Heart
Offertory £531.00

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Parish Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent - 10th March 2013



FREE BOOKLET THIS WEEKEND

Please take a copy this weekend (free-of-charge) of the third in the "Doorway to Faith" series of four booklets containing daily extracts for a journey of prayer through the Catechism of the Catholic Church for the Year of Faith. The third booklet deals with "The Sacraments" and the daily reflections begin on Easter Monday, the 1st of April.

SACRED HEART SUPPORT FOR H.C.P.T.

This weekend, for just £1, Sacred Heart parishioners have the opportunity to support the work of HCPT The Pilgrimage Trust in taking local disabled children to Lourdes at Easter. In return a candle will be lit and prayers said for your intentions at Our Lady's grotto in Lourdes this Easter. Forms are available at the back of Sacred Heart Church this weekend for you to take and complete with your own name and also maybe to offer to your friends. Please return all completed forms and money either next weekend to Sacred Heart Church or during the week to Mrs. Christine Ryding, Head Teacher of Sacred Heart School.

SACRED HEART PARISH MEETING

The next Parish Meeting for Sacred Heart Parishioners is in the Gordon Room on Monday of this week at 7.30pm after the Mass. Everyone welcome.

CHRISM MASS ON WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH

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OUR PARISH FAMILY

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Peter Baldwin who died aged 82 years on the 2nd of March in Croydon but until a few years ago lived in Dalkeith Road, Hindley Green. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church next Tuesday afternoon at 1.45pm prior to burial in Howe Bridge Cemetery. Also to the family and friends of Joan Bolton, late of Belong Village, Millers Lane, Platt Bridge who died on the 5th of March aged 79 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Wigan Crematorium next Thursday afternoon. May the Lord welcome them home.

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BECOME INVOLVED IN THE LITURGY

Be more involved in the celebration of the liturgy at Holy Family Church as an Altar Servers (male or female of any age – see Deacon Mike at Mass any Sunday) and as a member of the Choir (pop upstairs and see Cecilia Hughes any Sunday). More singers would give a greater encouragement for everyone to join in the singing; more Altar Servers would enable us to use incense and candles-bearers occasionally at Mass. It would also be good to have some live accompaniment to the singing at Sacred Heart Church, either occasionally or on a regular basis. So, if you can play organ, keyboards or guitar and would like to get involved in the music ministry at Sacred Heart Church, please get in touch with Father Tony or Deacon Ken.

SILENCE PLEASE

Comments have been received about the level of noise at Sacred Heart Church before Mass: *“The chattering, loud talking and occasional phone are all very distracting”* is how one written comment expressed it. May we respectfully request that any casual conversations are carried out before coming into the church, or confined to the Gordon Room, with the Church itself being a place reserved for quiet prayer and silent reflection in preparation for the celebration of Mass? Many thanks for your kind cooperation.

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MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2013

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Thomas, Margaret & Mary Delaney</i>
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TUESDAY 12TH MARCH 2013

No 9.15am Mass at Sacred Heart Church today

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Gerard Foley</i>
1.45pm	Sacred Heart	Funeral Mass for Peter Baldwin	

WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 2013

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Monica Gallimore</i>
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THURSDAY 14TH MARCH 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving (TG)</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Intentions of Julie Taylor (sick)</i>

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2013

6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Stations of the Cross	
7.00m	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Intentions of Gary Donegan</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 2013

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Intentions of John Bolger</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2013 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>David Marsh</i>
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**HELP TO RECOVER AND
MOVE ON AFTER DIVORCE**

A series of six weekly meetings facilitated by the Archdiocesan Pastoral Formation Department to provide help and support for anyone who is divorced or separated or experiencing the breakdown of a marriage or long-term relationship. Each meeting includes a time of prayer and reflection and also discussion and help on practical matters.

The next series will start on Monday the 15th of April between 7.30pm and 9.00pm at a venue in the Liverpool area or there is also a one day meeting on Saturday the 13th of April for those who cannot attend the full series. Individual support is also available for those who do not wish to attend group meetings.

For more information please contact either Frances on 0151 727 2195 or Maureen on 0151 722 1029.

**RETIRING COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE
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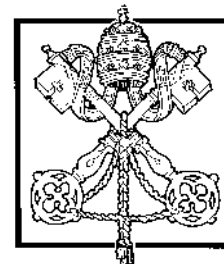
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Parish Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent - 17th March 2013



"HABEMUS PAPAM"

POPE FRANCIS

"You know that the duty of the Conclave was to provide Rome with a bishop, but it looks as if my brothers the cardinals went to fetch him from the end of the world!

I'd like to thank you for your welcome: Thank you!

I'd like us to pray for Benedict XVI:

Let's pray for him so that the Madonna can look after him.

And now let's start working together, walking together:
This is the path of brotherhood and trust.

Let's pray for each other because of the great brotherhood of the world.
I pray the path will be fruitful.

I bless you. But I'd like to ask you a favour:
for your prayer to bless me. "

POPE FRANCIS

formerly Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Opening words spoken after election on 13th March 2013

**Retiring Collection this Weekend for
Flowers in Church during Eastertime**

EASTER BINGO NEXT TUESDAY

The Friends of Holy Family are holding an Easter Prize Bingo next Tuesday (19th of March) in Holy Family Catholic Club, Tram Street with some great bingo and tombola prizes. Eyes Down is at 7.00pm. All welcome – bring your friends.

DEACON KEN TO TREK JORDON

Later this year, Deacon Ken will take part in a Sponsored Trek through Jordan to raise funds for Francis House Children's Hospice in Manchester. To raise funds towards the trek, raffle tickets will be on sale at Sacred Heart Church this weekend and next with twenty prizes of Easter Eggs and Booze. Please give your support.

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MASS FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Next Sunday afternoon (Palm Sunday) at Saint Benedict's Church, Hindley there will be an additional Mass at 2.00pm especially for the sick and housebound. After the Mass there will be an opportunity for a cup of tea and a chat in the Parish Hall. If you have a relation, friend or neighbour who is sick and housebound and who is feeling a little lonely and cut-off from people as a result, why not ask if they'd like you to take them along to the Mass?

**NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES COME INTO USE AS FROM THE 7TH OF APRIL
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MONDAY 18TH MARCH 2013

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Dorothy Meakin</i>
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TUESDAY 19TH MARCH 2013 – SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Mgr. Stephen Loudon</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Fr. Joseph Keller</i>

WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH 2013

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Florence Messenger</i>
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THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Laurence Baines</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Intentions of LISCF</i>

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2013

6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Stations of the Cross	
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2013

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Baby Oscar</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2013 – SUNDAY OF PALMS AND THE PASSION (Year C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Frank Walsh</i>
Sat. 6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Thomas McGrath</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Sandra King</i>
Sun. 3.00pm	Holy Family	Stations of the Cross & Exposition	

HOLY FAMILY COFFEE MORNING

Sunday Coffee Mornings resume from this weekend in Holy Family Parish Hall after the 10.30am Mass ... now with a weekly Weigh-In. Turn up after Mass today to see what that is!

SPONSORED JORDAN TREK

Deacon Ken and Sam Lawton will trek over Jordan's mountains and deserts from the Dead Sea to Petra over five days in November 2013 to raise funds for Francis House Children's Hospice in Manchester. Raffles tickets for Easter Eggs and bottles of drinks are on sale this week at Sacred Heart Church priced at £1 per strip. The raffle will be drawn during this week and prizes available for collection by the winners at church next weekend.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family		Sacred Heart
£446.01	Offertory	£647.20
£80.83	Flowers	£147.00

Sincere thanks to all who organised and supported the Easter Prize Bingo held last Tuesday which raised £419 for Holy Family Church funds.

THE TRIDUUM

In this week which we call holy, the Church celebrates the most ancient and beautiful rites in its spiritual heritage. These are the most important days of the whole Church Year, even though they don't get tagged as "Holydays of Obligation."

Lent ends at sundown on Thursday of this week and we enter into The Paschal Triduum (Three Days). The Triduum is one feast celebrated over three days, one liturgy in three acts: So the Mass on Thursday night has no formal ending; the Good Friday Afternoon Liturgy has neither formal beginning nor ending; and the whole liturgy reaches its climax in the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.

Yes, these liturgies are lengthy, but they are also rich and beautiful in symbol and ritual, prayer and song. It is such a great shame that many Catholics go to their graves without ever having celebrated the most important feasts of our faith.

Come along and join us to celebrate this great Paschal feast, and especially if this will be your first time. Use these coming days to give thanks and praise to the One who, out of his tremendous love for us, gave his life for us that we might share in his victory over death.

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Palm Sunday – 24th March 2013



THE GREAT THREE DAYS

HOLY THURSDAY

28TH MARCH 2013

**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
in Sacred Heart Church at 8.00pm**

Watching after Mass at Sacred Heart
with Night Prayer at 10.15pm



GOOD FRIDAY

29TH MARCH 2013

FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Morning Prayer at 10.00am in Sacred Heart
followed by the Stations of the Cross

**Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
in Holy Family Church at 3.00pm**

Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm
in Saint Benedict's Church

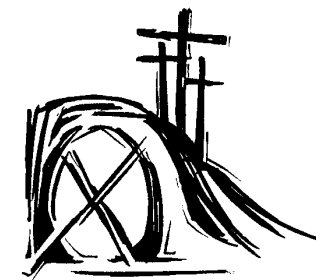


HOLY SATURDAY

30TH MARCH 2013

Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
in Holy Family Church at 10.00am

**Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter
in Sacred Heart Church at 8.00pm**



**Retiring Collection this Weekend
For the Upkeep of the Holy Places**

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN HOLY WEEK

Sunday (Today) at Holy Family, Platt Bridge during Stations of the Cross at 3.00pm

Tuesday at All Saints, Golborne during a Reconciliation Service at 7.00pm

Wednesday at Saint Benedict's, Hindley during a Reconciliation Mass at 7.00pm

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the families and friends of Mary Frances Harrison, late of Thurston Care Home, Westhoughton (formerly from Long Lane, Hindley Green) who died on the 17th of March aged 88 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday at 1.00pm prior to cremation at Howe Bridge Crematorium; also George Harris, late of Tram Street, Platt Bridge, who died suddenly on the 13th of March and whose funeral rites are to be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church, Springfield, Wigan; also Margaret Churton, formerly of Tram Street, Platt Bridge who died on the 14th of March aged 82 years at Greenacres Nursing Home in Standish aged 82 years, and whose funeral rites were celebrated at Wigan Crematorium last Thursday. May the Lord welcome them home.

CHRISM MASS ON WEDNESDAY

The coach for the Chrism Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool next Wednesday will leave from Sacred Heart Church, Hindley Green at 6.00pm, picking up on the way from the former Monaco Ballroom in Hindley and then from Holy Family Church, Platt Bridge. The Return departure of the coach from the Cathedral will be at approximately 9.30pm.

GOOD FRIDAY CALVARY WALK

If, for any reason, you can't make the Good Friday Solemn Liturgy at 3 o'clock, then why not make a public statement of faith by going along and being part of the Calvary Walk on Good Friday morning, meeting at Low Hall Car Park on Liverpool Road, Platt Bridge at 11.15am and walking along Liverpool Road to Saint Benedict's Church, Hindley. All are welcome, so why not invite the whole family along?

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new issue of weekly Offertory Envelopes, covering the period from April 2013 to the end of March 2014, comes into use in two weeks time. They are available for envelope users to collect this weekend from the back of Holy Family Church and from the Gordon Room at Sacred Heart Church. Those who Gift-Aid their weekly offering have been allocated numbered envelopes (look for your name and address on the front of the box); non gift-aiders are welcome to take one of the boxes of un-numbered envelopes. Thank you to all for the generous financial support which you give to your parish.



HOLY WEEK LITURGY

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2013 – SUNDAY OF PALMS AND THE PASSION (Year C)

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Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Thomas McGrath</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Sandra King</i>
Sun. 3.00pm	Holy Family	Stations of the Cross & Exposition	

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK - 25TH MARCH 2013

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Billy Simms</i>
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TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK - 26TH MARCH 2013

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Victoria Anne Mills</i>
1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Funeral Mass for Mary Frances Harrison	

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK - 27TH MARCH 2013

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>William Mills</i>
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THE EASTER TRIDUUM LITURGY

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 28TH MARCH 2013

8.00pm	Sacred Heart	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	
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Watching and Prayer at Sacred Heart Church until Night Prayer at 10.15pm

GOOD FRIDAY – 29TH MARCH 2013

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Morning Prayer and Stations of the Cross	
3.00pm	Holy Family	SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	
7.00pm	Saint Benedict	Stations of the Cross	

HOLY SATURDAY – 30TH MARCH 2013

10.00am	Holy Family	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer	
8.00pm	Sacred Heart	THE EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER	

EASTER DAY LITURGY

EASTER SUNDAY – 31ST MARCH 2013 – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Vincent Moore</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>



Parish Bulletin

Easter Sunday – 31st March 2013



OUR EASTER FAITH

Saint Paul declared: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith also is in vain" (I Corinthians 15:14). Our faith is anchored in the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The resurrection is the Father's response to the Cross, his defiant answer to a world that hoped violence could keep Jesus in its hold.

If death had spoken the final word about Jesus, it would have been only a matter of time before everything about Jesus had been reduced to a curiosity, a forgettable footnote in the crowded history of failed causes. But God had the last word.



In raising Jesus from the dead, God raised every value that Jesus cherished, every story that Jesus told, every preference that Jesus made, every purpose that Jesus followed. All this was given new life and new significance by his being raised from the dead.

The resurrection of Jesus was not a hysterical invention of people who refused to accept Jesus' death. The Father's act of raising Jesus from the dead is the Father's way of accepting his Son's death. Jesus is awakened to glory by the applause of his Father, by the sheer energy of his Father's love, by the loud shout of his Father's gratitude. The Father refuses to write R.I.P over Jesus' grave. And our faith focuses not on an empty tomb but on the everlasting presence among us of Jesus as Lord.

"SUPER SUNDAYS"

WITH ANIMATE YOUTH

The Animate Youth Ministry of the Archdiocese invite young people over the age of eighteen to experience a new way of celebrating Sunday. Next Sunday (7th April) and on the first Sunday of every month, there's "Super Sunday" at Saint Mary's Lowe House, St. Helens. Group Work Sessions from 12 noon (explore your faith through games, film, music and group work, with food available to buy or bring your own); then Preparation for Mass at 2.15pm (be involved in the Mass through reading, drama, music, etc); then the Celebration of Mass in the church at 3.00pm followed by social time afterwards. All welcome for any or all parts of the day. More information at www.animateyouth.org

DEACON KEN'S

SPONSORED JORDAN TREK

The Easter Raffle at Sacred Heart Church in support of Deacon Ken's Sponsored Jordan Trek for Francis House Children's Hospice raised £154. Prizes are available to be collected this week from the Gordon Room. Many thanks for your support.

SCRIPTURE WEEKENDS IN 2013

Each weekend begins on the Friday and ends on the Sunday and will be led by Father Chris Thomas at Saint Joseph's Prayer Centre, Blundell Avenue, Formby, L37 1PH.

April 19th to 21st

"The Lord is my Salvation"

A Journey through the Book of Exodus

September 6th to 8th

"Fanning into a Flame"

Reflections on Paul's Letters to Timothy

November 15th to 17th

"The Word of the Lord endures forever"

A Look at the Letters of Peter

To book a place on any of the above weekends phone Irenaeus on 0151 949 1199 or email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family

Sacred Heart

£401.87 Offertory £622.05

£107.40 Holy Places £118.00

Our thanks for a further donation of £20 received recently towards the cost of the new hymnbooks at Sacred Heart Church and for a donation of £10 for Easter Flowers in memory of Harry Robinson from his wife Kath.

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A HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES

OUR PARISH FAMILY

During the Mass at Holy Family Church this Easter Sunday, after a long period of prayer, reflection and study, we will warmly welcome Angharad Wheatley into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Angharad will also receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist during the Mass. May she find peace, fulfilment and joy in her new home as a member of the Catholic community.

Our deep sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends of John Wignall from Belong Retirement Village, Millers Lane, Platt Bridge who died on the 22nd of March aged 85 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Wigan Crematorium next Thursday at 12 noon.

Also to the family and friends of Mary Ratchford, formerly of Cornwall Drive, Hindley whose funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church next Friday at 10.00am prior to cremation at Howe Bridge Crematorium.

Also to the family and friends of Olive Hayes, formerly of Cinnamon Avenue, Hindley Green who died on the 26th of March and whose funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church next Thursday at 10.15am prior to cremation at Wigan Crematorium.

In Baptism they died with Christ: May they share now in his resurrection.

**GIFT AIDERS: PLEASE REMEMBER TO COLLECT
YOUR NEW BOX OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES
WHICH COME INTO USE FROM NEXT WEEKEND**

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend we will be joined by Sister Daphne Norden, a member of the Medical Mission Sisters, who will speak at each of the Masses in both of our churches to appeal for our help on behalf of the major missionary institutes of women religious of England and Wales. The emphasis of her talk will be on "Mission is for all of us today, here and overseas" and she will speak especially about her own overseas experience in Zimbabwe and Pakistan. A retiring collection will be taken after the Masses in support of the work of the overseas missions.

**TEA AND COFFEE IS AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY
IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL AFTER THE 10.30AM MASS**



EASTER SUNDAY – 31ST MARCH 2013 – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sat. 8.00pm	Sacred Heart	THE EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Vincent Moore</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>

EASTER MONDAY 1ST APRIL 2013

<u>10.00am</u>	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Thomas Cooke</i>
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Please note the time of Mass at Sacred Heart Church today: No Evening Mass

EASTER TUESDAY 2ND APRIL 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Winifred Sherlock</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Anthony Williams</i>

EASTER WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL 2013

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Michael Mills</i>
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EASTER THURSDAY 4TH APRIL 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Marcus Reid</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Mgr. Stephen Loudon</i>
10.15am	Sacred Heart	Funeral Service for Olive Hayes	

EASTER FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 2013

<u>10.00am</u>	Sacred Heart	Funeral Mass for Mary Ratchford	
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Please note the time of Mass at Sacred Heart Church today: No Evening Mass

EASTER SATURDAY 6TH APRIL 2013

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Canon Bill O'Sullivan</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 7TH APRIL 2013

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Edith Harrison</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Eric Rawsthorne & Rita Hesketh</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>George Harris</i>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 20th April - 9.30am to 4pm
Marriage Preparation Course in Holy Family Parish Hall for couples wishing to be married in our churches.

Friday 26th April at 2.00pm
Wedding of Jodie Fishwick & Michael Burrows at Holy Family

Pentecost Sunday 19th May
Celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Communion with some of our Year Four Children at 10.30am in Holy Family Church and at 3.00pm in Sacred Heart Church. *(Parents are reminded that they must already be coming to Mass with their children every weekend if they wish them to receive these sacraments)*

Corpus Christi Sunday 2nd June
Solemn Exposition (Forty Hours) at Holy Family over Sunday and Monday

Friday 7th June
Feast of the Sacred Heart: Exposition during the day at Sacred Heart Church

HELP TO RECOVER AND MOVE ON AFTER DIVORCE

A series of six weekly meetings facilitated by the Archdiocesan Pastoral Formation Department to provide help and support for anyone who is divorced or separated or experiencing the breakdown of a marriage or long-term relationship. Each meeting includes a time of prayer and reflection and also discussion and help on practical matters. The next series will start on Monday the 15th of April between 7.30pm and 9.00pm at a venue in Liverpool or there is also a one day meeting on Saturday the 13th of April for those who cannot attend the full series. Individual support is also available for those who do not wish to attend group meetings.

For more information please contact France on 0151 727 2195 or Maureen on 0151 722 1029.

HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL MARCH WINNING NUMBERS

March 6th	No. 19
March 13th	No. 05
March 20th	No. 42
March 27th	No. 02

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family		Sacred Heart
£478.62	Offertory	£718.00

The collection for CAFOD taken at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper realised £171. Many thanks.

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Second Sunday of Easter - 7th April 2013



HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE

The Gospel at Mass this weekend tells the story of the apostle Thomas who could not at first bring himself to share the disciples' belief in the risen Jesus. Thomas cannot be loyal to the group without being disloyal to himself. For him, honesty is more important than loyalty. He refuses to join the believers, because it's not enough for him to shelter in a faith that he cannot credit for himself. He may want to believe, but his wish cannot struggle into faith.

Doubt cannot be transformed into faith just by willing it. The honesty of Thomas is what makes him doubt. The story in the Gospel goes on to tell us that Thomas comes to believe in the risen Jesus when he encounters the Lord for himself, leading to the beautiful beatitude: "Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe".

Faith is a form of life that has to be nurtured, helped to grow, loved into maturity. Faith is a life, and like any form of life it can wither if forgotten about or overlooked; it can die from repeated neglect. We need to pray about our faith, think about our faith, grown in our faith, live the life of our faith. That doesn't mean we'll never have our doubts: but if, like Thomas, we really care about what we believe, that care and attention will in time bring us into the presence of the living Lord.

Please continue to hold in prayer those of our children and their parents who, during this Easter season, enter the final stages of their preparation to grow in faith through celebrating, on the day of Pentecost, the presence of the risen Lord in the Eucharist and receiving the gift of his Spirit in Confirmation. And congratulations to Angharad whose journey of seeking and prayer led her to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Holy Family on Easter Day last Sunday.

**Annual Mission Appeal this Weekend
preached by Sister Daphne Norden
with a Retiring Collection after Mass**

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we offer a warm welcome to Sister Daphne Norden, a member of the Medical Mission Sisters, who will be speaking at all of the Masses in both of our churches to appeal for our help on behalf of the major missionary institutes of women religious of England and Wales. The emphasis of her talk will be on "Mission is for all of us today, here and overseas" and she will make reference to her own overseas experience in Zimbabwe and Pakistan. A retiring collection will be taken after the Masses in support of the work of the overseas missions.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of John Foster, formerly of Warrington Road, Abram but recently in residential care in Leigh, who died on the 27th of March aged 86 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church next Wednesday at 2.30pm prior to burial in Abram Churchyard. And also to the family and friends of Teresa Patricia Kirby from Little Hulton who died on the 29th of March aged 63 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Howe Bridge Crematorium on Monday at 1.00pm. May the Lord welcome them home..

SACRED HEART WEEKLY EXPOSITION

A suggestion has been received for a regular time for prayer and silent adoration each week at Sacred Heart Church with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Would any Sacred Heart parishioner, perhaps one or more of the lay Ministers of Communion, be prepared to take on the responsibility for this? Duties would be to open and close the church, to expose and depose the Blessed Sacrament, to ensure that there is someone always present in church during the time of Exposition. The period of Exposition could last just for an hour or for a whole morning or afternoon, perhaps beginning or ending with one of the weekday Masses. Please contact Father Tony if you would like to help make this happen.

HEALING MASS

There will be a Healing Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool on Friday the 19th of April at 7.00 p.m. to mark the first anniversary of the death of Canon Jimmy Collins. The celebrant will be Fr Peter Morgan.

AGED 15 TO 21 AND THINKING ABOUT PRIESTHOOD?

This afternoon (Sunday the 7th of April) at 2pm the Vocations Team will be holding its monthly discernment meeting at St. Mary's Lowe House, St Helens. This meeting is aimed at young men aged between 15 and 21 who may be thinking about the priesthood and is an opportunity to pray, socialize and learn more about the vocation of the priesthood. For more information please contact Father James Preston on 0151 727 2493.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – 7TH APRIL 2013

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Edith Harrison</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Eric Rawsthorne & Rita Hesketh</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>George Harris</i>

MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2013 – THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving (AJM)</i>
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TUESDAY 9TH APRIL 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Helen Connolly</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Intentions of Paul Delargy (sick)</i>

WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 2013

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Mary Ratchford</i>
2.30pm	Holy Family	Funeral Service for John Foster	

THURSDAY 11TH APRIL 2013 – SAINT STANISLAUS (11th Cent.)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Pat Kirby</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Mgr. Stephen Loudon</i>

FRIDAY 12TH APRIL 2013

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Dorothy Meakin</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 2013

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - 14TH APRIL 2013

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Ann Webster</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Joan Meals</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Barbara King</i>

**RETIRING COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE
PRIESTS TRAINING FUND**

RENEWAL DAY FOR WOMEN

As part of the Year of Faith, the National Board of Catholic Women is hosting a Day of Refreshment and Renewal for Women at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA on Saturday the 27th of April from 10.00am to 4.00pm. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Oonagh O'Brien (Principal of Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge) who will speak on "Living Hope in the Church Today" springing from Vatican Two's "Gaudium et Spes" with periods of reflective sharing, prayer and liturgy. The cost of the day is £10 (which includes refreshments and lunch) and for catering purposes please book a place by contacting Julie Cassidy at j.cassidy@rcaol.co.uk or telephone her on 0151 522 1040.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family		Sacred Heart
£359.96	Offertory	£541.90
£201.02	Mission Appeal	£380.00

"EXSULTATE"

Saturday 27th April
at 7.30pm
in Saint John's Church
Standishgate, Wigan



With the Trust in Jesus Choir (Italy).

Featuring music by Rutter, Parry, Stanford, Lennon and McCartney and a performance of "Missa Trust in Jesus" by Roberto Beccaria.

Admission £8 (£6 concessions)

**Sacred Heart Catholic Club
(Behind the Church)
Tel. 01942 255192**

Bingo Nights each week on Tuesday and Sunday at 9.00pm with Concert Nights every Saturday

**PLEASE SUPPORT
YOUR PARISH CLUB**

**Holy Family Catholic Club
Tram Street, Platt Bridge
Tel. 01942 866167**

Bingo Nights each week on Monday and Wednesday at 7.45pm and on Sunday at 9.00pm

*Both Clubs have a function room
which is available for private hire.*

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Third Sunday of Easter - 14th April 2013



CELEBRATING EASTERTIME

"For Christians, our every year has its origin and its climax at a time determined by the earth and the sun and the moon and the human-made cycle of a seven-day week. The marvellous accidents of earth's place and sun's place, of axis and orbit, make cycles within human cycles so that days can be named and remembered and rhythms established. First, we wait for the angle of the earth's axis to make day and night equal (going toward longer days in the "top" half of earth, longer nights in the lower half). Then we wait for the moon to be full. Then we wait for the Lord's Day and call that particular Lord's Day "Easter" in English, but in most other Western languages some word that is closer to an old name, "Pesach" or "Pascha," made into English as "Passover."

"And we did not come to Easter Day unaware: The Church had spent the Three Days since the previous Thursday evening in intense preparation. Even more, we had the Forty Days of Lent to build up toward that Day. And then the Day needed a week of weeks, and these Fifty Days afterward to unfold it. The Fifty Days are Eastertime: Only after Pentecost will life return to normal.

"The church came very early to keep something of the spring festival known to Jesus and the first followers. They were Jews and that first full moon of spring was Passover. For those who followed Jesus, whether Jew or Gentile, this was the time when the story of the deliverance they proclaimed in the death and resurrection of Christ was placed beside the story already told at this festival, the deliverance of the captive people from Pharaoh. Very early, that proclamation came to be made not in words alone but in the waters of Baptism where those who were ready to stake everything on such a deliverance - on this Christ and this church - themselves "passed-over" in God's saving deed."

Gabe Huck:

"The Three Days: Parish Prayer in the Paschal Triduum"

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Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends of Margaret Green from Ruskin Crescent, Abram who died on the 9th of April aged 63 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Wigan Crematorium next Friday (19th April) at 3.30pm. Also to the family and friends of Linda Doyle from Long Lane, Hindley Green who also died on the 9th of April aged 68 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church next Friday (19th April) at 12.30pm prior to cremation at Howe Bridge Crematorium. May the Risen Lord welcome them home.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION DAY

Those to be married in our two churches this year, unless they attended last year, will meet together for a Marriage Preparation Day next Saturday (20th April) in Holy Family Parish Hall from 9.30am to 4.00pm. The day will be led by Deacon Mike Swift and his wife Liz. Please continue to hold our engaged couples in prayer as they prepare to enter into the adventure of married life.

SAINT BENEDICT'S SPRING SALE

Saint Benedict's Parish, Hindley are holding their Spring Sale in the church grounds and in the parish hall on Saturday the 11th of May between 10.00am and 12.30pm. Plants, cakes, jams and crafts will be available to buy on the day or, if you wish to order any plants in advance, order forms are available from the Piety Shop at Sacred Heart Church this weekend or contact The Plant Team at Saint Benedict's.

HEALING MASS

There will be a Healing Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool next Friday (19th of April) at 7.00pm to mark the first anniversary of the death of Canon Jimmy Collins. The celebrant will be Father Peter Morgan. All welcome.

COME AND SEE CONFERENCE 2013

Every two years the Irenaeus Project runs the Come and See Conference to encourage people to come together for prayer, reflection and celebration. This year's conference takes place on Saturday the 5th and Sunday the 6th of October from 9.30am to 6.00pm each day at Christ the King High School, Stamford Road, Southport, PR8 4EX. Keynote speakers this year are Daniel O'Leary (author of "Begin with the Heart" and "Travelling Light") and Edwina Gateley (author of "The Sharing" and "Christ in the Margins") with music and prayer led by Jo Boyce and friends. On the Saturday there will be the optional extra of "An Evening with Margaret Duncan", an incredible testimony to the goodness of God. Although open to everyone, those involved in parish lay ministry may find this a good help towards personal spiritual growth. Cost for the two days is £40 and bookings can be made by emailing jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or phoning Jenny on 0151 949 1199. Tea and coffee will be available each day but participants should take a packed lunch.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – 14TH APRIL 2013

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Ann Webster</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Joan Meals</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Barbara King</i>

MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2013

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Thomas O'Connell</i>
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TUESDAY 16TH APRIL 2013

Please Note: No Mass at Sacred Heart Church this morning

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Gerard Foley</i>
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WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL 2013

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving</i>
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THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2013

Please Note: No Mass at Sacred Heart Church this morning

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Bill Mangnall</i>
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FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 2013

<u>12.30pm</u>	Sacred Heart	Funeral Mass for Linda Doyle	
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Please Note: No Evening Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Friday

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 2013

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 21ST APRIL 2013

(World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Intentions of the Dowling Family</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Thomas McKinstry</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Wilfred Pugh</i>

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as living as Christians"**

Pope Francis

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agency but an organisation which
helps single adult Catholics of all
ages to meet socially and for
friendship either one-to-one or
through social events.

More information at
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or email
info@catholicsingles.org.uk

"EXSULTATE"

**Saturday 27th April
at 7.30pm
in Saint John's Church
Standishgate, Wigan**



With the Trust in Jesus Choir (Italy).

*Featuring music by Rutter, Parry,
Stanford, Lennon and McCartney and
a performance of "Missa Trust in
Jesus" by Roberto Beccaria.*

Admission £8 (£6 concessions)

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family	Sacred Heart
£456.75	Offertory £561.20

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Parish Bulletin



Fourth Sunday of Easter – 21st April 2013

THE LOCAL PARISH COMMUNITY: WHERE VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD ARE GROWN

"Just as he did during his earthly existence, so today the risen Jesus walks along the streets of our life. In the midst of our everyday circumstances he continues to speak to us; he calls us to live our life with him, for only he is capable of satisfying our thirst for hope. He lives now among the community of disciples that is the Church, and still today calls people to follow him. The call can come at any moment.

"Accepting his invitation means no longer choosing our own path. Following him means immersing our own will in the will of Jesus, truly giving him priority, giving him pride of place in every area of our lives: in the family, at work, in our personal interests, in ourselves. It means handing over our very lives to Him, living in profound intimacy with Him, entering through Him into communion with the Father in the Holy Spirit, and consequently with our brothers and sisters.

"Vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life are born out of the experience of a personal encounter with Christ, out of sincere and confident dialogue with him, so as to enter into his will. This process is possible in Christian communities where the faith is lived intensely, where generous witness is given of adherence to the Gospel, where there is a strong sense of mission which leads people to make the total gift of self for the Kingdom of God, nourished by recourse to the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and by a fervent life of prayer.

"Deep and constant prayer brings about growth in the faith of the Christian community, in the unceasingly renewed certainty that God never abandons his people and that he sustains them by raising up particular vocations – to the priesthood and the consecrated life – so that they can be signs of hope for the world. Whenever a disciple of Jesus accepts the divine call to dedicate himself to the priestly ministry or to the consecrated life, we witness one of the most mature fruits of the Christian community, which helps us to look with particular trust and hope to the future of the Church and to her commitment to evangelisation."

Pope Benedict XVI on 6th October 2012

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RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please hold in prayer Eileen Murphy who lived at Acorn Care Home, Hindley and previously on Liverpool Road, Platt Bridge, a long-time Holy Family parishioner, who died on the 12th of April aged 92 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated in Holy Family Church next Thursday at 10.00am prior to burial at Hindley Cemetery. May the Risen Lord welcome her home.

Our prayer and congratulations are with Jody Fishwick and Michael Burrows from Anderton Street, Ince who are due to be married in Holy Family Church at 2 o'clock next Friday afternoon. We wish them a long and happy married life together.

FLOWER ARRANGING

We have a need for someone (either one or several persons) to take charge of the church flowers at Holy Family Church; to buy the flowers (we'll pay though) and then to arrange them on the sanctuary. If you can help us please see Betty Foley or Cecilia Hughes at Holy Family Church to volunteer your services.

CATHEDRAL CONCERT THIS AFTERNOON

If you fancy a relaxing musical afternoon there are choral selections from Handel's 'Messiah' being performed at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool this afternoon (Sunday 21st April) at 3.00pm with the full Choirs of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King and Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. Admission is free but there will be a retiring collection.

INVOCATION IN THE NORTH 2013

Invocation in the North 2013 is a discernment festival for 16 to 35 year-old Catholics taking place on the weekend of the 14th to the 16th of June at Ampleforth Abbey, Yorkshire and aimed at helping them discover a little more about what God is calling them to do in their lives. As well as key-note speakers, there will be workshops on prayer and spirituality, opportunities for prayer and worship, and time to socialise and meet others. The food will be good and there will be a licensed bar!

The cost of the weekend will be £60. For further details see Facebook at "Invocation in the North 2013" or www.invocation.org.uk or for more information or to book a place contact Father Stephen Maloney, the Archdiocesan Vocations Director on 0151 287 8787 or email frstevemaloney@btinternet.com.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 21ST APRIL 2013

Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Intentions of the Dowling Family</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Thomas McKinstry</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Wilfred Pugh</i>

MONDAY 22ND APRIL 2013

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Mgr. Anthony Stringfellow</i>
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TUESDAY 23RD APRIL 2013 - SAINT GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Mgr. Stephen Loudon</i>

WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL 2013

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
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THURSDAY 25TH APRIL 2013 – SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Funeral Mass for Eileen Murphy	

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL 2013

2.00pm	Holy Family	Wedding of Jody Fishwick and Michael Burrows	
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 27TH APRIL 2013

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 28TH APRIL 2013

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Gerard Gleeson</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Sandra Marie King</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

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FREE AUDIO FOR THE BLIND

If you know someone who is blind or partially-sighted then why not ask if they'd like to be subscribed to receive some free Catholic audio publications on CD courtesy of Galloway's Society for the Blind. The project is run in partnership with All Hallows Catholic High School in Penwortham and the recordings available each month are our own Catholic Pictorial (monthly magazine of the Archdiocese of Liverpool), the Universe, Bible Alive, and Catholic Mother. A monthly audio Mass is available also free of charge. To subscribe someone please email kevin.lonergan@galloways.org.uk or phone Kevin Lonergan on 01772 744148 or write to him at Galloways Society for the Blind at Howich House, Howick Park Avenue, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 0LS

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family	Sacred Heart
£446.63	Offertory £569.80
£222.71	Priests' Training £263.00

Our thanks for recent donations of £50 to Sacred Heart Church in memory of the late Mary Harrison and of £40 to Holy Family Church in memory of the late Jean Gurhy.

Please note that, due to various other commitments, there will not be any SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING after Mass at Holy Family until the 26th of May.

There will also be a meeting of the "Friends of Holy Family" to which everyone is welcome on that day (Sunday 26th of May) to arrange social and fund-raising activities for the coming months.

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Parish Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter - 28th April 2013



CHRISTIANS LIVING LOVE

One of the first trials any movement has to face early in its life is its critics. In the Second Century AD, Christianity was under attack from Greek and Roman thinkers who argued that it was a godless religion. These attacks gave rise to a group of people known as Apologists, who defended Christianity against these charges.

One of the earliest of these was the Greek philosopher Aristides, who wrote to the Roman emperor Hadrian: *"Christians love one another. They never fail to help widows; they save orphans from those who would hurt them. If a Christian man has something, he gives freely to the man who has nothing. If they see a stranger, Christians take him home and are happy, as though he were a real brother ... This is really a new kind of person. There is something divine in them."*

That is a defence of Christians and Christianity by a man who was not even himself a Christian believer, but who argued that the faith of the Christian community was far from meaningless *and* was evident for all to see.

We all know from experience that the visible community of believers has its fair share of the crooked and the cracked. And most of us are invisible Christians too much of the time. But the best way to defend our faith is to live it as a light for everyone to see.

"Just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.

*By this love that you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples."*

(John 13:35)

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into the People of God and as a member of our Parish Family through the celebration of Baptism this weekend at Holy Family Church: Kian James Stanley aged eight months, the son of Gary Stanley and Kirsty Marie Unsworth from Kinsley Close, Spring View.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH RENOVATION WORK

The progress of renovation work may seem to have quietened down a little at Holy Family Church recently, after the installation of a new heating boiler at Christmas 2011 and the updating of the electrical installations last year. But with the arrival of brighter days and warmer weather, we're now looking to put together a schedule of work for re-pointing some of the external brickwork, repairing some of the internal plastering, then a complete repainting of the interior of the church and the laying of brand new floor covering. At the moment, a member of the Archdiocesan Surveyors team is working with Father Tony to put together a works specification and to obtain costings for the work which, should the Archdiocesan Finance Department approve it, we're hoping to have carried out during the summer months, probably in August this year when we may have to use the Parish Hall for Sunday Mass on a weekend or two. The church hasn't been professionally painted and decorated for almost forty years; and the current blue vinyl floor covering, which is now beginning to come loose in places, is the original one laid when the church was opened in 1960, so this is necessary work which is long overdue. And it will, of course, be expensive! So any generous donations or fund-raising efforts would be very welcome as would any increase in the amount which Holy Family parishioners give in the weekly Offertory Collection at Mass.

SPIRITUALITY PROJECT: "LIFE TO THE FULL"

Colette Burke (a member of Sacred Heart Parish who you will know also volunteers to work with Mother Teresa's Missionary Brothers of Charity in Lima, Peru) is running a Spirituality Project from St Antony's Centre in Old Trafford called "Life to the Full". The Project offers one-to-one spiritual direction and quiet retreats for anyone who may be searching for something spiritually 'more in life' possibly with a view to discovering in what way they may be being called by God to live life to the fullest. Colette is organising a retreat at Saint Beuno's Retreat House in North Wales for a small group over the weekend of the 31st of May to the 2nd of June 2013. There are only a few places left. Anyone interested in learning more please contact Colette at cburke@stantonyscentre.org.uk or telephone her on 0161 848 9173. Or for more information about what's on offer at Saint Antony's Centre please see the website at www.stanthonyscentre.org.uk. Or learn more about "Life to the Full" by going along to the Annual Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker Mass and meeting Colette there next Wednesday (1st of May) at 7.30pm at Saint Antony's Church, Eleventh Street, Trafford Park, Manchester, M17 1JF. Everyone welcome.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 28TH APRIL 2013

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Gerard Gleeson</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Sandra Marie King</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

MONDAY 29TH APRIL 2013 - SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Stephanie Healey</i>
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TUESDAY 30TH APRIL 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Josephine Siney</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Fr. George Russell</i>

WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY 2013 - SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
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THURSDAY 2ND MAY 2013 - SAINT ATHANASIUS

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Eileen Murphy</i>

FRIDAY 3RD MAY 2013 - SAINT PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Eleanor Grundy</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 4TH MAY 2013 - THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Maurice McCarthy</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 5TH MAY 2013

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Eileen Murphy</i>
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**RETIRING COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND FOR THE
CATHOLIC MEDIA OFFICE**

Saint Benedict's, Hindley
invite you to their
SPRING SALE

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in the church grounds
Plants – Cakes – Jams - Crafts

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Pentecost Sunday 19th May
Celebration of Confirmation and First
Holy Communion with some of our Year
Four Children at 10.30am at Holy
Family and at 3.00pm at Sacred Heart

Sunday 2nd June (Corpus Christi)
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at
Holy Family Church throughout the day
from 10.30am Mass to 7.00pm.

Friday 7th June
Feast of the Sacred Heart: Exposition
throughout the day at Sacred Heart
Church from 10.00am Mass to 7.00pm.

Saturday 8th June at 1.30pm
The Wedding of Jenna Hickey and
James Taylor at Holy Family.

Sunday 9th June
Baptism Preparation Course over three
Sundays with parents seeking Baptism
for their children.

Saturday 22nd June at 12 noon
The Wedding of Laura Crompton and
Steven Beardsworth at Sacred Heart.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family
Offertory £404.58

Sacred Heart
Offertory £617.00

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Parish Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter - 5th May 2013



MARY: SOMETHING DANGEROUSLY NEW!

Traditionally, May is the month of Mary when we celebrate her unique place in salvation history. Because of God's initiative, through a young girl answering "Yes" to the unforeseen, the presence of God becomes vulnerable in human flesh. In the days of God's Old Testament people it was the Ark of the Covenant that marked the presence of God. Now something new is happening: Mary of Nazareth is the tabernacle of God.

Like all mothers, Mary gives over her body and soul so that new life may be born. All mothers must wait for the gradual process that is happening within them; they must learn to let go of the child within them; they must not only nurture and protect the presence of the life within them but also foster its leaving. The act of childbirth is the painful act of letting go, so that the life within can take its own separate place in the life of the world. Mary's vocation is not only to hold Jesus within her, but also to let him go, to let him become the person he must be.

Mary assists the struggle of God to be one like us. There is something dangerously new about Mary, the woman at the centre of the Christian story. It is this woman, not a man, who brings God's real presence into the world. And through her the presence of the Redeemer will be known and celebrated.



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AGED 15 TO 21 AND THINKING ABOUT PRIESTHOOD?

Then why not go along to the Vocations Discernment Group meeting today (Sunday) at St. Mary's Lowe House in St. Helens town centre at 2.00pm or contact Father James Preston on 0151 727 2493.

FROM CAFOD LIVERPOOL

Next month, world leaders are meeting here in the UK for the G8 Summit where tackling the causes of hunger will be on the agenda. We know what needs to be done to stop people going hungry and we have an unprecedented opportunity to bring about the change needed through G8 Leaders acting on the four big issues that mean so many do not get enough food: Aid, Tax, Land and Transparency. Tens of thousands of people have already joined the "Enough Food for Everyone IF" campaign, but we need to get millions more behind us to ensure the world leaders take the correct course of action at the G8 Summit to help end hunger. And this is where we need your help.

In the run up to the G8, "Enough Food for Everyone IF" is launching a powerful ten days of action and we need hundreds of thousands of people to push world leaders to act. On the 8th of June – the start of our big 10 day push to the G8 and the day of the Hunger Summit in London – we will be holding an amazing event in Hyde Park, central London, where tens of thousands of us will be able to come together to demand action on hunger and show our support for the "Enough Food for Everyone IF" campaign. This can be your chance to add your voice to the powerful political message being delivered to the G8 leaders at their summit, and to join others from around the world in a once-in-a-lifetime afternoon of activity.

The timetable for the day is 11am Start of activities, including faith services and other activities across London – 1.00pm Arrival: gates open in London for the event – 2.00pm to 5.00pm: The main event takes place in Hyde Park.

CAFOD Liverpool have bought train tickets for the day for people to travel down to London. The train leaves Liverpool Lime Street at 07:48hrs and we will leave London Euston on the 18:07hrs train. All we ask is for a small donation to cover some of the cost. If you are interested in coming along then please phone the CAFOD Liverpool office on 0151 228 4028. Thank you!



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Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Eileen Murphy</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

MONDAY 6TH MAY 2013

<u>10.00am</u>	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Peter & Esther Flynn</i>
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*** Bank Holiday: Morning Mass at Sacred Heart today: No Evening Mass ***

TUESDAY 7TH MAY 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Our Lady's Intentions</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Eric Mills</i>

WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 2013

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
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THURSDAY 9TH MAY 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>

FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2013

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Pat Kirby</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 11TH MAY 2013

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Eileen Murphy</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – SUNDAY 12TH MAY 2013

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Barbara King</i>
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FOLLOWING POPE FRANCIS

The Universe Catholic Newspaper has recently been re-styled and now includes more news and topics of interest to suit all tastes, such as gardening, travel, health, finance and family matters, with all items and features having a Catholic dimension. It now also includes a regular monthly pull-out supplement "Through the Year with Pope Francis" that will expand on the papal news of the previous weeks including extracts from the pope's speeches and homilies. The Universe is on sale each week from the back of our churches priced at £1.30. Good weekly reading for every Catholic family and individuals of all ages!

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family	Sacred Heart
£481.60	Offertory £583.70

HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL APRIL WINNING NUMBERS

April 3rd	No. 28
April 10th	No. 12
April 17th	No. 35
April 24th	No. 47

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Expectant Parents are very welcome to take part in the new Preparing for Baptism Course even before the birth of their child. The Course is held four times each year, in March, June, September and December. See Father Tony after Mass to book your place on the next course.

KARAOKE NIGHT



Next Saturday (18th May)

Holy Family Catholic Club
Tram Street, Platt Bridge
Starts at 8.00pm

Everyone welcome

"We must look after the environment. People may sometimes forgive; but nature never does."

Pope Francis

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Parish Bulletin

Ascension of the Lord – 12th May 2013



"Saint Luke mentions that the Apostles, after seeing Jesus ascend into Heaven, return to Jerusalem 'with great joy'. This seems a little strange to us. Usually, when we are separated from our family members, from our friends, definitively, and especially when caused by death, we are naturally sad because we can no longer enjoy their presence. Instead, the Evangelist emphasizes the Apostles' profound joy. Why? Precisely because, with the gaze of faith, they understand that, even if gone from view, Jesus remains always with them. He does not abandon them and, in the Father's glory, He sustains them and guides them and intercedes for them.

"Luke again tells of the Ascension at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles to underline that this event is like the link that connects and unites Jesus' earthly life to that of the Church. He also mentions that, after a cloud takes him from sight of the Apostles, they remain looking at the sky until they are invited them not to stay fixed there, looked at the sky, but to nourish their lives and witness with the certainty that Jesus will return in the same way they saw him ascend to Heaven. It is an invitation to step forth from the contemplation of Jesus' Lordship and to receive from him the strength to carry forth and witness to the Gospel in their everyday lives.

"The Ascension doesn't indicate Jesus' absence, but rather that He is living among us in a new way. He is no longer in a particular place in the world as He was before the Ascension: Now He is present in every space and time, close to each of us. In our lives we are never alone: we have this Advocate who awaits us and defends us. We are never alone. The crucified and risen Lord guides us. With us there are many brothers and sisters who, in their family life and their work, in their problems and difficulties, in their joys and hopes, daily live the faith and bring, together with us, the Lordship of God's love to the world. In Jesus Christ, risen and ascended into Heaven, we have an Advocate."

POPE FRANCIS – Homily on 17th April 2013

**RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR
THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE**

TODAY (SUNDAY) IS WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

"On World Communications Day we are asked to keep those who work in the media in our prayers and there is a retiring collection this weekend to support the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN) which is entirely funded by this annual collection. The CCN provides communications support for the Bishops of England and Wales, both individually and collectively, for the Holy See and for the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through the media on a variety of different levels. CCN works with the media behind the scenes on a daily basis to ensure the best possible coverage of current issues which have relevance for the Catholic faith including events such as the media co-ordination of the Papal Resignation and Election of Pope Francis. This weekend we can help the CCN to promote the Good News through the media, by our prayers and by our generosity."

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into the People of God and into our Parish Family through the celebration of Baptism at Holy Family Church this weekend: Eve Kathleen Rowland aged three years and her brother Thomas Edward Rowland aged eleven months, the children of Ian and Ruth Rowland from Ruskin Crescent, Abram; and Logan Welsh aged eleven months, the son of Glyn Welsh and Katy Abbott from Lawrence Court, Abram.

Next Sunday (Pentecost Day) twenty four of our children from Sacred Heart and eight of our children from Holy Family will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and will also receive their First Holy Communion. For the last year, they and their parents have been preparing for this moment in their lives. Please hold them in prayer during this final week while they await the gift of the Spirit and prepare to receive the body and blood of the Risen Lord in the Eucharist.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the parents and family of Riley Joseph McMichael from Lincoln Road, Hindley who died on the 27th of April aged just six weeks. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church on Monday of this week at 11.15am prior to burial in Hindley Cemetery. May he know the eternal embrace of the love of God his Father.

Also to the family and friends of Albert Catterall from Belong Retirement Village, Millers Lane, Platt Bridge who died on the 3rd of May aged 88 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church next Wednesday at 1.00pm prior to burial in Wigan Cemetery. May the Risen Lord welcome him home.

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – SUNDAY 12TH MAY 2013

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Barbara King</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

MONDAY 13TH MAY 2013

11.15am	Sacred Heart	Funeral Service for Riley Joseph McMichael	
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Intentions of Bernadette Mullin</i>

TUESDAY 14TH MAY 2013 – SAINT MATTHIAS, Apostle

*** NO MASS AT SACRED HEART CHURCH TODAY ***

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
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WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY 2013

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>George Williams</i>
1.00pm	Holy Family	Funeral Service for Albert Catterall	

THURSDAY 16TH MAY 2013

*** NO MASS AT SACRED HEART CHURCH TODAY ***

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Eileen Murphy</i>
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FRIDAY 17TH MAY 2013

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Mary Noy</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 18TH MAY 2013

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Hilda Sullivan</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

PENTECOST SUNDAY – 19TH MAY 2013

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Ann Brown</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Peggy O'Leary</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Confirmation & First Communion Mass	
Sun. 3.00pm	Sacred Heart	Confirmation & First Communion Mass	

A REMINDER FROM CAFOD LIVERPOOL

CAFOD Liverpool is organising transport to the G8 mobilisation happening in London on Saturday 8th June. You may have heard about the "Enough food for Everyone IF" campaign. CAFOD has teamed up with charities like OXFAM, Save the Children and Christian Aid. It's a campaign about global hunger!

As part of this campaign there is going to be a huge mobilisation and rally in London on Saturday the 8th of June to coincide with the G8 summit on hunger and 10 days before the G8 itself. So if you or anybody you know would like to come down with us then you would be more than welcome! If you are interested or need more details about the G8 mobilisation including the travel arrangements, please contact the Cafod Liverpool office on 0151 228 4028 Or visit the CAFOD Liverpool blog at <http://cafodliverpool.wordpress.com/>

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& Wednesday at 7.45pm and Sunday
at 9.00pm

*Both Clubs have a function room
which is available for private hire.*

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Expectant Parents are very welcome to take part in the new Preparing for Baptism Course even before the birth of their child. The Course is held four times each year, in March, June, September and December. See Father Tony after Mass to book a place.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

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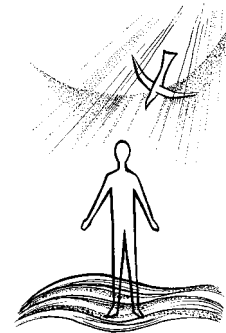


Parish Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday –19th May 2013



A NEW PENTECOST



"The Holy Spirit upsets us because it moves us, it makes us walk, it pushes the Church forward; yet we want to calm down the Holy Spirit, we want to tame it - and this is wrong. That's because the Holy Spirit is the strength of God, it's what gives us the strength to go forward; but many find this upsetting and prefer the comfort of the familiar. There is still a temptation to resist the Holy Spirit.

One example of this temptation to resist the Spirit is the incomplete reception of Vatican Two, a council which was a beautiful work of the Holy Spirit. Fifty years later, have we done everything the Holy Spirit was asking us to do during the Council? The answer is "no". We celebrate its 50th Anniversary, we put up a monument to it, but we don't want it to upset us. We don't want to change and what's more there are those who wish to turn the clock back. This is stubbornness and wanting to tame the Holy Spirit. And the same thing happens in our personal lives: The Spirit pushes us to take a more evangelical path but we resist this.

Submit to the Holy Spirit which comes from within us and makes go forward along the path of holiness! The Church cannot be merely a "babysitter" who takes care of the child just to get it to sleep: That would make her a slumbering Church. Instead, the members of the Church, the baptised, must evangelise. When we do this the Church becomes a mother who generates children, capable of bring Christ to the world.

Let us ask the Lord for the grace to become baptised persons who are brave and sure that the Holy Spirit who is in us, received at baptism, always moves us to proclaim Jesus Christ with our life, our testimony and even with our words."

POPE FRANCIS

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to those children and their parents who, after almost a year spent in preparation by looking deeper into their faith, are to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and, for the first time, the Holy Eucharist on this Pentecost Sunday. Through these two sacraments, what was begun at Baptism is completed in them and they become full members of the Catholic Church, empowered to play their part with the rest of the community in bearing witness to the presence of the Risen Christ among us. We look forward to their Spirit-filled love for Jesus bringing fresh life into our parish family at Mass every Sunday.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Shaun Flynn, late of Downing Close, Platt Bridge who died on the 7th of May aged 59 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church next Tuesday at 12 noon prior to committal at Wigan Crematorium. May he enter into the fullness of life through the Risen Lord.

HOLY FAMILY OPEN MEETING

The Friends of Holy Family invite all members of Holy Family Parish to their meeting next Sunday (26th of May) during tea and coffee after the 10.30am Mass to share ideas for future fund-raising efforts and social events for the coming months. Why not go along to the Coffee Morning next Sunday and stay for the meeting? New ideas and ways of doing things are always very welcome!

NUGENT CARE FOREIGN MONEY APPEAL

Nugent Care (the social work agency of the Archdiocese of Liverpool) is again running their Foreign Money Appeal this year. Any currency you may have around the house (currency you have left over from when you return from holiday) is most welcome - old or new, coins or notes, foreign and old English. The currency is sold to raise funding towards the work of Nugent Care and last year the total raised from this was £3,300. Any currency can be handed in at church and we'll pass it on to Nugent Care for you at the end of summer. For more information on Nugent Care's work see www.nugentcare.org

A DAY WITH MARY AT THE CATHEDRAL

The Carmelite Association of Our Lady invite you to join them for a Day in Honour of the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary taking place at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday the 1st of June beginning with Eucharistic Adoration from 11.00am to 12.30pm, then a break for lunch (bring your own packed lunch) followed by Mass at 2.00pm then Procession, Rosary, Benediction and Enrolment in the Brown Scapular, closing at approximately 5.30pm.



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Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Peggy O'Leary</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Confirmation and First Communion Mass	
Sun. 3.00pm	Sacred Heart	Confirmation and First Communion Mass	

MONDAY 20TH MAY 2013 (Week Seven of Ordinary Time)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Geraldine Clarkson</i>
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TUESDAY 21ST MAY 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Marcus Reid</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
12 noon	Holy Family	Funeral Service for Shaun Flynn	

WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY 2013

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Stephen Bond</i>
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THURSDAY 23RD MAY 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Elfriede Mortimer</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>

FRIDAY 24TH MAY 2013

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Eric Considine</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 25TH MAY 2013 - SAINT BEDE THE VENERABLE (8th Cent.)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Intentions of LISC</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - SUNDAY 26TH MAY 2013

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Intentions of Jen and Andy</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Margaret Rita Bentley</i>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 2nd June

Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Exposition throughout the day at Holy Family Church from 10.30am Mass to 7.00pm.

Friday 7th June

Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Exposition throughout the day at Sacred Heart Church from 10.00am Mass to 7.00pm.

Saturday 8th June at 1.30pm (HF)

Wedding: Jenna Hickey & James Taylor

Monday 10th June at 7.30pm (SH)

Parishioners' Meeting in the Gordon Room

Sunday 9th June (HF)

Baptism Preparation Course over three Sundays for parents seeking Baptism for their children

Saturday 22nd June at 12.30pm (SH)

Wedding: Laura Crompton & Steven Beardsworth

Thursday 4th July at 10.00am (HF)

Holy Family School "End of Year" Mass

Sunday 7th July (SH)

Sacred Heart Summer Fair

Wednesday 17th July at 2.00pm (SH)

Sacred Heart School "End of Year" Mass

Saturday 27th July at 1.30pm (SH)

Wedding: Kelly Ashurst & Nicholas Prior

Thursday 15th August

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holyday of Obligation)

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FOR OUR
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Trinity Sunday – 26th May 2013



THE CHURCH IS A LOVE STORY

"What is the Church? Because it seems it is not a human enterprise. The Church is something else. The disciples do not manufacture the Church, they are the messengers sent by Jesus. And Christ was sent by the Father. The Church begins there, in the heart of the Father, who had this idea . . . of love. And so this love story began, a story that has gone on for so long, and is not yet ended. We, the women and men of the Church, we are in the middle of a love story: each of us is a link in this chain of love. And if we do not understand this, we have understood nothing of what the Church is."

"The temptation is to focus on the growth of the Church without taking the path of love: But the Church does not grow by human strength. Some Christians have gone wrong for historical reasons; they have taken the wrong path, they have raised armies, they have waged wars of religion: That is another story; but that is not the story of love. Yet we learn, with our mistakes, how the story of love goes. But how does it increase? Jesus said simply: Like the mustard seed, it grows like yeast in the flour, without noise."

"A head of state once asked how big the Pope's army was. But the Church does not increase through a sort of military might, but through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is because the Church is not just another organisation: She is Mother. How would your mother feel if someone said she was a domestic administrator? She would reply: 'No, I am the mother!' And the Church is Mother. And we are in the middle of a love story that continues thanks to the power of the Holy Spirit. All of us together are a family in the Church, who is our Mother."

Pope Francis
Homily on 25th April 2013

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON CORPUS CHRISTI

Next Sunday we keep the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). As part of our celebration of this Year of Faith, both Pope Francis and Pope Benedict before him have requested that Catholics throughout the world should choose to mark the feast this year by spending some time in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, and we are happy to give the opportunity for us to respond to the Holy Fathers' invitation.

Next Sunday there will be Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Family Church from the 10.30am Mass throughout the day until Benediction at 7.00pm. We hope that members of all three parishes in the Hindley Catholic Area will take the opportunity to come along and spend some time before the Lord in adoration and prayer. And if you can commit yourself to a specific half-hour time slot during the day, please sign the "Guard of Honour" List at the back of Holy Family Church.

(Note: To mark the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus there will also be Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church on that day – Friday the 7th of June - from 10.00am Mass until Benediction at 7.00pm.)

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Wilfred Ford, late of Taylor Road, Hindley Green who died on the 19th of May aged 84 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church next Thursday (30th May) at 12.15pm prior to burial in Hindley Cemetery. Also to the family and friends of Jennifer Frost, late of Atherton Road, Hindley Green who died on the 21st of May aged 63 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church next Friday (31st May) at 12.15pm prior to cremation at Howe Bridge Crematorium. May the Lord welcome them home.

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Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Intentions of Jen and Andy</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Margaret Rita Bentley</i>

MONDAY 27TH MAY 2013 – SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY (7th Cent.)

<u>10.00am</u>	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Rose Hughes</i>
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*** Bank Holiday: Morning Mass at Sacred Heart today: No Evening Mass ***

TUESDAY 28TH MAY 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Margaret Gilligan</i>

WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY 2013

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving</i>
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THURSDAY 30TH MAY 2013

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Ints. of LISCF</i>
12.15pm	Sacred Heart	Funeral Service for Wilfred Ford	

FRIDAY 31ST MAY 2013 – FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF OUR LADY

12.15pm	Sacred Heart	Funeral Service for Jennifer Frost	
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Leonard Grundy</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 1ST JUNE 2013 – SAINT JUSTIN, Martyr (2nd Cent.)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – SUNDAY 2ND JUNE 2013

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>May & Danny Feeley</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Mary Ann O'Connell</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Anne James</i>

*** Exposition throughout the day at Holy Family Church until 7.00pm ***

Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism	
Sun. 7.00pm	Holy Family	Close of Exposition and Benediction	

WORLD-WIDE HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TODAY

For the first time in history, as part of the initiative of this Year of Faith, all the cathedrals of the world will be synchronised with Rome and will, for an hour, be in communion with the Pope in Eucharistic Adoration from 4.00pm to 5.00pm today, Corpus Christi. If a journey to the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool would be too far, then we invite you to be part of this global initiative by coming along to Holy Family Church this afternoon to spend this hour from 4.00pm until 5.00pm in communion with Pope Francis in prayer.

Pope Francis has proposed two intentions for our prayer: First: "For the Church spread throughout the world and united today in the adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist as a sign of unity. May the Lord make her ever more obedient to hearing his Word in order to stand before the world, that through her faithful announcement, the Word that saves may still resonate as the bearer of mercy and may increase love to give full meaning to pain and suffering, giving back joy and serenity."

Pope Francis' second intention is: "For those around the world who are victims of war, human trafficking, drug running, and slave labour. For the children and women who are suffering from every type of violence. May their silent scream for help be heard by a vigilant Church. Also for all those who find themselves in economically precarious situations, above all for the unemployed, the elderly, migrants, the homeless, prisoners, and those who experience marginalisation. That the Church's prayer and its active nearness give them comfort and assistance in hope and strength and courage in defending human dignity."

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE FOR PARENTS

Starts next Sunday 9th June

See Father Tony TODAY
if you wish to take part in the course

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Corpus Christi – Sunday 2nd June 2013



"DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME"

Those arresting, haunting words of Jesus have defined the Christian community for two thousand years: His disciples meet together to hallow the memory of their Lord by doing *this*, by celebrating the Eucharist.

At the Last Supper, before Jesus is handed over into the hands of his enemies, he first hands himself over into the hands of his friends. He, literally, gives himself away in the Breaking of Bread: He puts himself into the safekeeping of his disciples. The gift of Jesus is the gift of Himself, Corpus Christi. He will be lifted up on the Cross by the hands of his persecutors, but he will also be lifted up throughout history by the hands of his loving friends.

In following the command of the Lord we hope not only that we will be consumers of the Bread of Life but also that we will become as bread, broken to nourish one another. We are charged by the Lord to let the Eucharist make us become the memory of him, to bring it into the present tense, as summarised by the statement of Saint Augustine: "We pray that we might become what we eat, the Body of Christ".

Week by week, throughout the year, we nourish our faith and strengthen one another by celebrating the Eucharist. And, until the fullness of the kingdom comes, when we hope to see the Lord face to face, it is the Eucharist which is our real food for our journey there.

**RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR RETIRED PRIESTS**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION DAYS THIS WEEK

This week we have two opportunities to spend some time in prayer and adoration before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament: Today we keep the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) and, as part of our celebration of this Year of Faith, both Pope Francis and Pope Benedict before him have requested that Catholics throughout the world should choose to mark the feast this year by spending some time before the Blessed Sacrament. And we are happy to provide the opportunity for us to respond to the Holy Fathers' invitation.

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OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into the People of God and our parish family through the celebration of Baptism at Sacred Heart Church this weekend: Matilda Grace Coffey, aged twenty-one months, the daughter of Gary and Samantha Coffey from Glossop Way, Hindley.

And our congratulations to Jenna Hickey and James Taylor who, after entering into a civil marriage two years ago, will enter into Christian Marriage next Saturday at Holy Family Church. May the Lord bless and strengthen their love for one another.

AD MULTOS ANNOS

The oldest priest in the Archdiocese of Liverpool - and probably the oldest active Parish Priest in the whole country! - is one of our own priests in this deanery: Father Tom Kennedy, the Parish Priest of English Martyrs at Haydock, who was ordained in 1943. Tomorrow (Monday 3rd June) he celebrates his Platinum Jubilee: The 70th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination which is some achievement! There will be a Celebration Mass to mark the event at English Martyrs Church tomorrow evening (Monday) at 7.00pm concelebrated by Father Kennedy together with Archbishop-Emeritus Patrick, Bishops Tom and Vincent and many of his brother priests, and to which you would be very welcome to go along. There will also be an Archdiocesan Celebration of Father Kennedy and the other priests celebrating their Silver (1 priest), Ruby (2 priests) Golden (11 priests) and Diamond (3 priests) Jubilees this year in the Metropolitan Cathedral on Monday the 24th of June.

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – SUNDAY 2ND JUNE 2013

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>May & Danny Feeley</i>
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Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Mary Ann O'Connell</i>
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Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Anne James</i>
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*** Exposition throughout the day at Holy Family Church until 7.00pm ***

Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism	
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Sun. 7.00pm	Holy Family	Close of Exposition and Benediction	
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MONDAY 3RD JUNE 2013 – MARTYRS OF CENTRAL AFRICA (19th Cent.)

<u>10.00am</u>	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
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*** Morning Mass at Sacred Heart Church: No Evening Mass today ***

TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2013

*** No Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday ***

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Margaret Gilligan</i>
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WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE 2013 – SAINT BONIFACE, Apostle of Germany (8th C.)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
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THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 2013

*** No Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Thursday ***

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Bill Mangnall</i>
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FRIDAY 7TH JUNE 2013 – THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

<u>10.00am</u>	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
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*** Exposition throughout the day at Sacred Heart Church until 7.00pm**

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Close of Exposition and Benediction	
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SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2013 – THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Barbara King</i>
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11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	
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1.30pm	Holy Family	Wedding of Jenna Hickey & James Taylor	
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TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C) – 9TH JUNE 2013

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Wilf Ford</i>
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Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Jenny Frost</i>
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Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Fr. John Kennedy (anniv)</i>
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**NATIONAL BOARD OF
CATHOLIC WOMEN**

ANNUAL MEETING 2013

Saturday 22nd June 2013

10.30am to 4.30pm

in the Gibberd Room at the

Metropolitan Cathedral

Cost £5.00 All women welcome!

Email Pearl Clarke for more details

on nbcwpres@gmail.com

** Bring a packed lunch! **

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

10.30 Registration & Coffee

10.45am General Meeting

12.15pm Mass with Bishop Malone

1.15pm Break for lunch

2.15pm Talk: "Why Women Matter"

3.00pm Group Discussions

4.00pm Closing Liturgy

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family		Sacred Heart
£377.36	Offertory	£514.50
£149.37	Retired Priests	£264.00

**HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL
WINNING NUMBERS FOR MAY**

(£25 prize each week)

May 1st	No. 02
May 8th	No. 38
May 15th	No. 34
May 22nd	No. 01
May 29th	No. 14

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Parish Bulletin

Sunday 9th June 2013

Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Here dwells within a curtained box all power that fastens and unlocks.
Here, veiled and vital, lives the light of truth and glory infinite.

Here is the Bread that is not bread, by Whom immortal souls are fed.
This is the faltering pilgrim's food, His force and final fortitude.

And here all wisdom, all replies await our sore anxieties.
Here is the Heart that never faints and fashions sinners into saints.

Here, motionless, all slights He bears, the while He rules the universe.
Ready to work a wondrous sign should Mary plead "They have no wine."

Out of His silence comes the word that deep within the soul is heard.
Transfigured here, to faith not sight, He proves His mercy and His might.

How comes He here? By what device? By love's invention – sacrifice.
To give through wounds still open wide the ripe fruits of His Passiontide.

And though we stray, He heals the wounds; He keeps His promise
To here abide: Our constant Host – our Eucharist.

Fr. Paddy O'Connor
Columban Missionary

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SACRED HEART PARISH MEETING

There's a Parish Meeting open to all Sacred Heart Parishioners on Monday of this week (10th of June) at 7.30pm in the Gordon Room at Sacred Heart Church. All parishioners invited, especially if you'd like to help out at the Summer Fair on Sunday the 7th of July.

PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

Over the next three Sundays, parents requesting Baptism for their children in either of our two churches will be attending the 10.30am Mass at Holy Family Church after which they will spend some time in discussion with our catechists to enable them to be the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of faith. Expectant parents are very welcome to take part in the Baptism Preparation Course even before the birth of their child: See Father Tony after Mass at either church any weekend to pick up a Baptism Information Pack. The next courses will take place in September and December. *(Please note that due to the Baptism Preparation meetings there will be no tea or coffee served after Mass at Holy Family Church for the next three Sundays).*

LEGION OF MARY: NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

New members are always most welcome to join the Legion of Mary groups which meet each week in our parishes. Sacred Heart and Saint Benedict's Praesidium meets every Wednesday at 5.45pm in Saint Benedict's Presbytery (contact Wynn Walsh, Mary Gaskell or Joan Baines for more details): Holy Family Praesidium meets in the sacristy at Holy Family Church after the 10.00am Mass on Tuesdays (contact Kath Prior, Mary Marsh or Chris Eccleston for more information).

GOOD SHEPHERD FUND

Year Three and Year Five children from Sacred Heart School recently attended the Annual Good Shepherd Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral and presented a cheque for £1,054 to Nugent Care, the result of their fund-raising for the Good Shepherd Fund this year. Congratulations to children, parents and staff. Well done!

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS CENTENARY

This year the Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) is celebrating its Centenary. To mark the occasion there will be Mass in the Metropolitan Cathedral next Saturday (15th of June) at 12 noon at which Bishop Vincent Malone will be the Principal Celebrant. Present or past members of the UCM are most welcome to go along to the Mass. There will be a Buffet Lunch after the Mass in the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool with entertainment provided by Jimmy Cricket: Admission by ticket costing £12.50 and available from Father Mark Madden at markmddn@me.com or telephone him on 01704 228943.

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE 2013 - TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Wilf Ford</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Jenny Frost</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Fr. John Kennedy (anniv)</i>

MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2013

2.00pm	Holy Family	Funeral Service for Paul Andrew O'Reilly	
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving</i>

TUESDAY 11TH JUNE 2013 - SAINT BARNABAS, Apostle (1st Century)

*** No Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday Morning ***

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Margaret Gilligan</i>
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WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE 2013

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Pat McGowan</i>
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THURSDAY 13TH JUNE 2013 - SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA (13th Century)

*** No Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Thursday Morning ***

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
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FRIDAY 14TH JUNE 2013

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Jack Phillips & McHugh Family</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 2013

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Margaret Gilligan</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 16TH JUNE 2013 - ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Reg Miller</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Margaret Vose</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Hilda Sullivan</i>

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go to the family and friends of Paul Andrew O'Reilly, lately living in Bradford, who died on the 18th of May aged 36 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church on Monday at 2.00pm prior to committal at Wigan Crematorium. May the Lord welcome him home.

The
"PRAISE WITH AFRICA" CHOIR
IN CONCERT

Next Thursday 20th June 2013
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Sunday 16th June 2013

Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time



May was the month of Mary: June is the month of the Sacred Heart. The tradition of ascribing a particular devotion to months of the year means that those months stay in our memories from childhood. Be it the Marian Crowning and Procession of May-time, or the strawberries and cream with which one school marks the Feast of the Sacred Heart (yes, honest!) these rituals and customs are important to our celebration of a Catholicism deeply rooted in our culture and popular devotions.

A few weeks ago, Pope Francis addressed a gathering in Rome of Confraternities and Sodalities and asked them to keep in their hearts and minds three important concepts (he seems to like making three points or using three significant words or ideas in his homilies!). He asked them, and thereby us, to remember to carry with us a spirit which is Evangelical, Ecclesial and Missionary.

We are to be Evangelical: to have a love for the Gospels and for the person of Jesus to whom they all bear loving witness, and a desire to communicate the richness of God's word to others. We are to be Ecclesial because we remember always and delight in the fact that we belong to a household of faith which is truly Catholic, universal not just for its geographical spread but affecting every part of our lives. There is, he says, no such thing as a part-time Christian! We are to be Missionary because we each have a particular vocation, but the fundamental mission uniting us all is the task of letting people know, as Saint Paul put it, "the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (Philippians 3:8).

The Liturgy which we celebrate each day is also marked by these three virtues: We are rooted in the Gospel, rooted in love of the Church, and nourished for the mission which is ours in the world.

As the Pope is also fond of saying: "E cosi sia – May it be so!"

Canon Philip Gillespie. Saint Mary's, Douglas, Isle of Man
Writing in this month's issue of The Catholic Pictorial

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Our best wishes and congratulations to Laura Crompton and Steven Beardsworth who are to be married at Sacred Heart Church next Saturday afternoon. We pray the Lord's blessing upon them for many happy years of married life together.

SACRED HEART PRAYER DIARY

In a new initiative, by the side of the Sacred Heart Shrine at Sacred Heart Church, we now have a "Prayer Diary" in which we invite you to write any intentions for prayer which you may wish to share with others (maybe the name of a sick friend or parishioner, or a special anniversary, or whatever need you may have for the prayers of others in the community). When visiting the shrine you may wish to take a look at others' requests and remember them when you offer a prayer or light a candle.

ANNUAL "RED BOX" MASS

Many of us have those little Red Mission Boxes in our homes, to give financial support the work of the Association of the Propagation of the Faith (APF) and Mill Hill Missionaries. As a way of thanking you for your support, the APF/Mill Hill invite all supporters and their families and friends to join them for their Annual Summer Mission Mass which is taking place next Sunday (23rd of June) from 2.00pm to 5.00pm at Herbert House, Freshfield, 41 Victoria Road, Formby, L37 1LW. There will be Mass, Exposition, the opportunity for Confession, refreshments and talks on Mission Spirituality and how your Red Box donations support APF/Mill Hill's work.

HOLYWELL PILGRIMAGE

The Annual National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Saint Winifride's Well at Holywell in North Wales takes place next Sunday (23rd of June) starting with a procession from Saint Winifride's Church at 2.30pm with Mass and Veneration of the relic of Saint Winifride at the Well at 3.00pm. The Principal Celebrant is Bishop Peter Brignall, the Bishop of Wrexham. Why not take a picnic with you and, weather permitting, include the pilgrimage as part of a family day out?

LIVING THEOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL

For those who may wish to go a little deeper into understanding our everyday beliefs, Loyola Metro are hosting a Summer School on Christian Faith on the Everton Campus of Liverpool Hope University from Monday the 22nd to Friday the 26th of July. The main course daily is on "Christianity and the Challenge of Islam" with an option of group sessions on topics such as theology, scripture, Newman, the Spanish mystics and Vatican Two. More information from Saint Francis Xavier Church in Liverpool at www.sfxchurchliverpool.com or telephone 0151 298 1911 or email d.reynolds@sfxchurchliverpool.com. The cost of the week's course is £80.

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 16TH JUNE 2013 – ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Reg Miller</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Margaret Vose</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Hilda Sullivan</i>

MONDAY 17TH JUNE 2013

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving (G)</i>
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TUESDAY 18TH JUNE 2013 – SAINT JOHN RIGBY, Local Martyr

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Margaret Gilligan</i>

WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE 2013

<u>2.00pm</u>	Sacred Heart	Funeral Mass for Margaret Hoare	
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THURSDAY 20TH JUNE 2013 – SAINT ALBAN, First British Martyr

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Bill Mangnall</i>

FRIDAY 21ST JUNE 2013 – SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Michael Halliwell</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2013 – SAINTS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	
12.30pm	Sacred Heart	Wedding: Laura and Steven	

SUNDAY 23RD JUNE 2013 – TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Hannah Cavey</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Thomas Cooke</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Albert Catterall</i>

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends of Margaret Mary Hoare, late of Woodlands Avenue, Hindley Green who died on the 11th of June aged 88 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church next Wednesday at 2.00pm prior to committal at Howe Bridge Crematorium. May the Lord welcome her home.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Led by Father James Preston – Places still available!

Friday 25th October to Friday 1st November 2013 with Tangney Tours

By air from Liverpool Airport with half-board accommodation staying 5 nights in Krakow and two nights in Czestochowa. A full spiritual programme with visits to many sites and shrines, including: Czestochowa, Krakow, Wadowice, Divine Mercy Convent at Lagiewniki, Auschwitz and Auschwitz-Birkenau, Zakopane.

For further details and cost phone the parish office at Saint Charles Borromeo Church in Aigburth, Liverpool on 0151 727 2493.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Charlie, Sylvia and Paul Delargy wish to thank Father Tony, Deacon Mike and the Prayer Group, Holy Family Choir and all parishioners for their prayers and concern for Paul for a speedy recovery from brain surgery. The operation was successful and Paul is now fully recovered. May God bless you all.

MASS INTENTIONS

When a request is received for Mass to be offered for a certain person or intention on a specific date, we try as far as possible to comply with that request. However, when that date has already been allocated, your requested Intention will then be offered on a day as close as possible to the date which was asked for.

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Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Pope Francis on the Holy Spirit:

NEWNESS

Newness always makes us a bit fearful, because we feel more secure if we have everything under control, if we are the ones who build, programme and plan our lives in accordance with our own ideas, our own comfort, our own preferences. This is also the case when it comes to God. Often we follow him, we accept him, but only up to a certain point. It is hard to abandon ourselves to him with complete trust, allowing the Holy Spirit to be the soul and guide of our lives in our every decision. We fear that God may force us to strike out on new paths and leave behind our all too narrow, closed and selfish horizons in order to become open to his own. Yet throughout the history of salvation, whenever God reveals himself, he brings newness - God always brings newness -, and demands our complete trust: Noah, mocked by all, builds an ark and is saved; Abram leaves his land with only a promise in hand; Moses stands up to the might of Pharaoh and leads his people to freedom; the apostles, huddled fearfully in the Upper Room, go forth with courage to proclaim the Gospel. This is not a question of novelty for novelty's sake, the search for something new to relieve our boredom, as is so often the case in our own day. The newness which God brings into our life is something that actually brings fulfilment, that gives true joy, true serenity, because God loves us and desires only our good. Let us ask ourselves today: Are we open to "God's surprises"? Or are we closed and fearful before the newness of the Holy Spirit? Do we have the courage to strike out along the new paths which God's newness sets before us, or do we resist, barricaded in transient structures which have lost their capacity for openness to what is new? We would do well to ask ourselves these questions.

Homily for Pentecost Sunday 19th of May 2013

PLATT BRIDGE SUMMER FAIR

Platt Bridge Community Summer Fare takes place in the grounds of Holy Family Catholic Primary School on Saturday the 6th of July. Holy Family Church will have two stalls at the Summer Fare and we would welcome any gifts of Toiletries (male or female) or of Children's Refreshments (eg. sweets, cartons of juice, etc) to sell on those stalls – as well as any volunteers to help out on the day. Please see Angharad Wheatley, Catherine Sharpe or Neil Mulhearn if you can oblige.

PILGRIMAGE TO LADYEWELL

Bishop Malone invites you to join him next Saturday (29th of June) for our Annual Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady and the English Martyrs at Ladyewell, Fernyhalgh Lane, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 5RR. The Pilgrimage will begin with the celebration of Mass at 12 noon in Saint Mary's Church followed by a Rosary Procession to the Shrine and later in the day there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Pilgrims will need to bring their own packed lunch and, weather permitting, will be able to have a picnic in the shrine grounds. For more information please telephone Father James Preston on 0151 727 2493.

CELEBRATE THE CHILD

The Annual Mass to celebrate the work done with children in the parishes of the Archdiocese (Children's Liturgy, Preparation for the Sacraments, etc) will be celebrated next Sunday (30th of June) at 3.00pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool by Bishop Tom Williams. All children, their families and catechists from across the Archdiocese are invited to go along to join in this special occasion.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2013

To coincide with the World Youth Day celebrations taking place with Pope Francis in Rio there's *WYD@Home Brightlights* taking place here in the UK from the 26th to the 29th of July at Aylesford Priory in Kent. A weekend festival for young adults aged 16 to 30 and offering a great programme of prayer, speakers, bands and workshops. Experience the Spirit of World Youth Day being held in Rio here at home! For more information please visit www.brightlights.org.uk or phone 0845 8057010 or email info@brightlights.org.uk.

CELEBRATING PETER AND PAUL

Next Sunday we will celebrate the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul (normally celebrated on the 29th of June each year but for this year the feast is transferred to the Sunday). There will be a Retiring Collection taken after each Mass next weekend for "Peter's Pence" – the annual gift of Catholics throughout the world to Pope Francis for him to use to alleviate suffering and poverty when such occasions arise.

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Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Hannah Cavey</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Thomas Cooke</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Albert Catterall</i>

MONDAY 24TH JUNE 2013 – BIRTH OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

<u>1.00pm</u>	Sacred Heart	Funeral Mass for Margaret Pye
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TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 2013

*** No Mass at Sacred Heart Church today ***

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Sandra King</i>
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WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE 2013

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
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THURSDAY 27TH JUNE 2013

*** No Mass at Sacred Heart Church today ***

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Margaret Gilligan</i>
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FRIDAY 28TH JUNE 2013 – SAINT IRENAEUS

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Fr. Basil Walker</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 29TH JUNE 2013

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Paul O'Reilly</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 30TH JUNE 2013 – SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Martin Mallon</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>William Pendlebury</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Marion Beaver</i>

Our deep sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends of Margaret Pye (formerly Margaret Brown) late of Bradshaw Street, Pemberton but once from Hindley Green, who died on the 14th of June aged 78 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church on Monday at 1.00pm prior to burial at Hindley Cemetery. May the Lord welcome her home.

SACRED HEART FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We meet in Sacred Heart Club every Wednesday afternoon at 2.00pm and, after a few games of bingo, a cup of tea and biscuits, and not forgetting a friendly chat, the club finishes at about 3.45pm. If this sounds for you then just come along: A very warm welcome awaits you, and men as well as women are welcome. For more information please ring Maureen Dalton on 253132 or Lily Radcliffe on 255991 or Norman or Dorothy Baker on 256258.

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FORTHCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 4th July 10.00am (HF)

Holy Family School "End of Year" Mass

Sunday 7th July (SH)

Sacred Heart Summer Fair

Sunday 14th July

Sea Sunday: Retiring Collection

Wednesday 17th July 2.00pm (SH)

Sacred Heart School "End of Year" Mass

Saturday 27th July 1.30pm (SH)

Wedding: Kelly Ashurst & Nicholas Prior

Sunday 28th July

Day for Life: Retiring Collection

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

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Sacred Heart

Offertory £536.85



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Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul



Pope Francis on the Holy Spirit:

HARMONY

A second thought: The Holy Spirit would appear to create disorder in the Church, since he brings the diversity of charisms and gifts; yet all this, by his working, is a great source of wealth, for the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of unity, which does not mean uniformity, but which leads everything back to *harmony*. In the Church, it is the Holy Spirit who creates harmony. One of Fathers of the Church has an expression which I love: the Holy Spirit himself is harmony. He is indeed harmony. Only the Spirit can awaken diversity, plurality and multiplicity, while at the same time building unity. Here too, when we are the ones who try to create diversity and close ourselves up in what makes us different and other, we bring division. When we are the ones who want to build unity in accordance with our human plans, we end up creating uniformity, standardization. But if instead we let ourselves be guided by the Spirit, richness, variety and diversity never become a source of conflict, because he impels us to experience variety within the communion of the Church. Journeying together in the Church, under the guidance of her pastors who possess a special charism and ministry, is a sign of the working of the Holy Spirit. Having a sense of the Church is something fundamental for every Christian, every community and every movement. It is the Church which brings Christ to me, and me to Christ; parallel journeys are very dangerous! When we venture beyond the Church's teaching and community – the Apostle John tells us in his Second Letter - and do not remain in them, we are not one with the God of Jesus Christ (cf. 2 Jn v. 9). So let us ask ourselves: Am I open to the harmony of the Holy Spirit, overcoming every form of exclusivity? Do I let myself be guided by him, living in the Church and with the Church?

Homily for Pentecost Sunday 19th of May 2013

**RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
FOR "PETER'S PENCE" (POPE'S CHARITIES)**

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FOR THOSE WHO COME TO MASS ON WEEKDAYS:

After quite some time of using the *Magnificat* monthly missals to celebrate Mass on weekdays we are now moving over to use the Collins Weekday Missal. One reason for this is to save money, since the one-off cost of these more sturdy volumes works out much cheaper than an annual subscription by the parish to *Magnificat*. Another reason is environmental, since the Weekday Missal can be used year after year, whereas each issue of *Magnificat* lasts for just one month after which it is thrown away. Another is to allow for greater flexibility in celebrating the liturgy, since *Magnificat* tends to dictate which texts are to be used and which optional memorial of saints are to be celebrated, whereas the weekday missal allows us to use many texts according to the choice and discretion of the celebrant.

The Weekday Missals can be found in a bookcase at the back of each church: Please take a copy as you come into church for weekday Mass and return it afterwards. If any weekday Mass-goer wishes to purchase their own copy we can make one available to you at the discount price of £20 (the RRP is £30).

The page references for the Mass Readings in the Weekday Missal for each day will be printed in the bulletin (see the facing page) and we will continue to recite the verses of the Psalm together (omitting the response after each verse). Where two Gospel Acclamations are given, we will always use the second one which reflects more the theme of the Gospel Reading for that day.

We will begin using the Collins Weekday Missals from this week. Copies of the July issue of *Magnificat* are available at £4.00 each from the Piety Shop at the back of each church and these will be the final copies we will be receiving. If you wish to continue to receive *Magnificat* you can take out a private subscription by completing the form at the back of the book and mailing it with your payment.

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 30TH JUNE 2013 - SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Martin Mallon</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>William Pendlebury</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Marion Beaver</i>

MONDAY 1ST JULY 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 635)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Margaret Hoare</i>
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TUESDAY 2ND JULY 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 637)

*** No Mass at Sacred Heart Church today ***

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Margaret Gilligan</i>
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**WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY 2013 - SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE
(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 1793)**

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Fr. Basil Walker</i>
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THURSDAY 4TH JULY 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 641)

*** No Mass at Sacred Heart Church today ***

10.00am	Holy Family	Holy Family School End of Year Mass
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FRIDAY 5TH JULY 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 644)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 6TH JULY 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 646)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 7TH JULY 2013 - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Terry Durkin</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Agnes Griffin</i>

SUNDAY MASS READERS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

A new rota begins next weekend for those who read at Mass at weekends and for those who assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at both churches. Please collect your copy of the new rota from the sacristy before you leave church today.

WHAT'S ON EACH WEEK

*New faces are always welcome to turn up to any of these regular events.
If you would like to know more before you go, contact the persons named.*

OVER 60's FRIENDSHIP CLUBS

Wednesday at 1.00pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Contact Kath Prior on 861995.

Wednesday at 2.00pm in Sacred Heart Club. Contact Maureen Dalton on 253132 or Lily Radcliffe on 255991 or Norman and Dorothy Baker on 256258

LEGION OF MARY

Tuesday after morning Mass at 10.30am in the sacristy at Holy Family Church. Contact Mary Marsh on 701091 or Kath Prior on 861995.

Wednesday at 5.45pm in Saint Benedict's Presbytery, Hindley. Contact Wynn Walsh, Mary Gaskell or Joan Baines.

BROWNIES AND GUIDES FOR GIRLS

Wednesday in Holy Family Parish Hall from 6.30pm to 8.00pm (Brownies) and 8.00pm to 9.00pm (Guides). Contact Sheila Marcroft on 861981

KICKBOXING FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Tuesday from 5.30pm to 6.30pm and Thursday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Contact Dale Bannister (3xWorld and 15xBritish Champion) on 07581 540278

If you organise a group or activity within our parishes and would like it to be mentioned occasionally in future Parish Bulletins please let us have some details.

HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL WINNING NUMBERS FOR JUNE

(£25 prize each week)

June 5th	No. 21
June 12th	No. 24
June 19th	No. 31
June 26th	No. 35

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family

Offertory £480.25

Peter's Pence £115.62

Sacred Heart

Offertory £546.70

Peter's Pence £203.15

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Pope Francis on the Holy Spirit:

MISSION

A final point. The older theologians used to say that the soul is a kind of sailboat, the Holy Spirit is the wind which fills its sails and drives it forward, and the gusts of wind are the gifts of the Spirit. Lacking his impulse and his grace, we do not go forward. The Holy Spirit draws us into the mystery of the living God and saves us from the threat of a Church which is gnostic and self-referential, closed in on herself; he impels us to open the doors and go forth to proclaim and bear witness to the good news of the Gospel, to communicate the joy of faith, the encounter with Christ.

The Holy Spirit is the soul of *mission*. The events that took place in Jerusalem almost two thousand years ago are not something far removed from us; they are events which affect us and become a lived experience in each of us. The Pentecost of the Upper Room in Jerusalem is the beginning, a beginning which endures. The Holy Spirit is the supreme gift of the risen Christ to his apostles, yet he wants that gift to reach everyone. As we heard in the Gospel, Jesus says: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to remain with you forever" (Jn 14:16). It is the Paraclete Spirit, the "Comforter", who grants us the courage to take to the streets of the world, bringing the Gospel! The Holy Spirit makes us look to the horizon and drive us to the very outskirts of existence in order to proclaim life in Jesus Christ.

Let us ask ourselves: do we tend to stay closed in on ourselves, on our group, or do we let the Holy Spirit open us to mission?

Homily for Pentecost Sunday
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NUGENT CARE FOREIGN MONEY APPEAL

Nugent Care (the social work agency of the Archdiocese of Liverpool) is again running their Foreign Money Appeal this year. Any currency you may have around the house (currency you have left over from when you return from holiday) is most welcome - old or new, coins or notes, foreign and old English. The currency is sold to raise funding towards the work of Nugent Care and last year the total raised from this was £3,300. Any currency can be handed in at church and we'll pass it on to Nugent Care for you at the end of summer. For more information on Nugent Care's work see www.nugentcare.org

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday is *Sea Sunday* when we are asked to hold in thought and prayer those who work and live on the seas. There will be a retiring collection after each of the Masses next weekend to support the chaplaincy work of the Apostleship of the Sea with seafarers and their families.

EVANGELIUM CONFERENCE 2013: Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th August

Young adults (aged 18 to 35) are invited to attend the sixth *Evangelium* residential weekend conference taking place at The Oratory School in Reading on the theme of explaining the Catholic faith in the modern world. The weekend offers dynamic talks from excellent speakers, the opportunity to mix with other young people who share your faith, discussion and informal talk, daily Mass and Exposition, relaxation in the beautiful grounds and opportunities for sport and evening entertainment. Cost is £95. More details and bookings at www.evangelium.co.uk or phone 01834 812643

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Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Agnes Griffin</i>

MONDAY 8TH JULY 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 648)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
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TUESDAY 9TH JULY 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 650)

*** No Mass at Sacred Heart Church today ***

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Margaret Gilligan</i>
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WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 652)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Margaret Hoare</i>
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THURSDAY 11TH JULY 2013 – SAINT BENEDICT, Abbot

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 1804)

*** No Mass at Sacred Heart Church today ***

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Barbara King</i>
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FRIDAY 12TH JULY 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 657)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 13TH JULY 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 659)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Ints. of Neil & Lynne Prescott</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 14TH JULY 2013 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Gordon Halliwell</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Sandra King</i>

- World Community for Christian Meditation -
MEDITATION IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION

The aim of Christian Meditation is to allow God's mysterious and silent presence that is already within us to become the reality which gives meaning, shape and purpose to everything we are and do. Meditation goes beyond words, images, thought and feelings: It leads into stillness, silence and simplicity, allowing us to be in the present moment.

The World Community for Christian Meditation is inspired by the vision of John Main, a Benedictine monk who revived an ancient form of contemplative prayer and made it available to all. Today, people from all walks of life and all ages meet together regularly in schools, churches, homes, offices and prisons throughout the world. The UK Community has a network of meditation groups, a rich programme of events and a range of publications to support the journey of meditation. The local meditation group is open to share the teaching of Christian Meditation in silence and friendship. All are welcome.

Could this be for you? To find the nearest local WCCM Meditation Group contact Regional Coordinator Lesley Easterman on 01204 811050 or email lesley.easterman@btinternet.com

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP



We are hoping to set up a Bereavement Support Group for any in our two parishes who have lost a love one, recently or maybe even a while ago, and who still find life without their loved one difficult to cope with. There has already been much interest shown in forming such a group so, if this describes you, then know that you are not alone and do not have to try to cope alone.

The first informal meeting of this new group will take place on the last Saturday of this month (Saturday the 27th of July) at 12.30pm in Holy Family Parish Hall and anyone is welcome to come along. For more information please contact Mary Marsh at Holy Family or phone her on 01942 701091.

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SEA SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Many of us have never stopped to consider how important seafarers are to our standard of living: Without them we would not have most of the items we use in our everyday lives. Many of these seafarers are unable to practise their faith due to long periods away from home, whilst others are denied basic rights and working conditions that we take for granted. Many seafarers suffer loneliness, far from home and cut off from their own culture, family and friends.

The Apostleship of the Sea serves seafarers from across the world, regardless of belief, nationality or rank. In all the main ports in Great Britain our team of chaplains and volunteer ship visitors visit thousands of seafarers each year, meeting their needs through the provision of help, support and advice. Recognising and responding to the needs of seafarers is part of the Apostleship of the Sea's pastoral care: *"I can't speak too highly of the care and support given to seafarers by the port chaplains and ship visitors of the Apostleship of the Sea. They bring a much needed dose of humanity, not only when ships are detained or at other very stressful moments for seafarers, but they are also out there ship visiting, day in, day out. Their help for seafarers is second to none."* writes Captain Ron Bailey, the Harbour Master at Clydeport Operations Limited.

Today's second collection is our opportunity to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea (AOS), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. For more information on the work of AOS please visit their website at www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

**RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
FOR THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA**

POPE FRANCIS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Dear brothers and sisters.

When we talk about the environment, about creation, my thoughts turn to the first pages of the Bible, the Book of Genesis, which states that God placed man and woman on earth to cultivate and care for it (cf. 2:15). And the question comes to my mind: What does cultivating and caring for the earth mean? Are we truly cultivating and caring for creation? Or are we exploiting and neglecting it?

To "cultivate and care" encompasses not only the relationship between us and the environment, between man and creation, it also regards human relationships. The Popes have spoken of *human ecology*, closely linked to *environmental ecology*. We are living in a time of crisis: we see this in the environment, but above all we see this in mankind. The human person is in danger: this is certain, the human person is in danger today, here is the urgency of human ecology! And it is a serious danger because the cause of the problem is not superficial but profound: it is not just a matter of economics, but of ethics and anthropology. The Church has stressed this several times, and many say, yes, that's right, it's true ... but the system continues as before, because it is dominated by the dynamics of an economy and finance that lack ethics. Man is not in charge today, money is in charge, money rules. God our Father did not give the task of caring for the earth to money, but to us, to men and women: we have this task! Instead, men and women are sacrificed to the idols of profit and consumption: it is the "culture of waste." If you break a computer it is a tragedy, but poverty, the needs, the dramas of so many people end up becoming the norm. If on a cold winter's night, for example, a person dies, that is not news. If in so many parts of the world there are children who have nothing to eat, that's not news, it seems normal. It cannot be this way! Yet these things become the norm: that some homeless people die of cold on the streets is not news. In contrast, a ten point drop on the stock markets of some cities, is a tragedy. A person dying is not news, but if the stock markets drop ten points it is a tragedy! Thus people are disposed of, as if they were trash.

This "culture of waste" tends to become the common mentality that infects everyone. Human life, the person is no longer perceived as a primary value to be respected and protected, especially if poor or disabled, if not yet useful - such as the unborn child - or no longer needed - such as the elderly. This culture of waste has made us insensitive even to the waste and disposal of food, which is even more despicable when all over the world, unfortunately, many individuals and families are suffering from hunger and malnutrition. Once our grandparents were very careful not to throw away any leftover food. Consumerism has led us to become used to an excess and daily waste of food, to which, at times, we are no longer able to give a just value, which goes well beyond mere economic parameters. We should all remember, however, that the food we throw away is as if stolen from the table of the poor, the hungry! I encourage everyone to reflect on the problem of thrown away and wasted food to identify ways and means that, by seriously addressing this issue, are a vehicle of solidarity and sharing with the needy.

Thank you.

General Audience Address on Wednesday 5th of June 2013

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 14TH JULY 2013 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Gordon Halliwell</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Sandra King</i>

MONDAY 15TH JULY 2013 – SAINT BONAVENTURE (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 661)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Margaret Vose</i>
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TUESDAY 16TH JULY 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 664)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Margaret Hoare</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>

WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY 2013

<u>2.00pm</u>	Sacred Heart	Sacred Heart School End of Year Mass	
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THURSDAY 18TH JULY 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 668)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>

FRIDAY 19TH JULY 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 670)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Margaret Hoare</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 20TH JULY 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 672)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Alice Cunliffe</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 21ST JULY 2013 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Dorothy Hickman</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Derek Kelly</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

REFLECTIONS ON THE PARABLES OF JESUS

Two Summer Scripture Mornings led by Father Chris Thomas on Wednesday the 24th of July and Wednesday the 31st of July from 10.30am to 12 noon at Irenaeus House of Prayer, 32 Great Georges Street, Liverpool, L22 1RD.

For more details or to book a place please phone 0151 949 1199 or email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

Sacred Heart Catholic Club

(Behind the Church)

Tel. 01942 255192

Bingo Nights each week on Tuesday
& Sunday at 9.00pm with Concert
Night every Saturday

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH CLUB

Holy Family Catholic Club

Tram Street, Platt Bridge

Tel. 01942 866167

Bingo Nights each week on
Monday & Wednesday at 7.45pm
and Sunday at 9.00pm

*Both Clubs have a function room
available for private hire.*

SACRED HEART SUMMER FAIR

Heartfelt thanks to all who came along to support it and worked so hard to make the Summer Fare held on the 6th of July such a success. The sum of £1,500 was raised which has been divided equally between the church and the school.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Expectant Parents are very welcome to take part in the new Preparing for Baptism Course even before the birth of their child. The Course is held four times each year over three Sundays, in March, June, September and December. See Father Tony after Mass at either church on any weekend to book a place on the Preparing Parents for Baptism course.

THANK YOU

For Sunday 7th July 2013

Holy Family	Sacred Heart
£443.85	Offertory £617.70

For Sunday 14th July 2013

Holy Family	Sacred Heart
£382.59	Offertory £522.60
£152.41	Sea Sunday £204.00

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"Many voices may urge us to leave well alone, not to disturb what appears dead in our society. Should we not be realistic and concede that the defence of human life, the identity of marriage and the integrity of the family is all but lost? Should we best remain silent so as not to weaken the Church's increasingly, precarious standing in society? We might, indeed, be tempted to speak only of those concerns which accord with the social consensus around us. Pope Francis, however, shows us a different approach by his startlingly, direct way of speaking and the clear witness of his actions. In the North of England we certainly understand plain speaking! The contemporary world, Pope Francis has shown us, is often more ready to listen and take notice than we as Christians are ready to speak or give witness. Amid the twilight of a Christian England this witness will shine out more clearly.

"In the witness this moment in history demands of us we should not expect to find safety in numbers. Catholics in this country have known quite a lot about being a minority. The lack of social supports can serve to bring us back anew to the true source of our life. Generations before us never doubted by what the Church's mission lives or dies: "It is the Mass," they said "which matters!" Pope Benedict observed that every great reform, every renewal of the Church's life and mission is "in some way been linked to the rediscovery of belief in the Lord's Eucharistic presence amongst his people" (SC n.6). It is Christ Himself, truly present in the Eucharist, who calls us amid all that is dying to rise and walk again. St Ignatius of Antioch said at the dawn of the 2nd Christian Century what applies equally to 21st Century Britain: In the Eucharist, he declared, we have "the medicine, the antidote for death and the food that makes us live forever in Jesus Christ" (cf. p.97 "Compendium of the Catechism"). May we come to recognise this more clearly."

Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury on 9th of June 2013
Address to the Northern Catholic Conference at Liverpool

FREE BOOKLET THIS WEEKEND

The fourth and final part of *Doorway to Faith*, a journey of prayer and daily reflections in this Year of Faith on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, is available free-of-charge from the back of each church today. This fourth booklet is devoted to part three of the Catechism "*Life in Christ*" and explores what it means to live a moral life and so to fulfil our vocation to live life in the power of the Spirit. Please take a copy for yourself, and maybe also one for a non-practicing Catholic relative, friend or neighbour if you wish. The daily reflections begin on the 29th of July.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Welcome into the People of God and our Parish Family through the celebration of Baptism at Holy Family Church this weekend to Tayla-Mai Jordan, aged eleven months, daughter of Dean Jordon and Stacey Atherton from Moss Lane, Platt Bridge.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Peter Jolley, late of Swan Lane, Hindley Green, who died on the 12th of July aged 63 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church on Monday at 1.00pm prior to burial at Hindley Cemetery. May the Lord welcome him home.

Our best wishes and prayers for a long and happy life together are with Nicholas Prior and Kelly Ashurst from Harbrook Grove, Hindley Green who are to be married at Sacred Heart Church next Saturday afternoon.

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DAY FOR LIFE NEXT SUNDAY

Next weekend we observe the annual Day for Life which this year will focus especially on care for the unborn and their mothers, care for people who are elderly, care for those who are suicidal and their families, with emphasis on how we all have a role to play in supporting others. A special information and prayer leaflet from the Bishops will be disturbed next weekend (please pick one up as you come into church) and a retiring collection will be taken after the Masses to support pro-life initiatives.

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Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Derek Kelly</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

MONDAY 22ND JULY 2013 – SAINT MARY MAGDALEN

<u>1.00pm</u>	Sacred Heart	Funeral Mass for Peter Jolley
<i>(Please Note: No Evening Mass at Sacred Heart Church today)</i>		

TUESDAY 23RD JULY 2013 – SAINT BRIDGET OF SWEDEN (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 1823)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Micky Gaffney</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>For a Successful Operation</i>

WEDNESDAY 24TH JULY 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 678)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Bill Mangnall</i>
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THURSDAY 25TH JULY 2013 – SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 1827)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Peter Jolley</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Fr. Thomas Duckett (Anniv.)</i>

FRIDAY 26TH JULY 2013 – SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 1830)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 27TH JULY 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 685)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Intentions of Helen & Ben Williams</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	
1.30pm	Sacred Heart	Wedding of Nicholas Prior and Kelly Ashurst	

SUNDAY 28TH JULY 2013 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Gwenneth Hamer</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>John Connell</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Gerard Foley</i>

FIRST ANNIVERSARIES DURING AUGUST

In a new initiative of pastoral care and support, as from this month we will be sending a card to those families remembering a first anniversary to assure them of the thoughts and prayers of all the members of our two parishes. During the coming month of August we remember especially:

First Anniversary of Baptism

On 5th August at Sacred Heart Church:

George William Christopher Murphy

On 20th August at Holy Family Church:

Freya-Lily Mason & Joshua James Pilkington & Mia Isabelle Southworth

First Anniversary of Death

Anthony Iddon from Templeton Road, Platt Bridge on 12th August aged 64

James Crinnigan from Lily Lane, Bamfurlong on 20th August aged 83

Bill Potter from Simpkin Street, Abram on 30th August aged 86

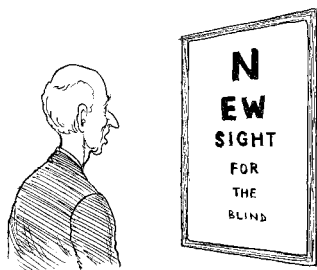
Please hold them in prayer before the Lord during the coming month and especially on the day of their first anniversary.

**"Faith does not merely gaze at Jesus,
but sees things as Jesus himself
sees them, with his own eyes:**

It is a participation in his way of seeing."

from "Lumen Fidei" (2013) para. 18

First Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis



KARAOKE NIGHT

AT HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CLUB

NEXT SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST

STARTING AT 8.00PM

EVERYONE WELCOME

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family

Offertory £387.93

Sacred Heart

Offertory £512.75

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Sunday 28th July 2013

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Friday 26th July to Friday 2nd August 2013

*During this week let us join in spirit and in prayer with those
from our Archdiocese who are on pilgrimage in Lourdes:*

O Holy Virgin, in the midst of your days of glory, do not forget the sorrows of this earth. Cast a merciful glance upon those who are suffering, struggling against difficulties, with their lips constantly pressed against life's bitter cup.

Have pity on those who love each other and are separated.

Have pity on our rebellious hearts.

Have pity on our weak faith.

Have pity on those who weep,
on those who pray, on those who fear.

Grant peace and hope to all. Amen

Our Lady of Lourdes: pray for us.

St. Bernadette: pray for us.



**RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
TO SUPPORT LIFE-PROMOTING INITIATIVES**

TODAY IS DAY FOR LIFE

Day for Life - the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life from conception to natural death - this year focuses on "Caring for Life". We take inspiration from the words of Pope Francis who has said: *"Jesus teaches us to care for life because it is the image of God, who is absolute life. We cannot announce anything else but life, and from the beginning to the end. All of us must care for life, cherish life, with tenderness, warmth ... to give life is to open our hearts, and to care for life is to give ourselves in tenderness and warmth for others, to have concern in my heart for others. Caring for life from the beginning to the end: What a simple thing! What a beautiful thing! So go forth and don't be discouraged. Care for life! It's worth it!"*

Day for Life 2013 focuses most particularly on care for unborn children and their mothers, care for people who are elderly, care for those who are suicidal and their families, to emphasise how we all have a role to play in working together to support each other in a culture of life.

Proceeds from the retiring collection being taken today will go to support the work of The Anscombe Bioethics Centre (formerly the Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics) and other life-promoting activities supported by the Church. And please take home and read a copy of the Day for Life leaflet from the back of church today which comes from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

OVERSEAS VOLUNTEERING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Are you aged 18 to 25? Do you enjoy meeting new people? Don't mind taking on a challenge? Passionate about the rights of poor people? Then come and volunteer with *Progressio*!

Progressio is the international development organisation founded over 60 years ago by lay Catholics dedicated to prioritising the needs of the poor. You could be part of a team working for ten weeks alongside other young people from the UK and other countries. And what's more, this scheme is funded by the UK Department for International Development so you'd only have to fundraise a small amount towards the cost of this amazing experience.

There are still a few places left on the trips departing in September. So if you're aged 18 to 25 and enthusiastic about making a long-lasting difference - get in touch! Email ruth@progressio.org.uk or phone 0207 326 2018.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Join the Irenaeus Family of Prayer on a ten-day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land between the 16th and the 26th of June 2014. The cost is £1450 with a non-returnable deposit of £125 to be paid on booking. For further details please contact Irenaeus on 0151 949 1199 or email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 28TH JULY 2013

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Gwenneth Hamer</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>John Connell</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Gerard Foley</i>

MONDAY 29TH JULY 2013 – SAINT MARTHA

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 1833)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Peter Jolley</i>
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TUESDAY 30TH JULY 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 689)

Please Note: No Mass at Sacred Heart Church today

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Mary Platt</i>
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WEDNESDAY 31ST JULY 2013 – SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 691)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Special Intention (T.G.)</i>
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THURSDAY 1ST AUGUST 2013 – SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 693)

Please Note: No Mass at Sacred Heart Church today

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Thomas McGuire</i>
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FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 695)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Peter Jolley</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 697)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST 2013

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>40th Wedding Anniversary Thanks</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Evelyn Egan</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Special Intention (E.C.)</i>
Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism	

RACE NIGHT



AT HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CLUB
NEXT SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST

STARTING AT 8.00PM

In Aid of Wigan & Leigh Hospice

EVERYONE WELCOME

Sacred Heart Catholic Club

(Behind the Church)

Tel. 01942 255192

Bingo Nights each week on Tuesday
& Sunday at 9.00pm with Concert
Night every Saturday

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH CLUB

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& Wednesday at 7.45pm and Sunday
at 9.00pm

*Both Clubs have a function room
which is available for private hire.*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 15th August

Holyday of Obligation: The Solemnity
of the Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary. Mass times will be:

Wed. 7.00pm (Saint Benedict's)

Thurs. 10.00am (Holy Family)

Thurs. 12 noon (Saint Benedict's)

Thurs. 7.00pm (Sacred Heart)

Sunday 1st September

Appeal at all Masses for Survive-Miva

Saturday 28th September at 1.30pm

Wedding of Kerry Taylor and Scott
Waring at Sacred Heart Church

CATHOLIC SINGLES

Catholic Singles is an organisation
which helps single Catholics of all
ages to meet, either one to one or
through social events. For more
details email info@catholicsingles.org or
telephone 0161 941 3498 or visit the
website: www.catholicsingles.org.uk

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family		Sacred Heart
£418.99	Offertory	£438.00
£156.16	Day for Life	£149.60

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SPONSORED TREK IN AID OF FRANCIS HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

Later this year, in November 2013, Deacon Ken Holding and Sam Lawton from Sacred Heart Parish will trek through the mountains and deserts of Jordan, walking from the Dead Sea to Petra. They are doing it as part of the first Francis House Children's Hospice overseas fundraising challenge and hope you will feel able to give your support to this effort in raising life-saving funds to help children with cancer.

Francis House was founded in 1990 by Sister Aloysius to support families in the North West who have children with life-limiting conditions, and is open to all children under sixteen years of age who have a life-threatening or life-limiting condition, regardless of faith or cultural background. Care is given free-of-charge to the families.

Donation envelopes are available from the back of each of our churches this weekend and may be returned to church next weekend. Any donation you can give will help towards the support that Francis House Children's Hospice provides. And if you pay income tax please Gift Aid your donation by completing the details on the back of the envelope.



**FRANCIS HOUSE
CHILDREN'S HOSPICE**

**For more information about Francis House
visit the website at www.francishouse.org.uk**

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into the People of God and into our Parish Family through the celebration of Baptism at Sacred Heart Church this weekend: Lily Kate Hesketh, aged sixteen months, the daughter of Stephen and Becky Hesketh from Calder Avenue, Hindley Green.

Our deep sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Mark Calter, originally from Abram, who died at his home in Marus Bridge, Wigan last Tuesday morning aged 69 years. His funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church next Thursday at 2.00pm followed by committal at Wigan Crematorium. May the Lord welcome him home.

SORRY FOR THE DELAY!

It was originally hoped that Holy Family Church would have been internally repainted (cost £13k) and a new floor covering laid (cost £11k) during this month. But we have hit a snag: Under recent European Health and Safety legislation, all public buildings (which churches are now designated as) must have electrical fire alarm systems fitted and fire exits clearly marked, which will cost each church in the Archdiocese (including Holy Family and Sacred Heart) around £15k each. If this equipment is not installed then a church may not remain open for public use. So it's been decided (wisely) that, rather than break into freshly plastered and painted walls, this statutory work should be carried out first before any repainting or plastering work is done at Holy Family. The electrical fire safety work at Holy Family is scheduled for September/October with the repainting, plastering and new floor-covering following on after that that is unless the electrical fire safety installation requires that Holy Family Church needs a total electrical rewiring job which would add a further £30k plus to the total cost! Any generous Secret Millionaires around the place???

SAINT ANTHONY TO VISIT THE UK

After the visits to the United Kingdom of the relics of Saint Therese and more recently of Saint John Bosco, now it's the turn of Saint Anthony! A relic of Saint Anthony of Padua will be coming to Britain and Ireland later this year to mark the 750th anniversary of the discovery of Saint Anthony's remains by Saint Bonaventure in 1263.



The relic will be brought from Padua to the Irish Republic and Northern Ireland between October 17th and 25th and to Scotland, Northern England and London between October 26th and November 3rd. No detailed timetable for the visit of the relics has yet been published but when it is we'll let you know.

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST 2013

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>40th Wedding Anniversary Thanks</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Evelyn Egan</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Special Intention (E.C.)</i>
Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism	

MONDAY 5TH AUGUST 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 699)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>John Fisher</i>
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TUESDAY 6TH AUGUST 2013 – THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 1850)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Special Intention (A.H.)</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Teresa Mills</i>

WEDNESDAY 7TH AUGUST 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 705)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Arthur Rosbotham</i>
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THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST 2013 – SAINT DOMINIC

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 708)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Peter Jolley</i>
<u>2.00pm</u>	Holy Family	Funeral Mass for Mark Calter	

FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST 2013 – SAINT EDITH STEIN

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 710)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Pat McGowan</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST 2013 – SAINT LAWRENCE

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 1864)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Ints. of LISCF</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST 2013

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Eileen Hughes</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Mary Platt</i>

SCRIPTURE WEEKENDS

at Irenaeus, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 1RD

Led by Father Chris Thomas

Fri 13th to Sun 15th September

"Fan into a Flame"

Reflections on the Letters to Timothy

Fri 15th to Sun 17th November

"The Word of the Lord endures forever"

Looking at the Letters of Peter

For more details please phone Irenaeus on 0151 949 1199

or email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk to book a place

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HOLY FAMILY JULY BONUS BALL

July 3rd	No. 01
July 10th	No. 35
July 17th	No. 11
July 24th	No. 04
July 31st	No. 32

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family

Offertory £399.86

Sacred Heart

Offertory £583.00

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our thanks for a donation of £20 to Holy Family Church funds in Birthday Remembrance of Mark and Agnes Calter, a dear mum and dad, and a loving nan and granddad.

CAKES SALE

AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

AFTER MASS NEXT SUNDAY

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"Dear Brothers and Sisters, let us turn our gaze to our heavenly Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Immaculate Virgin intercedes for us in heaven as a good mother who watches over her children: May Mary teach us by her life what it means to be a missionary disciple.

Every time we pray the Angelus, we recall the event that changed the history of humankind for ever. When the Angel Gabriel proclaimed to Mary that she would become the Mother of Jesus the Saviour, even without understanding the full significance of that call, Mary trusted God and replied: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (*Luke 1:38*). But what did she do immediately afterwards? On receiving the grace of being the Mother of the Incarnate Word, she did not keep that gift to herself; she set off, she left her home and went in haste to help her kinswoman Elizabeth, who was in need of assistance (*cf. Luke 1:38-39*); she carried out an act of love, of charity, of practical service, bringing Jesus who was in her womb to another. And she did all this in haste!

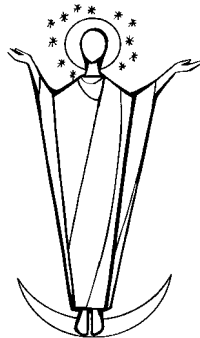
There, my dear friends, we have our model. She who received the most precious gift from God, as her immediate response sets off to be of service and to bring Jesus. Let us ask Our Lady to help us too to give Christ's joy to our families, our companions, our friends, to everyone. Never be afraid to be generous with Christ. It is worth it! Go out and set off with courage and generosity, so that every man and every woman may meet the Lord."

Pope Francis: Angelus Address on 28th July 2013

at World Youth Day: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

THURSDAY IS THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION ON THURSDAY: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



As a mark of our identity as Catholics, there are one or two high-ranking feastdays throughout the year which we celebrate as we do each Sunday, by gathering together for the Eucharist. One of those feasts falls this week: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. The feast celebrates that "when the course of her earthly life was ended, the Blessed Virgin Mary was raised body and soul into the glory of heaven." (the formal definition given by Pope Pius XII in 1950) and that Mary, as please God will we, shares fully now in the resurrection life of the one who is her Son and her Lord.

The Holyday Masses in the Hindley Catholic area will hopefully offer times to suit all of us, even if a little travelling is needed: Wednesday Vigil Mass at 7.00pm at Saint Benedict's Hindley, and on the Thursday itself at 10.00am (Holy Family, Platt Bridge) and at 12 noon (Saint Benedict's, Hindley) and at 7.00pm (Sacred Heart, Hindley Green).

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD

As a result of the generosity of members of both our two parishes we have recently been able to send to Cafod's Syria Emergency Appeal the sums of £500 from the Cafod Box at Sacred Heart Church and £150 from the Saint Anthony's Bread Offerings Box at Holy Family Church. Cafod have written to say: "*Forced to flee from escalating conflict, millions of Syrian people have had to leave their homes with virtually nothing, while those within the country are facing a deteriorating situation after more than two years of war. Your act of giving will mean that people in need will now have food and shelter, blankets and medicine. We are so grateful for your generosity and prayers. We really do value your kindness. Please continue to pray for peace for the people of Syria and all whose lives are touched by crises around the world. On behalf of them: Thank you for making a difference.*"

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI

Join the Catholic Pictorial on a Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi in the spring of 2014: Four days in Rome, two days in Assisi and three days in Sorrento between the 1st and the 10th of May 2014. Cost is £1045. For more details telephone Barbara at the Catholic Pictorial on 0151 733 5492.

**TEA AND COFFEE IS SERVED AFTER THE 10.30AM MASS
EVERY SUNDAY IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL**

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST 2013

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Eileen Hughes</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Mary Platt</i>

MONDAY 12TH AUGUST 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 714)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Ints. of Joan Baines</i>
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TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 716)

Please Note: No Mass at Sacred Heart Church today

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Sandra King</i>
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WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST 2013 – SAINT MAXIMILIAN KILBE

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 718)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving (Chris Blackhurst)</i>
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THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST 2013

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION)

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Ints. of LISCF</i>
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>

FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 722)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Bill Mangnall</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 725)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Ints. of George & Margaret Pirie</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2013

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>John Fisher</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Barbara King</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

FORTHCOMING PILGRIMAGE DAYS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

Father Danko Perutina OFM from **MEDJUGORJE** will be at Saint Anthony of Padua Church, Mossley Hill, Liverpool 18 next Saturday afternoon (24th of August) and all are welcome to join him. The afternoon will begin with the praying of the Rosary at 2.00pm followed by a Talk by Father Danko, with the Celebration of Mass at 3.00pm followed by a period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The next Pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place from the 10th to the 17th of September 2013 and there are still a few places available. Contact Josie on 0151 486 5205 for more information.

The Annual Pilgrimage to the **HOLY HAND OF SAINT EDMUND ARROWSMITH** will take place next Sunday (25th of August) at the Church of Saint Oswald and Saint Edmund Arrowsmith in Ashton-in-Makerfield. Mass will be celebrated on the day at 4.00pm during which the preacher will be Father Kevin Kelly. There will be an opportunity to personally venerate the Holy Hand of Saint Edmund after the Mass.

The Annual Pilgrimage Mass in Honour of **BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI** will be celebrated on August Bank Holiday Monday (26th of August) at Saint Anne and Blessed Dominic Church, Sutton, St. Helens at 12 noon. The Celebrant will be Archbishop Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham.

HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL JULY WINNING NUMBERS

July 3rd	No. 01
July 10th	No. 35
July 17th	No. 11
July 24th	No. 04
July 31st	No. 32

£25 Prize each week

REFRESHMENTS SALE AFTER MASS TODAY (SUNDAY) AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

*A selection of Cakes and Sweets
for you to take home and enjoy!*

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family	Sacred Heart
£409.02	Offertory £481.50

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PRAY FOR OUR FUTURE PRIESTS

Two students for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Liverpool have recently been ordained as deacons: On the 29th of June Roy Cooper, from St Matthew's, Liverpool was ordained deacon at Saint Mary's College, Oscott, and John Poland, who is connected to All Saints, Anfield, was ordained deacon on the 14th of July in Rome. From September the Archdiocese of Liverpool will have four students for the priesthood studying at Oscott: Stephen Lee (St Bernadette's, Shevington) Matthew Jolley (St Joseph's, Penketh) and Dominic Risley (St Mary's, Wigan) will continue their studies, while Thomas Clarke (St Charles, Aigburth) has completed a year of study at Valladolid in Spain and will join them. Also in September three men will begin formation for the priesthood: Michael Barrett (Our Lady Help of Christians, Tarleton) will begin studies at the Beda College in Rome, and Philip Carr (St Benet's, Netherton) and Anthony Kelly (St Mary's, Wigan) will begin studies at Valladolid.

Please pray for our seminarians and for more vocations to the priesthood. If anyone has an interest in the priesthood and wishes to discuss their calling they should contact: Father Stephen Maloney, the Vocations Director, at All Saints' Presbytery, 3 Oakfield, Anfield, Liverpool, L4 2QG or telephone 0151 287 8787 or email frstevemaloney@btinternet.com If aged under 18 then contact Father James Preston at St Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool, L17 9PG or telephone 0151 727 2493 or email church@stcharles.org.uk or Father Simon Gore at Animate Youth Ministries, St Mary's, Lowe House, 99 Crab Street, St Helens, WA10 2BE or telephone 01744 740467 or email s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into the People of God and into our Parish Family through the celebration of Baptism at Holy Family Church this weekend: Kayden Reece Draper, aged seven months, the son of Brett Draper and Stacey Makinson from Liverpool Road, Platt Bridge.

Our deep sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Emily Ascroft from Belong Village, Millers Lane, Platt Bridge who died on the 5th of August aged 92 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated in Wigan Crematorium chapel on Monday at 12.30pm prior to cremation. May the Lord welcome her home.

CLUB PREMISES FOR HIRE

Both Sacred Heart Club and Holy Family Club are available for private hire (and at Holy Family Club there's no charge). Whether it's a reception following a funeral or a baptism, or a celebration with family and friends to mark an anniversary, a birthday or retirement, or a fund-raising event for your favourite charity, why not use your local Catholic Club? For further details and bookings please contact on any evening: Terry at Sacred Heart Club, Hindley Green on 01942 255192 or Gillian at Holy Family Club, Platt Bridge on 01942 866167. And for events or parties which don't require a licensed bar or for regular group use why not hire Holy Family Parish Hall instead? Contact Cecilia or Geoff on 01942 861084.

SACRED HEART PRAYER BOOK

A reminder that we now have a "Prayer Book" by the side of the Sacred Heart statue at Sacred Heart Church into which anyone is welcome to write any prayer intentions they may have and which they would like others to join with them in praying for. When lighting a candle before the Sacred Heart statue, have a look at the intentions in the Prayer Book and hold them for a moment in prayer before the Lord (and if requesting prayers for a named individual please remember to indicate if they are sick or deceased or whatever other situation).

IMPROVEMENTS AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL

To provide for more space (and less nooks and crannies where rubbish can be deposited and forgotten about!) the disused pub bar has been removed (our thanks to Geoff Hughes and his team of helpers) and the small staged-area moved from the centre of the hall to where the bar once was. And hopefully in the next few weeks, in time for winter, new heating radiators will be installed to provide much better warmth. You can keep an eye on how things are progressing when you pop in to the Parish Hall for a tea or coffee after Mass on Sundays.

**TEA AND COFFEE IS SERVED AFTER THE 10.30AM MASS
EVERY SUNDAY IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL.**

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2013

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>John Fisher</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Barbara King</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

MONDAY 19TH AUGUST 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 727)

12.30pm	Crematorium	Funeral Service for Emily Ascroft	
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>William Freeman</i>

TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST 2013 – SAINT BERNARD

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 729)

Please Note: No Mass at Sacred Heart Church today

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Kevin & Marjorie Hesketh (Sick)</i>
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WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST 2013 – SAINT PIUS THE TENTH

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 731)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Thomas & Mary Ann O'Connell</i>
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THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST 2013 – THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 1893)

Please Note: No Mass at Sacred Heart Church today

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
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FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 736)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST 2013 – SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 1898)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Patricia Hill</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 2013

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Gerard Foley</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES

Sunday 1st September

Appeal at all Masses for Survive-Miva

Sundays 1st, 8th & 15th September

Baptism Preparation for Parents from both parishes beginning with Mass at Holy Family followed by meeting with catechists in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday 3rd September

Our Catholic Primary Schools re-open and our children return to school

Thursday 12th September at 7.00pm

Enrolment Evening for Parents of 2014 First Communion/Confirmation Sacred Heart children in SH School

Friday 13th September at 7.00pm

Enrolment Evening for Parents of 2014 First Communion/Confirmation Holy Family children in HF Parish Hall

Thursday 26th September at 7.00pm

First Session Meeting for Sacred Heart 2014 First Communion/Confirmation parents in Sacred Heart Church

Friday 27th September at 7.00pm

First Session Meeting for Holy Family 2014 First Communion/Confirmation parents in Holy Family Church

Saturday 28th September at 1.30pm

Wedding of Kerry Taylor and Scott Waring at Sacred Heart Church

MASS IN HONOUR OF SAINT EDMUND ARROWSMITH AND HOLY HAND VENERATION

The Annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Hand of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith will take place today (Sunday 25th of August) at the Church of Saint Oswald and Saint Edmund Arrowsmith in Ashton-in-Makerfield. Mass will be celebrated on the day at 4.00pm during which the preacher will be Father Kevin Kelly. There will be an opportunity to personally venerate the Holy Hand of Saint Edmund after the Mass.

MASS IN HONOUR OF BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI AT HIS TOMB

The Annual Pilgrimage Mass in Honour of Blessed Dominic Barberi will be celebrated tomorrow (August Bank Holiday Monday the 26th of August) at Saint Anne and Blessed Dominic Church, Sutton, St. Helens at 12 noon. The Celebrant will be Archbishop Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family	Sacred Heart
£411.87	Offertory £602.20

Archdiocese of Liverpool

Holy Family, Platt Bridge

Sacred Heart, Hindley Green



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Sunday 25th August 2013
Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time



Dear brothers and sisters.

The Second Vatican Council has defined the Church as "The People of God" (cf. Lumen Gentium, 9; Catechism of the Catholic Church, 782). We become part of this people through God's gift of faith and a spiritual rebirth in the waters of Baptism. Our law is the twin commandment of love for God and neighbour. Our mission is to be a leaven of the hope born of God's love in our world wounded by sin and evil. Amid the darkness that so frequently surrounds us, we are called to be so many points of light, illumining all reality and showing the way to a better future. God's goodness is stronger than any evil! Our destination is the Kingdom of God which Christ inaugurated on earth and which will attain its fullness in the joy of heaven. This is what it means for the Church to be God's People, an essential part of his loving plan for our human family. May the Church always be a place where everyone can encounter God's mercy and feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.

Dear brothers and sisters, to be Church, to be God's People, according to the great design of the Father's love, it's like being the leaven of God in our humanity, it means announcing and bringing the salvation of God into this world of ours, which is often lost, in need of answers that encourage, that give hope, that provide new vigor in the journey. May the Church be both a place of God's mercy and hope, where everyone can feel welcome, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live according to the good life of the Gospel. And to make the other feel welcome, loved, forgiven, encouraged, the Church must have its doors open so that everyone can enter. And we must go out through those doors to announce the Gospel.

Pope Francis

General Audience Address on 12th of June 2013

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OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into the People of God and into our Parish Family through the celebration of Baptism at Holy Family Church this weekend: Leeland James Ashcroft, aged three months, the son of Daniel and Simone Ashcroft from Dartington Road, Platt Bridge.

“PLEASE KEEP HOLY FAMILY CHURCH OPEN”

Many of the regular Mass-goers at Holy Family (along with some others who rarely give us the pleasure of their company) signed a petition in good faith last summer with the above simple statement as the only wording printed on it. Unfortunately your signatures have since been mis-used for a libellous purpose: Unknown to you, a certain individual added a covering letter to that petition which now gives the impression that those who signed it were in fact also signing up to the accusations contained in the covering letter. That letter and the list of signatures were then sent to the Vatican, who have now forwarded it to the Archdiocese for action. A copy of that letter and the list of the signatures now attributed to it, has been placed on the notice board at Holy Family Church for you to view and a written response is being made to the appropriate authorities. If you consider that your signature has indeed been mis-used, perhaps even fraudulently, and would like that to be made known in the written response, please see Cecilia Hughes at Holy Family as soon as possible.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The first meeting of our support group for those who find bereavement difficult to cope with was felt to be a great help to those who came along. The second meeting will take place next Saturday (31st of August) at 12.30pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome, even if you didn't come to the first meeting, so if you, or someone you know, finds it difficult to carry on with life after the loss of a loved one, then why not come along to see if this group could help: No need to try to cope alone. If you'd like more information before the meeting please see Mary Marsh at Holy Family or phone her on 701091

SURVIVE-MIVA APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend we are hosting an Appeal Talk on behalf of Survive-Miva, a charity which provides transportation for missionaries and other relief workers in their work in Africa, Asia and Latin America. There will be a retiring collection taken after each Mass to support this work.

A DAY WITH MARY

To celebrate the Feast of Our Lady's Birthday there is a Day Retreat “*The Gift of Mary*” taking place at Sandymount House of Prayer, 16 Burbo Bank Road, Blundellsands, Liverpool, L23 6TH on Sunday the 8th of September. The day will begin at 10.00am and finish at 4.00pm. It will be led by Philip McParland and will include the celebration of Mass and time for reflection. To book a place please phone Sandymount on 0151 924 4850. The cost of the day is £12 and tea and coffee will be provided but please take along a packed lunch.

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 2013

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Gerard Foley</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

MONDAY 26TH AUGUST 2013 – BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 741)

<u>10.00am</u>	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Eric Gaskell</i>
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Please note the time of Mass on Bank Holiday Monday: No Evening Mass today

TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST 2013 – SAINT MONICA

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 743)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>John Meakin</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Ann Eccleston</i>

WEDNESDAY 28TH AUGUST 2013 – SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 745)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Gordon Glazerbrook</i>
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THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST 2013 – MARTYRDOM OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 1913)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
<u>9.30am</u>	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>

Please note the slightly earlier time of Mass at Holy Family today

FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST 2013 – SAINT EDMUND ARROWSMITH

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 749)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 751)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2013

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving (80th Birthday)</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Peter Jolley</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>John Sutch</i>

FIRST ANNIVERSARIES DURING SEPTEMBER

As a gesture of pastoral care and support, we will be sending a card to those families remembering a first anniversary to assure them of the thoughts and prayers of all the members of our two parishes. During the coming month of September we remember especially:

First Anniversary of Baptism

On 9th September at Sacred Heart Church:

Frankie Joseph Selmes

On 30th September at Holy Family Church:

Frankie Lee Alder & Robyn Alexandra Greenhalgh

First Anniversary of Marriage

On 14th September at Sacred Heart Church:

Kerrod Selmes & Lauren Broxson

First Anniversary of Death

Kathleen Ryding from Vicarage Close, Platt Bridge on 3rd September aged 87

Ellen Kelly from Woodcock Drive, Platt Bridge on 10th September aged 85

James Horan from The Oaks, Hindley on 19th September aged 89

Joyce Collins from Falkirk Drive, Ince on 22nd September aged 82

Ronnie Bale from Lime Street, Scholes on 26th September aged 74

Eric Roberts from Manor Court, Golborne on 28th September aged 66

Please hold them in prayer before the Lord during the coming month and especially on the day of their first anniversary.

"If the God I know as an adult is the same as the one I knew as a child, then I have failed to mature in faith."

Pope Francis

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family	Sacred Heart
£414.90	Offertory £457.30

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APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

FOR

SURVIVE-MIVA



This weekend we are hosting an Appeal Talk on behalf of Survive-Miva, a Roman Catholic Lay Association and UK Registered Charity, founded in Liverpool in 1974 and still based in Liverpool. It exists to provide one vital element for successful healthcare and pastoral work that is being carried out by the Church in areas of great need in Africa, Asia and Latin America: Transportation.

The only funding it receives comes from the voluntary donations of its generous supporters which are converted into grants for all types of transport. This may be a bicycle, a moped, a trail bike, a 4wd ambulance, a pickup, an outboard motor: The people on the ground know what best suits their terrain. During the calendar year 2012 Survive-Miva funded the purchase of 301 modes of transportation in total to help missionaries and medical-aid workers in the field.

For more information visit the website at www.survive-miva.org

**RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF SURVIVE-MIVA**

PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

Over the next three Sundays, parents who have requested Baptism for their children in either of our two churches will be attending the 10.30am Mass at Holy Family Church and, after tea and coffee with other Mass-goers in the Parish Hall, will meet with our catechists to enable them to be the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of faith. Expectant parents are very welcome to take part in the Baptism Preparation Course even before the birth of their child: See Father Tony after Mass at either church any weekend to pick up a Baptism Information Pack. The next courses will take place in December 2013 and March 2014.

A DAY WITH MARY

To celebrate the Feast of Our Lady's Birthday there is a Day Retreat "The Gift of Mary" taking place at Sandymount House of Prayer, 16 Burbo Bank Road, Blundellsands, Liverpool, L23 6TH next Sunday (8th of September). The day will begin at 10.00am and finish at 4.00pm. It will be led by Philip McParland and will include the celebration of Mass and time for reflection. To book a place please phone Sandymount on 0151 924 4850. The cost of the day is £12 and tea and coffee will be provided but please take along a packed lunch.

SUPPORT FOR THOSE DIVORCED OR SEPARATED

The Marriage and Family Life Department of the Archdiocese of Liverpool offer support for those who may be finding it difficult to recover and move on after a divorce or separation:

A series of six weekly meetings starts on Monday the 16th of September at a venue in the Liverpool 17 area from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. A one-day meeting will also be held on Saturday the 14th of September for those who cannot attend six evenings. For more information or to book a place please contact Frances on 0151 727 2195. And offering a chance to reflect, share and pray together, a welcoming and affirming weekend is being held at Loyola Hall Jesuit Spirituality Centre at Rainhill from Friday evening on the 27th of September until Sunday the 29th of September. This can be attended on either a residential or non-residential basis. More details on the website at www.loyolahall.co.uk or telephone 0151 426 4137.

FROM MRS. ANN SWIFT

"To whoever it may concern: I would like to apologise to anyone who signed the petition to "Keep Holy Family Church Open". Due to the fact that I had not signed the attached letter, the Archdiocese and Parish Priest have accused me of fraudulently using your signatures. I would like to stress that the petition was headed "Keep Holy Family Church Open". The attached letter was only my opinion, of which I still feel strongly. Anyone wishing to speak to me about the matter please feel free. Ann Swift."

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2013

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>In thanksgiving (80th Birthday)</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Peter Jolley</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>John Sutch</i>

MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 753)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Alan Gorton</i>
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TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2013 – SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 755)

<i>No Mass at Sacred Heart Church today</i>			
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>

WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 757)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Special Intention (T.G.)</i>
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THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 759)

<i>No Mass at Sacred Heart Church today</i>			
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>

FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 761)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Vincent Moore</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 763)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2013

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Anne & Harry Holden</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Martin Mallon</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Annie Dean</i>

RETREATS AT SANDYMOUNT HOUSE OF PRAYER
16 Burbo Bank Road, Blundellsands, Liverpool, L23 6TH

October 5th The Little Way: *The spirituality of Therese of Lisieux*
November 1st - 3rd Scripture and Prayer: *Praying with the Scriptures*
November 8th - 10th The Path of the Prodigal Son: *The Father's embrace*
November 30th Keep Christ in Christmas: *Suggestions for Advent*
December 13th - 15th It's all about Love: *The Meaning of Christmas*

For more information or to book a place please telephone Sandymount on 0151 924 4850 or email sandymount@montfort.org.uk or visit the website at www.sandymountretreats.org.uk. Sandymount is situated close to Crosby beach and less than a mile from Blundellsands/Crosby railway station. Day Retreats cost £12 (10.00am to 4.00pm: Bring a packed lunch). Residential Weekend Retreats cost £110 and start with 6.00pm meal on Friday, ending with lunch on the Sunday.

BEQUEST TO SACRED HEART

Our heartfelt thanks to Margaret Hoare, late of Woodlands Avenue, who died on the 11th of June, and who bequeathed the sum of one thousand pounds to Sacred Heart Church in her will. May her thoughtfulness now reap its reward.

HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL
AUGUST WINNING NUMBERS

August 7th	No. 15
August 14th	No. 19
August 21st	No. 23
August 28th	No. 11

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our thanks for a donation of £20 to Holy Family Church in Memory of the parents of John and Cecilia Burgess.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family		Sacred Heart
£427.52	Offertory	£591.50
£198.52	Survive-Miva	£416.00

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CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION IN 2014

As our children return to school, so our thoughts turn to those in Year Four and above who will, during the coming School Year, begin to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) during Advent before going on to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion in early summer. The course of preparation for these children and their parents will begin in just a few weeks' time. But first, we invite those parents of baptised Catholic children in Year Four (and any older children who, for whatever reason, may not have received these sacraments in previous years) to come along to an Introductory Meeting which is being held this week: Next Thursday at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart School Hall; and next Friday at 7.00pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. The Introductory Meeting will explain the commitment which both parents and children are expected to make, as well as explaining the content of the Preparation Course they will follow throughout the year with our team of catechists. Parents of Year Four and above baptised Catholic children who attend other schools, and who may wish their children to be prepared to receive these sacrament, are also very welcome. After hearing the commitment expected, and of the course to be followed, parents will be invited to enrol their children as candidates for these sacraments if they wish to do so.

If your child is a baptised Catholic in Year Four or above and you are considering putting them forward as candidates for First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion during this School Year, please come along to one of the meetings being held this week: If you do not attend the meeting we will assume that you do not wish your child to celebrate these sacraments at this time.

(Note: This invitation has already been extended to the parents of children at our two Catholic Primary Schools via a letter sent out to them through the schools during last week)

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Ann-Louise McCarthy, late of Ashton View Nursing Home but formerly from Bickershaw, who died on the 30th of August aged 95 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church next Thursday at 12 noon prior to cremation at Howe Bridge Crematorium. May the Lord welcome her home.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is "Home Mission Sunday" when we are asked to reflect on the need to make Jesus better known here in our own society, even among our own families and friends. There will be a Retiring Collection after each Mass next weekend to support the work of Catholic Evangelisation in England and Wales.

SIXTIES NIGHT NEXT SATURDAY

A "Sixties" themed night is being held in Holy Family Catholic Club, Tram Street, Platt Bridge next Saturday (14th of September). Come and relive the days and music of your youth and have a great night out! The fun starts from 8.30pm and admission is free - so bring all your friends long too! Any proceeds raised from games and raffles held on the night will go to Holy Family Church funds.

WANTED: HANDYMEN AND HANDYWOMEN

We're hoping to compile a contact list of skilled persons (such as electricians, plumbers, joiners, painters, etc) who are now retired but could be called upon from time to time to see to any small jobs which may arise around Holy Family Church and Parish Hall. If you'd like to offer yourself to be included on that list please see Cecilia Hughes or call the Parish Office (Tel. 01942 866102) between 9.30am and 11.00am on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings.

CATHEDRAL OPEN DAYS

If you're looking for somewhere to visit towards the end of this week then why not try the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool? Next Thursday (12th September) there's a Heritage Open Day in the Cathedral Lutyens Crypt between 10.00am and 4.00pm; and from Thursday through to Saturday the Cathedral Art Studio in the Crypt is open to visitors each day between 10.00am and 4.00pm with examples of church textiles, vestments and embroidery on display.

SUTTON FLOWER FESTIVAL

Also perhaps worth a visit is the Flower Festival being held next weekend (Friday 13th to Sunday 15th September) at the Church of Saint Anne and Blessed Dominic at Sutton, St. Helens, WA9 3ZD to mark the 40th anniversary of the opening of the church. Open on Friday between 10.00am and 7.00pm, on Saturday between 10.00am and 6.00pm, and on the Sunday between 11.00am and 5.00pm.

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2013 - TWENTY THIRD OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Anne & Harry Holden</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Martin Mallon</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Annie Dean</i>

MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 764)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Michael Sullivan</i>
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TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2013 - SAINT AMBROSE BARLOW (17th Century) (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 766)

Please note: No Mass at Sacred Heart Church today

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
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WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 768)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
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THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2013

Please note: No Mass at Sacred Heart Church today

<u>12 noon</u>	Holy Family	Funeral Mass for Ann-Louise McCarthy	
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FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2013 - SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (5th Century) (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 772)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>John Fisher</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2013 - THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 1933)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Sandra Marie King</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2013 - TWENTY FOURTH OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Margaret Hoare</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Lawrence Southworth</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

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SONGS OF PRAISE

Be a Television Star for Half an Hour!

The BBC are recording two Songs of Praise broadcasts from Saint Oswald & Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Church in Ashton and invite members of local churches to go along to join the combined choir (soprano, alto, tenor or bass) or to join in the with the congregational singing. The rehearsal for the combined choir will take place at Saint Oswald's on Wednesday the 9th of October from 6.30pm to 9.30pm and the actual television recordings will be on Thursday the 17th of October from 7.00pm to 10.00pm and on Friday the 18th of October (Advent theme) from 6.30pm to 10.00pm.

Admission is by ticket only (free of charge) but numbers are limited and are allocated on a first come, first served basis. To obtain a ticket please contact Cecilia Hughes at Holy Family or on 01942 861084 or at the latest by Tuesday of this week between 9.30am and 11.00am at the Parish Office on 01942 866102.

The two recordings are due to be broadcast on BBC1 on Sunday the 15th of December 2013 and on Sunday the 6th of April 2014.

Tickets for Holy Family Church Christmas Raffle will be on sale from October. If you can donate a suitable prize for the Raffle please see Dave Herbert or Chris Eccleston at Holy Family.



THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family	Sacred Heart
£362.43	Offertory £500.40

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Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time



TODAY IS HOME MISSION SUNDAY

Home Mission Sunday is the day in the Church's calendar when the Catholic community in England and Wales is invited to pray for, celebrate and support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales. The theme this year is '*Crossing the Threshold: Ministry and Outreach to Non-Churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics*'. It has been chosen in response to requests from all tiers of the Catholic community in England and Wales for this to be a significant focus of the work of evangelisation.

It's estimated that while there are around one million practising Catholics in England and Wales, there are at least four million who rarely or never visit their local parish. In response to this reality the Bishops' Conference Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis is inviting every parish to make ministry and outreach to non-churchgoing Catholics a special priority in the year ahead. While the lapsation of the baptised is not new within the Catholic community, the worry and anxiety experienced by parents, siblings and grandparents of non-churchgoing baptised, is deep and heartfelt. We all hold in our hearts at least one person in our family who seems disconnected from the life of the Church.

On Home Mission Sunday, let's remember them in a very special way in our prayers, and also bring before the Lord the wider work of evangelisation in our countries.

**RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
TO SUPPORT CATHOLIC EVANGELISATION**

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into the People of God and our Parish Family through the celebration of Baptism this weekend at Holy Family: Lexie Summer Deborah Shannon, aged three and a half years, the daughter of Gary Shannon and Alexandra Hall from Kingsdown Road, Abram.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Janet Kotecka late of Hawthorn Avenue, Hindley Green who died on the 1st of September aged 54 years. Her funeral rites were celebrated last Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church prior to cremation at Howe Bridge Crematorium. May the Lord welcome her home.

SACRED HEART PARISH MEETING

The next Open Meeting for Sacred Heart parishioners will take place in the Gordon Room at 7.30pm on Monday the 23rd of September. All parishioners welcome.

LOURDES IN DECEMBER

Saint Aidan's Parish at Winstanley invite you to join them in Lourdes between the 6th and the 11th of December to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Three nights full-board at the Arcades Site in Lourdes with two night B&B at Ibis Hotel near Parish en-route. Travel is by luxury 45 seater executive coach with video and musical entertainment. Cost is £450 per person sharing (single supplement £80: Insurance £30). Please contact Evelyn on 01942 213545 or Moira on 01942 511343 for more details or to book a place.

EMBROIDERY CLASSES AT THE CATHEDRAL

The Art Studio at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool is running an "Embroidery for Pleasure Class" each Friday from 1.00pm to 4.00pm beginning next Friday (20th September) and running for twelve weeks until the 6th of December. Everyone welcome, from beginners to experienced embroiderers who would like to learn new skills. The cost of £5 per session which includes refreshments. For more details or to book a place please telephone the Cathedral Office on 0151 709 9222 or email enquiries@metcathedral.org.uk

BRITTEN CENTENARY CONCERT

Music lovers may be interested in a Benjamin Britten Centenary Concert taking place at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 7.30pm on Saturday the 28th of September. For more details and ticket prices telephone 0151 707 3525 or see online at www.cathedralconcerts.org.uk

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THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

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Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Margaret Hoare</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Lawrence Southworth</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2013 - SAINTS CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN (3rd Cent.) (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 775)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Edwin & Irene Gallagher</i>
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TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 777)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Ann Kalmus</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Derek Bullock</i>

WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 779)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>John Townsend</i>
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THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 781)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Bill Mangnall</i>

FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2013 - MARTYRS OF KOREA (19th Century) (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 783)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Peter & Esther Flynn</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2013 - SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 1951)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>King Family</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2013 - TWENTY FIFTH OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Oakes & Guy Family</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Ann Louise McCarthy</i>
Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism	

A CALL TO ACTION (ACTA)

OPEN MEETING

ACTA is a group of Catholics, some of whom are ordained, brought together by a love of Christ's Church and anxiety about its future. Inspired by the Second Vatican Council, its members wish to contribute fully to the life of the church so as to be a more effective sign of the Kingdom of God. To do this, ACTA believes that an atmosphere of openness and dialogue both with each other and with our bishops needs developing, creating a climate of trust and respect for all where this dialogue may be fostered.

ACTA is holding an Open Meeting at 2.00pm next Saturday (28th September) at Loyola Hall Jesuit Spirituality Centre, Warrington Road, Rainhill, Prescot, L35 6NZ where the topic for discussion and reflection will be: "Speaking and Listening in the Church". All welcome. Further details from Sister Ewa Bern IBVM at Loyola Hall on 0151 426 4137 or see the website at www.acalltoaction.org.uk

Sacred Heart Catholic Club

(Behind the Church)

Tel. 01942 255192

Bingo Nights each week on Tuesday and Sunday at 9.00pm with Concert Night every Saturday. Function room available for private hire.

Holy Family Catholic Club

Tram Street, Platt Bridge

Tel. 01942 866167

Bingo Nights each week on Monday and Wednesday at 7.45pm and on Sundays at 9.00pm. Function room free-of-charge for private hire.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family

Sacred Heart

£363.93	Offertory	£511.50
£101.45	Home Missions	£214.00

Thanks to all who supported the recent after-Mass Cake Sale at Holy Family Church which raised £45 for church funds and the 60's Night last weekend in Holy Family Club which raised £65 on the night.

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CHILDREN'S PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS BEGINS

After attending the recent initial "Come and See" meeting, parents of baptised Catholic children in Year Four or above who wish their children to begin to prepare to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion during this school year are invited to start the course of preparation which begins this week. The first session meeting of the course take place next Thursday (26th September) at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart Church and next Friday (27th September) at 7.00pm in Holy Family Church.

Parents are reminded that we expect a commitment of attending all of the seven meetings of the Preparation Course throughout the year and attendance at Mass every weekend. Any parents who decide that this is perhaps not the right time for their child to receive these sacraments will be welcome to come along and complete the course next year.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into the People of God and our Parish Family through the celebration of Baptism this weekend: At Sacred Heart Church: Erinn Mae Walker, aged one year, the daughter of Natalie and Peter Walker from Stuart Close, Platt Bridge. And at Holy Family Church: Caitlin Rose Fishwick, aged three months, the daughter of Laura and Lee Fishwick from, Cheltenham Avenue, Spring View.

Our prayers and best wishes for a long and happy life together are with Kerry Taylor and Scott Waring from Swan Lane, Hindley Green who are to be married at Sacred Heart Church next Saturday afternoon.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Josephine Roberts, late of Atherton Road, Hindley Green, who died on the 10th of September aged 67 years. Her funeral rites were celebrated last Wednesday at Sacred Heart Church prior to cremation at Howe Bridge Crematorium. May the Lord welcome her home.

OVER 60's FRIENDSHIP CLUBS

Each of our parishes has a Friendship Club for Senior Citizens which meets each week to socialise over refreshments and a game of bingo and for occasional excursions. The groups meet on Wednesdays at 1.00pm in Holy Family Parish Hall and at 2.00pm in Sacred Heart Club. New faces are always welcome so come along and make new friends!

SACRED HEART PARISH MEETING

The next Open Meeting for Sacred Heart parishioners will take place in the Gordon Room at 7.30pm on Monday of this week (23rd of September). Everyone welcome.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The group meets next Saturday (28th September) at 12.15pm in Holy Family Parish Hall, Tram Street, Platt Bridge. New faces always welcome to come along.

ROSARY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

The Annual Rosary Sunday Devotions organised by the Wigan and District Catholic Men's Society will take place in two weeks' time on Sunday the 6th of October at Holy Family Church, New Springs, Wigan, meeting in the club car park at 2.00pm and processing through the streets into the church for Rosary, Sermon and Benediction at 3.00pm. All welcome - men and women, young and old!

FIRE SAFETY WORK STARTS THIS WEEK

In order to comply with European Health and Safety directives, the trustees of the Archdiocese have decreed that fire safety work is to be carried out in each parish of the Archdiocese, involving the installation of mains-wired heat and smoke detectors, sirens and alarms, fire doors, and emergency exit signs. The work will commence at Sacred Heart (Church and House) this week and at Holy Family (Church, Hall and House) the following week and will cost you in the region of £12,000 for Sacred Heart parish and £23,000 for Holy Family parish.

CHRISTIANS IN THE N.H.S.

A Day Conference to inspire, uplift, support and resource Christians who work within the National Health Service is being held next Saturday (28th of September) at the Clinical Sciences Centre at Aintree University Hospital, Lower Lane, Liverpool, L9 7AL. More details online at www.godlovesnhs.org

A DAY WITH SAINT THERESE

On Saturday the 5th of October at Sandymount House of Prayer there's a Day of Reflection on the spiritual path of Therese of Lisieux. The day will be led by Father Michael Miners OCS and will begin at 10.00am and conclude at 4.00pm. To book a place telephone Sandymount on 0151 9244850. An offering of £12 is requested and please bring a packed lunch: Tea and coffee will be provided.

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2013 - TWENTY FIFTH OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Oakes and Guy Family</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Ann Louise McCarthy</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	
Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism	

MONDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2013 - SAINT PADRE PIO (20th Century) (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 787)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Brian Harte</i>
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TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2013 - OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 789)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Winifred Sherlock</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>

WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 791)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving</i>
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THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 793)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Monica Bibby</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Anne Louise McCarthy</i>

FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2013 - SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (17th Century) (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 795)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Derek Docherty</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 797)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	
1.30pm	Sacred Heart	The Wedding of Kerry and Scott	

SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2013 - TWENTY SIXTH OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Marcus Reid</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Adrian & Joan (Ruby Wedding)</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Barbara King</i>
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FIRST ANNIVERSARIES DURING OCTOBER

As a gesture of pastoral care and support, we will be sending a card to those families remembering a first anniversary to assure them of the thoughts and prayers of all the members of our two parishes. During the coming month of October we will remember especially:

First Anniversary of Baptism

On 6th October at Holy Family:

Tamas Istvan Bator Furjes

On 28th October at Holy Family:

Nancy Mae Arkwright

Caitlin Maisie Turner

Joseph Gareth Anthony McGiveron

Lily-Mae McGiveron

First Anniversary of Death

Robert Prescott from Walthew Lane, Platt Bridge on 24th October aged 73.

Please hold them in prayer before the Lord during the coming month and especially on the day of their first anniversary.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family

£433.61

Sacred Heart

Offertory

£587.80

DIARY DATES

Saturday 5th October at 1.00pm

Wedding of Katie Greenhalgh and Daniel Jackson at Holy Family Church

Thursday 17th October at 7.00pm

Second Session Meeting for Sacred Heart First Communion/Confirmation parents (SH School Hall)

Friday 18th October at 7.00pm

Second Session Meeting for Holy Family First Communion/Confirmation parents (HF Parish Hall)

Friday 1st November (All Saints)

Holyday of Obligation

Saturday 2nd November (All Souls)

Annual Mass for parishioners, relations and friends who have died from both our two parishes during the past twelve months (HF Church at 11.00am)

Thursday 14th November at 7.00pm

Third Session Meeting for Sacred Heart 2014 First Communion/Confirmation parents (SH School Hall)

Friday 15th November at 7.00pm

Third Session Meeting for Holy Family 2014 First Communion/Confirmation parents (HF Parish Hall)

Saturday 30th November at 1.00pm

Wedding of Rebecca Abbott and Paul Hughes at Holy Family Church

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FRIDAY IS CAFOD'S HARVEST FAST DAY

Cafod writes: "God has created a beautiful, abundant world. If we look after it wisely, everyone can have enough to eat. Yet 870 million people on the planet - one in eight of us - will go to bed hungry tonight. It shouldn't be this way! With your support we can provide food for those who need it most, tackle hunger in the long-term by helping poor families find new ways of earning a living, challenge our government to help make a fairer food system that works for us all."

Harvest Fast Day Offering Envelopes are available at the back of church for you to take today. Please take one and return it with your offering in the retiring collection next weekend to support the work of Cafod in developing nations and nearer to home.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into the People of God and our Parish Family through the celebration of Baptism at Sacred Heart Church this weekend: Kian Edward O'Connor, aged eighteen months, the son of Rachel Sutton and Robert O'Connor from Glenmaye Grove, Hindley Green.

Our prayers and best wishes for a long and happy life together are with Katie Greenhalgh and Daniel Jackson from Crediton Drive, Platt Bridge who are to be married at Holy Family Church next Saturday afternoon.

THANK YOU GIFT AIDERS!

Sincere thanks to those who pay income tax and who Gift Aid their giving to the parish. Due to your thoughtfulness, for the 2012/2013 Tax Year, the Inland Revenue have paid to the parishes: £5,696.56 to Holy Family Parish and £4,703.06 to Sacred Heart Parish, and all because of your signature on a Gift Aid Declaration Form. This makes a massive difference to the running of the parishes and we are truly grateful and, as you'll gather from the current fire safety work that's being done at this time, it's already been spent, and more besides!

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FUNDRAISING KARAOKE NIGHT

Deacon Ken is holding a Karaoke Night at Sacred Heart Club to raise funds for the Sponsored Trek across Jordan which he and Sam Lawton are to undertake next month in support of Francis House Children's Hospice. The Charity Karaoke Night takes place on Saturday the 12th of October - mark it in your diary!

SACRED HEART "FRANCIS HOUSE" RAFFLE

Tickets will be on sale at both Masses at Sacred Heart Church next weekend (5th/6th October) for a raffle in aid of Francis House Children's Hospice. The raffle will be drawn during the Fundraising Karaoke Night on the 12th of October.

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets for the Christmas Raffle this year will be on sale at Holy Family Church from next weekend. Take a few books home with you next week and sell them among your family, friends and neighbours.

PIETY SHOP

Have you visited the Piety Shop at the back of either of our churches lately? New stock is regularly being added to the items available to buy. New cards and items for Advent and Christmas have recently been made available in the piety shop at Holy Family Church.

SCHOOL CAR PARKING

The car park at Sacred Heart Church is reserved exclusively for school use during term time: If parking in the side streets, please remember to show consideration for local residents and safety with passing cars. The rear gates in Tram Street of the car park at Holy Family Church are opened each day during term time so that parents may use it to park their cars when bringing their children to school in the morning and when collecting them in the afternoon - but please DO NOT PARK in the area immediately adjacent to the church and the priest's garage.

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THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

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Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Marcus Reid</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Adrian & Joan (Ruby Wedding)</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Barbara King</i>
Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism	

MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2013 - SAINT JEROME (5th Century) (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 798)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Bill Dalton</i>
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TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2013 - SAINT TERESA OF LISIEUX (19th Century) (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 801)

No Mass at Sacred Heart Church today			
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Belong Care Home Residents</i>

WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2013 - THE GUARDIAN ANGELS (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 1972)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Josie Roberts</i>
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THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 804)

No Mass at Sacred Heart Church today			
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>

FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2013 - SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI (13th Century) (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 807)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Catherine Cooper</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 809)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Ann Eccleston</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	
1.00pm	Holy Family	The Wedding of Katie and Daniel	

SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2013 - TWENTY SEVENTH OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Brian & Sheila Ratcliffe (Golden Wedding)</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Ellen Lucy Kinsella</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>John Dermody</i>

WHAT'S ON EACH WEEK

*New faces are always welcome to turn up to any of these regular events.
If you would like to know more before you go, contact the persons named.*

OVER 60's FRIENDSHIP CLUBS

Wednesday at 1.00pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Contact Kath Prior on 861995.

Wednesday at 2.00pm in Sacred Heart Club. Contact Maureen Dalton on 253132 or Lily Radcliffe on 255991 or Norman and Dorothy Baker on 256258

LEGION OF MARY

Tuesday after morning Mass at 10.30am in the sacristy at Holy Family Church. Contact Mary Marsh on 701091 or Kath Prior on 861995.

Wednesday at 5.45pm in Saint Benedict's Presbytery, Hindley. Contact Wynn Walsh, Mary Gaskell or Joan Baines.

BROWNIES AND GUIDES FOR GIRLS

Wednesday in Holy Family Parish Hall from 6.30pm to 8.00pm (Brownies) and 8.00pm to 9.00pm (Guides). Contact Sheila Marcroft on 861981

KICKBOXING FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Tuesday from 5.30pm to 6.30pm and Thursday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Contact Dale Bannister (3xWorld and 15xBritish Champion) on 07581 540278

If you organise a group or activity within our parishes and would like it to be mentioned occasionally in future Parish Bulletins please let us have some details.

CALL YOUR MOTHER!



SHE HASN'T HEARD FROM YOU IN DECADES!

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family
Offertory £384.88

Sacred Heart
Offertory £586.00-

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RE-DISCOVER THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER

At the heart of the Rosary Prayer is not merely the frantic recitation of many words, but pondering in our hearts and with our minds each of the "mysteries". To really pray the Rosary, don't use your Beads without your Bible!

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES *(Reflect on these on Mondays and Saturdays)*

1. The Annunciation by the Angel Gabriel (Luke 1:26-38)
2. The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-45)
3. The Birth of our Lord (Luke 2:1-7 or John 1:1-18)
4. The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:22-35)
5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)

THE MYSTERIES OF LIGHT *(Reflect on these on Thursdays)*

1. The Baptism of Jesus by John (Matthew 3:13-17)
2. The Wedding Feast at Cana (John 2:1-12)
3. The Proclaiming of the Kingdom of God (Mark 1:14-28 or Luke 4:16-22)
4. The Transfiguration (Luke 9:28-36)
5. The Institution of the Eucharist (Matthew 26:26-29 or John 6:52-58)

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES *(Reflect on these on Tuesdays and Fridays)*

1. The Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:32-42)
2. The Scourging of Jesus (Matthew 27:15-26)
3. Jesus is crowned with Thorns (Mark 15:16-20)
4. Jesus carries his cross to Calvary (John 19:17-27 or Isaiah 52:13-53:12)
5. Jesus dies on the Cross (Mark 15:33-39)

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES *(Reflect on these on Sundays and Wednesdays)*

1. The Resurrection of Jesus (Luke 24:1-12)
2. The Ascension of Jesus to Heaven (Mark 16:9-20 or Acts 1:1-11)
3. The Pentecost Gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-36 or John 20:19-31)
4. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven (I Thessalonians 4:13-18)
5. The Glory of Mary and All the Saints (Revelation 7:9-17 or I John 3:1-3)

HELPFUL HINT

*If you don't have
the time to ponder
all five mysteries
in a day then pray
just one-a-day!*

HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL SEPTEMBER WINNERS

September 4th	No. 18
September 11th	No. 33
September 18th	No. 14
September 25th	No. 37

Sacred Heart Club, Hindley Green

CHARITY KARAOKE EVENT

Next Saturday 12th October

Karaoke - Bingo - Raffle

*In aid of Francis House Children's Hospice
to support children who have cancer*

Admission £1.20 7.00pm until Late

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Marion McHugh, once of Swan Lane, Hindley Green but for the last few years resident in The Acorns Nursing Home at Hindley, where she died on the 28th of September aged 90 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church next Tuesday prior to cremation at Howe Bridge. May the Lord welcome her home.

SACRED HEART "FRANCIS HOUSE" RAFFLE

Tickets will be on sale at both Masses at Sacred Heart Church this weekend for a raffle in aid of Francis House Children's Hospice. The raffle will be drawn during the Fundraising Karaoke Night in Sacred Heart Club next Saturday evening.

ROSARY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

The Annual Rosary Sunday Devotions organised by the Wigan and District Catholic Men's Society will take place this afternoon (Sunday 6th of October) at Holy Family Church, New Springs, Wigan, meeting in the club car park at 2.00pm and processing through the streets into the church for Rosary, Sermon and Benediction at 3.00pm. All welcome - men and women, young and old!

SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Sacred Heart Parish Council will take place on Monday the 14th of October at 7.30pm in the Gordon Room. The main item on the agenda will be arrangements for the Christmas Fair (date yet to be set but either Sunday 24th November or Sunday 1st December) but if there are any other items parishioners would wish to be discussed please inform Deacon Ken who is the new Chair of the Parish Council. Our thanks go to Helen Zani for all that she has done for Sacred Heart Parish previously in this role.

**RETIRING COLLECTION AFTER EACH MASS THIS WEEKEND
IN RESPONSE TO CAFOD'S HARVEST FAST DAY APPEAL**

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2013 - ROSARY SUNDAY
TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)**

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Brian & Sheila Ratcliffe (50th Wedding)</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Ellen Lucy Kinsella</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>John Dermody</i>

**MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2013 - OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 1979)**

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
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TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 813)

No 9.15am Mass at Sacred Heart Church today

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Deacon Frank Newton</i>
10.30am	Sacred Heart	Funeral Mass for Marion McHugh	

**WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2013 - BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN
(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 815)**

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving (C)</i>
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THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 817)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>William & Emily Grundy</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Sandra Marie King</i>

FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 819)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Fr. Michael Goslin (Anniv)</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

**SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2013 - SAINT WILFRID (8th Century)
(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 821)**

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2013 - TWENTY EIGHTH OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Margaret Hoare</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Monica Bibby</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Baby Eve Mary McCardle</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

June, Maurice and Mike would like to thank everyone who sent expressions of sympathy, numerous Mass and condolence cards and donations in memory of their dear mother, Louise McCarthy. Thanks to your generosity the sum of £450 has been given to Holy Family Church and an equal sum to Wigan and Leigh Hospice. God bless you all.

TEA AND COFFEE

Join us for tea and coffee in Holy Family Parish Hall after the 10.30am Mass every Sunday. All welcome!

Sacred Heart Catholic Club (Behind the Church)

Tel. 01942 255192

Bingo Nights each week on Tuesday and Sunday at 9.00pm with Concert Night every Saturday. Function room available for private hire.

Holy Family Catholic Club

Tram Street, Platt Bridge

Tel. 01942 866167

Bingo Nights each week on Monday and Wednesday at 7.45pm and on Sundays at 9.00pm. Function room free-of-charge for private hire.

LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

MUSIC AT THE MET

Saturday 26th October at 7.30pm

The Fauré Requiem and works by Tallis, Poulenc and Gabriel Jackson performed by Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choir and the City of London Sinfonia.

For further details and tickets see
www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk
or telephone 0151 708 7283

ARRANGING A BAPTISM

Remember that expectant parents can book to take part in the Baptism Preparation Course even before their child is born. The next course is due to be held in December. See Father Tony after Mass any weekend.

ARRANGING A WEDDING

Any couples wishing to be married in either of our two churches during 2014 should contact Father Tony to book a date before the end of this year. The Marriage Preparation Course will be held in the New Year.

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family	Sacred Heart
£503.18	Offertory £465.50
(Total for CAFOD next week)	

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Sacred Heart, Hindley Green



Parish Bulletin

Sunday 13th October 2013
Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time



OUR PARISH FAMILY

Through the celebration of Baptism at Holy Family this weekend, we welcome into the People of God and our Parish Family: Regan Doherty, aged two years, the child of Paul Doherty and Lynette Holland from Cavendish Court, Spring View.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION WITH PARENTS

Those children and their parents who have begun the course to prepare for Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion have their second meeting this week: Next Thursday (17th October) at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart School Hall and next Friday (18th October) at 7.00pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Parents are reminded that we expect a commitment of attending all of the seven meetings of the Preparation Course throughout the year and attendance at Mass every weekend. Parents and children who have decided not to be part of the preparation group this year will be invited to enrol on the course next year.

SACRED HEART PARISH COUNCIL

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NOVEMBER LISTS

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered frequently throughout the month of November for those of our family members and friends who are on our November Dead List. Please hand in your lists of the names of the relatives and friends who you wish to be included in these Masses before the end of October.

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NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and practical support for the whole Church. Despite the depressing news we may hear about the lack of conviction from Christians in the West, the Church is actually growing throughout the world today, largely thanks to the sacrifice and the witness of missionaries. While many of those new Christian communities can look after themselves, some 40% (over 1000 new dioceses) still need the help of the rest of the universal Church - in other words, all of us! And we can help to satisfy their growing thirst for the Good News of Jesus by supporting the work of missionaries through the retiring collection which will be taken after the Masses next weekend.

HOLY FAMILY CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

The Chocolate Tombola this year will take place after the Mass at Holy Family Church on Sunday the 24th of November. If you can donate gifts of chocolate goodies to use as prizes on the tombola please see Mary Marsh.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DEANERY

Please hold in prayer Deacon Frank Newton, a retired member of our Deanery Clergy Team, who died recently after a long illness aged 86 years. He was ordained deacon in 1989 for the parish of Saint Catherine of Siena at Lowton where his long and devoted service to the parish was incalculable. His funeral rites were celebrated at All Saints Church, Golborne last Thursday. May the Lord welcome his good and faithful servant home.

Mr Peter Phillips, the Head Teacher of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith High School, Ashton has announced that he is to retire at the end of the Easter term. He has been Headteacher for the last 20 years during which time his dedicated service has given the School the reputation for excellence that it deserves.

And heartfelt congratulations to Father Brian Newns, Parish Priest of Saint Oswald and Saint Edmund Arrowsmith at Ashton, who celebrates the Golden Jubilee (Fifty Years) of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday the 27th of October. For the last twenty two of those fifty years he has been Parish Priest at Ashton. A Celebration Mass will be held at Saint Oswald's Church at 4.00pm on that day.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IN LIVERPOOL

The Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool from Friday the 18th of October to Friday the 25th of October. There will be a Mass of Reception for the Image next Friday (18th of October) at 5.15pm after which the Miraculous Image will be on display in the Columba Chapel at the Cathedral between 10.00am and 4.00pm each day of the visit as a focus for private prayer.

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2013 - TWENTY EIGHTH OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Margaret Hoare</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Monica Bibby</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Baby Eve Mary McCardle</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 824)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Deceased of Grundy Family</i>
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TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2013 - SAINT TERESA OF AVILA

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 825)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Frank Ingram</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>

WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2013 - SAINT MARGARET MARY

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 1998)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Deceased of Kinsella Family</i>
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THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2013 - SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 829)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Marion McHugh</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Sandra Marie King</i>

FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2013 - SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 2004)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>James & Margaret Kinsella</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2013

(Collins Weekday Missal: Page 833)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2013 - WORLD MISSION DAY

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Ellen Lucy Kinsella</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Marion McHugh</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Barbara King</i>

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

Tuesday 29th October 2013

All Saints Franciscan Church

Redclyffe Road, Urmston, Manchester, M41 7LG

Mass at 12 noon and 6.30pm (Visits 1.00pm to 6.00pm)

Wednesday 30th October 2013

Saint Anthony's Franciscan Church

Queens Drive, Mossley Hill, Liverpool L18 8AY

Mass at 12 noon and 7.30pm (Visits 1.00pm to 7.00pm)



HOLY FAMILY CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

The Chocolate Tombola this year will take place after the Mass at Holy Family Church on Sunday the 24th of November. If you can donate gifts of chocolate goodies to use as prizes on the tombola please see Mary Marsh.

A minibus has been booked to go to the Mass at All Saints, Urmston on Tuesday the 29th of October for the Veneration of the Relics of Saint Anthony (*see item above*) leaving Market Square, Hindley at 10.15am. Cost is £10. Contact Joan Baines on 01942 738880 to book a place.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Do you still find it hard to cope after the death of a loved one? Our Bereavement Support Group meets next Saturday (26th October) in Holy Family Parish Hall, Tram Street at 12.15pm. Can we help you?

QUIZ NIGHT

Holy Family Catholic Club

Tram Street, Platt Bridge

NEXT SATURDAY (26th October)

Starts 9.00pm

All welcome

TEA AND COFFEE

Join us for tea and coffee in Holy Family Parish Hall after the 10.30am Mass every Sunday. All welcome!

THANK YOU

Holy Family		Sacred Heart
£410.00	Offertory	£546.30
£209.95	CAFOD	£356.00

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Sunday 20th October 2013
Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time



FROM THE MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Faith is God's precious gift, which opens our mind to know and love him. He wants to enter into relationship with us and allow us to participate in his own life in order to make our life more meaningful, better and more beautiful. God loves us! Faith, however, needs to be accepted, which means it needs our personal response, the courage to entrust ourselves to God, to live his love and be grateful for his infinite mercy. It is a gift, not reserved for a few but offered with generosity to all. Everyone should be able to experience the joy of being loved by God, the joy of salvation! It is a gift that one cannot keep to oneself, but it is to be shared.

The Year of Faith, fifty years after the beginning of the Second Vatican Council, motivates the entire Church towards a renewed awareness of its presence in the contemporary world and its mission among peoples and nations. Missionarity, is not only about geographical territories, but it is about peoples, cultures and individuals, because the "boundaries" of faith do not only cross places and human traditions, but the heart of each man and each woman. The Second Vatican Council emphasised in a special way how the missionary task, that of broadening the boundaries of faith, belongs to every baptised person and all Christian communities since "the people of God lives in communities, especially in dioceses and parishes, and becomes somehow visible in them, it is up to these to witness Christ before the nations" (Ad Gentes, 37).

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**RETIRING COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND FOR
THE OVERSEAS MISSIONS**



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We must always have the courage and the joy of proposing, with respect, an encounter with Christ, and become heralds of his Gospel. Jesus came amongst us to show us the way of salvation and he entrusted to us the mission to make it known to all to the ends of the earth. Humanity of our time needs the secure light that illuminates its path and that only the encounter with Christ can give. Let us bring to this world, through our witness, with love, the hope given by faith! The Church's missionarity is not proselytising, but the testimony of a life that illuminates the path, which brings hope and love. The Church - I repeat once again – is not a relief organisation, an enterprise or an NGO, but a community of people, animated by the Holy Spirit, who have lived and are living the wonder of the encounter with Jesus Christ and want to share this experience of deep joy, the message of salvation that the Lord gave us. It is the Holy Spirit that guides the Church in this path.

Benedict XVI exhorted that: "the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere, just as it is among you" ("2Thess 3:1): May this Year of Faith increasingly strengthen our relationship with Christ the Lord, since only in him is there the certitude for looking to the future and the guarantee of an authentic and lasting love" (Porta fidei, 15). This is my wish for World Mission Sunday this year. I cordially bless missionaries and all those who accompany and support this fundamental commitment of the Church to proclaim the Gospel to all corners of the earth, and we, ministers and missionaries of the Gospel, will experience "the delightful and comforting joy of evangelising" (Paul VI: Evangelii nuntiandi, 80)

Francis

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends of Vera Young, late of Egerton Court, who died on the 10th of October aged 92 years. Her funeral rites were celebrated at Sacred Heart Church last Wednesday prior to cremation at Wigan Crematorium. May the Lord welcome her home.

THANK YOU FROM FRANCIS HOUSE

Sincere thanks to all who supported the Charity Karaoke Night held at Sacred Heart Club last weekend. Over £400 was raised towards the Jordan Trek by Deacon Ken and Sam in November for Francis House Children's Hospice. The list of raffle winners has been posted on the notice board in the porch of Sacred Heart Church: If you're a winner, please see Deacon Ken to collect your prize.

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2013 - WORLD MISSION DAY TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Ellen Lucy Kinsella</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Marion McHugh</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Barbara King</i>

MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 834)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Private Intention (EP)</i>
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TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 836)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Marion McHugh</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Bill Mangnall</i>

WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 838)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Ints. of Gerard & Andrew</i>
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THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 840)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Thomas O'Connell</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving (A. Hardy)</i>

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 842)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Eleanor May Grundy</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 844)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Private Intention</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition	

SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2013 - THIRTIETH OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Vera Young</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Joseph & Annie Hesketh</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>

NOVEMBER LISTS

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered frequently throughout the month of November for those of our family members and friends whose names are on our November Dead List. Please hand in your lists of the names of the relatives and friends who you wish to be included in these Masses before the end of October.

FIRST ANNIVERSARIES DURING NOVEMBER

First Anniversary of Baptism

On 4th November at Holy Family:

Lucy Rose Hunt

Riley James Ozenbrook

On 4th November at Sacred Heart:

Paige Watson

On 18th November at Sacred Heart:

Elysia Catherine Reeve

Kian Peter Reeve

On 25th November at Sacred Heart:

Sophie Doohan

On 25th November at Holy Family:

Logan Rhys Atherton

Ashley Faith Cording

First Anniversary of Death

Raymond Jones of Victoria Road, Platt Bridge on 12th November aged 76.

Carol Fleming of Carr Street, Platt Bridge on 13th November aged 56.

THANK YOU

Holy Family		Sacred Heart
£459.81	Offertory	£525.50
£150.51	Missions	£271.00

Our sincere thanks for a donation to Holy Family Church funds of £150 in memory of the late Mark Calter from his wife Jean and family.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

Thursday 14th November at 7.00pm

Third Session Meeting for Sacred Heart 2014 First Communion/Confirmation parents (SH School Hall)

Friday 15th November at 7.00pm

Third Session Meeting for Holy Family 2014 First Communion/Confirmation parents (HF Parish Hall)

Saturday 30th November at 1.00pm

Wedding of Rebecca Abbott and Paul Hughes at Holy Family Church

Sunday 1st December from 1.30pm

Sacred Heart Parish Christmas Fayre in the School Grounds

Sunday 1st December

The start of the Season of Advent during which the children who are preparing to receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion next year will make their First Confessions.

Sundays 1st, 8th & 15th December

Baptism Preparation for Parents from both parishes beginning with 10.30am Mass at Holy Family Church followed by meeting with catechists.

Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30pm

Holy Family Christmas Bingo in Holy Family Catholic Club. (Doors open 6.30pm)

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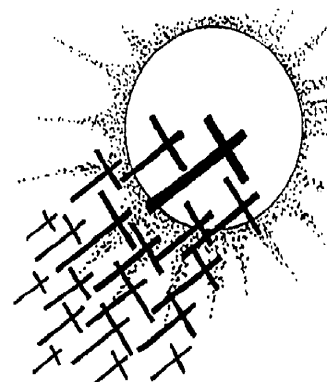
Holy Family, Platt Bridge

Sacred Heart, Hindley Green



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Sunday 27th October 2013
Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time



NEXT FRIDAY IS A
HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION
THE FEAST OF ALL THE SAINTS

VIGIL MASS ON THURSDAY

7.00pm at Saint Benedict's, Hindley

MASSES ON FRIDAY

10.00am at Holy Family, Platt Bridge

12 noon at Saint Benedict's, Hindley

7.00pm at Sacred Heart, Hindley Green



NEXT SATURDAY IS THE
COMMEMORATION OF ALL
THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
(ALL SOULS DAY)

Mass at 11.00am
at Holy Family, Platt Bridge

During the Mass at Holy Family on All Souls Day, the names of those whose funeral rites have been celebrated in both of our parishes since last November will be read out. There will also be the opportunity for anyone to speak aloud the names of relations and friends who have died in the last year. Tea and coffee will be available after Mass in Holy Family Parish Hall.

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"We need saints without cassocks, without veils - we need saints with jeans and tennis shoes. We need saints that go to the movies that listen to music, who hang out with their friends. We need saints that place God in first place ahead of succeeding in any career. We need saints that look for time to pray every day and who know how to be in love with purity, chastity and all good things. We need saints, saints for the 21st century with a spirituality appropriate to our new time. We need saints that have a commitment to helping the poor and to make the needed social change.

"We need saints to live in the world, to sanctify the world and to not be afraid of living in the world by their presence in it. We need saints that drink Coca-Cola, that eat hot dogs, that surf the internet and that listen to their iPods. We need saints that love the Eucharist, that are not afraid or embarrassed to eat a pizza or drink a beer with their friends. We need saints who love the movies, dance, sports, theatre. We need saints that are open, sociable, normal, happy companions. We need saints who are in this world and who know how to enjoy the best in this world without being callous or mundane. We need saints!"

Pope Francis at World Youth Day 2013

TABLE TOP SALE NEXT SATURDAY AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL

There'll be a "Table Top Sale" next Saturday (2nd of November) from 9.00am to 12 noon at Sacred Heart Primary School, Hindley Green - indoor and outdoor. Price per table is £6.00 payable in advance by next Thursday (booking in advance is essential; any bookings made after midnight on Thursday will cost £8.00 per table). Toys, clothes, jewellery, bric-a-brac, cakes, food and plenty more! Come along and grab a bargain! Refreshments available. For more information or if you are able to help with the event please contact Paula on 07540319483 or Cathy 07840 924284. All proceeds from tables booked are in aid of Francis House Children's Hospice.

HOLY FAMILY CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

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MINISTRY ROTAS

New Rotas for Readers and Lay Ministers of Communion at both churches begin next weekend and are available for collection from the sacristy at each church.

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND IN SUPPORT OF L.A.M.P.
(LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESAN MISSION PROJECT IN SOUTH AMERICA)

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2013

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Vera Young</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Joseph & Annie Hesketh</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 2020)

FEAST OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Mary Rigby</i>
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TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 847)

No Mass at Sacred Heart Church today

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Marion McHugh</i>
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WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 849)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Vera Young</i>
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THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 851)

No Mass at Sacred Heart Church today

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
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FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2013 - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Margaret Cunliffe & Family</i>
7.45pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2013 - ALL SOULS' DAY

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>The Faithful Departed</i>
12 noon	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2013 - LAMP SUNDAY

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Thomas McGuire</i>

WHAT'S ON EACH WEEK

*New faces are always welcome to turn up to any of these regular events.
If you would like to know more before you go, contact the persons named.*

OVER 60's FRIENDSHIP CLUBS

Wednesday at 1.00pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Contact Kath Prior on 861995.

Wednesday at 2.00pm in Sacred Heart Club. Contact Maureen Dalton on 253132 or Lily Radcliffe on 255991 or Norman and Dorothy Baker on 256258

LEGION OF MARY

Tuesday after morning Mass at 10.30am in the sacristy at Holy Family Church. Contact Mary Marsh on 701091 or Kath Prior on 861995.

Tuesday at 5.30pm (*note the change of day and time from Wednesday!*) in Saint Benedict's Presbytery, Hindley. Contact Joan Baines on 738880.

BROWNIES AND GUIDES FOR GIRLS

Wednesday in Holy Family Parish Hall from 6.30pm to 8.00pm (Brownies) and 8.00pm to 9.00pm (Guides). Contact Sheila Marcroft on 861981

KICKBOXING FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Tuesday from 5.30pm to 6.30pm and Thursday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. Contact Dale Bannister (3xWorld and 15xBritish Champion) on 07581 540278

If you organise a group or activity within our parishes and would like it to be mentioned occasionally in future Parish Bulletins please let us have some details.

**TEA AND COFFEE SERVED AFTER
10.30AM MASS EVERY SUNDAY
IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL**

THANK YOU

Holy Family	Sacred Heart
£405.57	Offertory £673.40

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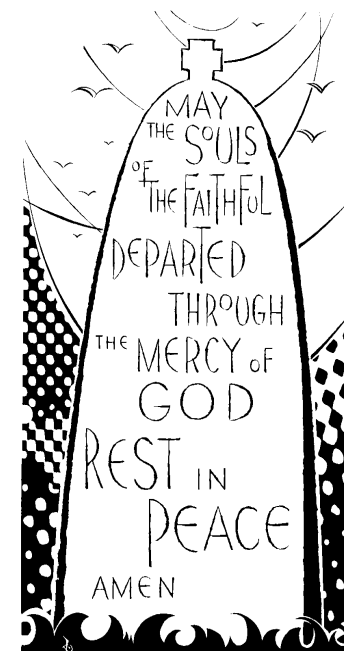
**Sunday 3rd November 2013
Thirty First of Ordinary Time**



NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We seem to give them back to you, O Lord, who first gave them to us; yet, as you did not lose them in the giving, so we do not lose them in the return. For not as the world gives do you give, O Lover of souls. For what is yours is ours also, if we belong to you. For life is unending because love is undying, and the boundaries of this life are but a horizon, and a horizon is but the limit of our vision.

Raise us up, O strong Son of God, that we may see further. Strengthen our faith that we may see beyond the horizon. And while you prepare a place for us, as you have promised, prepare us also for that happy place; that where you are we may be also, with those we have loved, forever.



**RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEK FOR L.A.M.P.
(Liverpool Archdiocesan Missionary Project)**

TODAY IS LAMP SUNDAY

This weekend we remember the Liverpool Archdiocesan Missionary Project (LAMP) in South America, and especially our two Liverpool priests who are working out there, Father Denis Parry and Father Simon Cadwallader, both serving in parishes in Lima, Peru to help develop those communities. The retiring collection which is being taken after the Masses today will go to support their work in those parishes.

NEXT SUNDAY IS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. Although this will be included in the Bidding Prayers at each Mass in both of our churches next weekend, Father Strowbridge will preside at Sacred Heart's traditional Remembrance Sunday Mass at 9.00am in Sacred Heart Church next Sunday.

AD MULTOS ANNOS

Congratulations to Father Hubert Strowbridge who celebrates the 57th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Monday of this week. Father Strowbridge will be the celebrant of the 7.00pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Monday evening.

SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair this year will take place on Sunday the 1st of December from 1.30pm in the school grounds. Attractions include Father Christmas, Hog Roast, Games for all ages, Cake Stall, Tombolas, Gift and Craft Stalls and much, much more. Offers of raffle prizes, bottles, cakes, gifts (and helpers!) would be most welcome - please see Deacon Ken in you can oblige.

HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS BINGO EVENING

The Christmas Prize Bingo this year will be held on Tuesday the 3rd of December in Holy Family Catholic Club with doors open from 6.30pm and eyes down at 7.30pm. Attractions include Toys for Boys and Girls, Tombola and Raffles, and Christmas Hampers.

SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS BINGO NIGHTS

Christmas Bingo Evenings will be held at Sacred Heart Club on Wednesday the 27th of November, Wednesday the 4th of December and Wednesday the 11th of December beginning at 8.30pm prompt each evening. Prizes include turkeys, chickens, wines & spirits, and cash. Everyone welcome!

HOLY FAMILY CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

The Chocolate Tombola this year will take place after the Mass at Holy Family Church on Sunday the 24th of November. If you can donate gifts of chocolate goodies to use as prizes on the tombola please see Mary Marsh.

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2013 - LAMP SUNDAY

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Thomas McGuire</i>

MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 856)

MEMORIAL OF SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Ints. of Father Strowbridge</i>
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TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 858)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Eric Mills</i>

WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 860)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
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THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 861)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Doreen Marsh</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 863)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 2047)

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

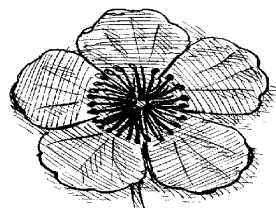
11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) & Exposition	

SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2013 - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Fr. Thomas Delaney</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>

NOTE: During this week (from the 1st to the 8th of November) a Plenary Indulgence may be gained for the Faithful Departed, through the prayers of anyone who devoutly visits a cemetery or who simply prays for the dead.



*They shall not grow old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning:
We will remember them.*

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HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL

OCTOBER WINNERS

October 2nd No. 15

October 9th No. 09

October 16th No. 36

October 23rd No. 33

October 30th No. 32

TEA AND COFFEE IS SERVED

IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL

AFTER THE 10.30AM MASS

EVERY SUNDAY

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

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£121.20	LAMP	£234.00

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Thirty Second of Ordinary Time
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



BISHOPS' CONSULTATION ON FAMILY LIFE

Pope Francis has called an extraordinary general session of the Synod of Bishops to meet in Rome between the 5th and the 19th of October 2014 to discuss the "pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelization." To help prepare for this he has requested the bishops of the world to consult with the people in their countries on such matters as cohabitation, same-sex unions, those in second marriages after a divorce, family faith education, attitudes to contraception, etc. The Bishops of England and Wales invite you to view the questionnaire and to make your views known to them. The ten questions (some of which go pretty deep!) can be viewed and replied to on the bishops' website at www.catholic-ew.org.uk (click on "Synod of Bishops on the Family 2014")

A LISTENING CHURCH AT HOLY FAMILY

The consultation of Pope Francis about the future shape of the world-wide Church is being reflected closer to home. As mentioned at the end of the Mass at Holy Family last week, and as part of a new initiative in the Archdiocese, a representative group of parishioners of all ages has been meeting for the past few months under the direction of Deacon Mike to reflect on how we can be more a "Listening Church". Before or after Mass over the next few weeks they will be asking for your views about where Holy Family parish stands now and how you would like to see it shaped and develop in the future. All feedback will be treated in total confidence so please feel free to be honest and open in your comments and opinions.

PREPARING OUR CHILDREN FOR THE SACRAMENTS

The Third Session Meeting for Parents preparing with their children to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation takes place during this week: Next Thursday the 14th of November at 7.00pm in Sacred Heart School Hall or next Friday the 15th of November at 7.00pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. This third session will deal specifically with celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation which the children will do for the first time during the coming Season of Advent.

FORTHCOMING SEASONAL EVENTS

SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER - HOLY FAMILY CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

After the 10.30am Mass at Holy Family Church

WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER - SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS BINGO

In Sacred Heart Club at 8.30pm

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER - SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS FAIR

From 1.30pm in Sacred Heart School grounds

TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER - HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS BINGO

In Holy Family Club: Doors open 6.30pm with Eyes Down at 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER - SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS BINGO

In Sacred Heart Club at 8.30pm

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER - SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS BINGO

In Sacred Heart Club at 8.30pm

COIN BUCKET COLLECTION

The now-familiar Orange Bucket which one of the children holds out at the back of Holy Family Church after Mass each Sunday morning is to receive any loose change which you may have accumulated during the week and which you may wish to donate to Holy Family Church. During this year to date the bucket has collected £290 for Holy Family Church funds. Thanks to all who give their loose change.

ANNUAL C.M.S. DECEASED MASS

The Annual Mass for Deceased Members, Supporters and Friends of Wigan & District Catholic Men's Society will be celebrated at Saint Benedict's Church, Hindley next Wednesday (12th November) at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

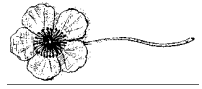
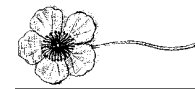
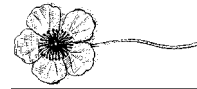
HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL HEATING

After much "red tape" and a mountain of paperwork and survey reports (such is life in the 21st Century!) the actual work of installing a new heating system at Holy Family Parish Hall has begun (the old system gave up the ghost in July) and should be completed within the next ten days. The total cost will be in the region of £15K.

LUNCH OUTING TO WYRESIDE LAKES

Fancy a day out on Wednesday the 20th of November to Wyreside Lakes in the Bowland Fells? Lunch is included and the cost will be around £15. For more details or to book a place on the outing please contact Kath Prior at Holy Family or telephone her on 01942 861995.

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK



SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2013 - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Fr. Thomas Delaney</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>

MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 867) MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Anton Whitehead</i>
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TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 869) MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOSAPHAT

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>John Davies</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>

WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 871)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
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THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 873)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Rachel & Dominic Kane</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Carol Fleming</i>

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 875)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 877)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) & Exposition	

SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2013 THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Catherine Harrison</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Ann Louise McCarthy</i>

**ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL
YOUTH PILGRIMAGE
TO LOURDES 2014**

Young people aged between 15 and 25 years are invited to join the Archdiocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes, working with and assisting sick pilgrims, from the 24th of July to the 1st of August, 2014. The cost is £480.

For more detailed information visit the website www.animateyouth.org or telephone 01744 740460 or email admin@animateyouth.co.uk. The Animate website also has application forms available to download.

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**CATHOLIC PICTORIAL
PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY**

A Ten-Day Pilgrimage Tour of Rome and Assisi from the 1st to the 10th of May 2014 organised by The Catholic Pictorial and led by clergy of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, including our Dean, Fr. Ron Johnson. The cost is £1045 per person. For further details and bookings contact Barbara at The Catholic Pictorial on 0151 733 5492.

ST. CECILIA'S DAY CONCERT

To celebrate the patron saint of music and musicians, Saint Mary's Choirs are hosting a Concert of Music for Saint Cecilia's Day at Saint Mary's Priory, Buttermarket Street, Warrington WA1 2NS in Warrington Town Centre next Friday the 22nd of November with music by Gabrieli, Palestrina, Mozart, Britten, Tippett and Lauridsen. Admission is free and the concert will commence at 7.30pm.

THANK YOU

Holy Family

£434.04

Sacred Heart

Offertory £587.00

Thanks for a recent donation of £10 to Holy Family Church funds in memory of Eileen Murphy from her cousin.

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**Sunday 17th November 2013
Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**



SYNOD OF BISHOPS: OPEN CONSULTATION

As reported last weekend, in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in October 2014 which will look at the Church's teaching on Marriage and Family Life and how this has been heard and received, Pope Francis has asked the bishops of the world to consult all Catholics to obtain information and comments on such issues as divorce and remarriage, same-sex unions, handing on the faith to our children, etc. and the pastoral care provided to people in these situations. While the actual consultation questionnaire, for ease of collating the information, can only be completed online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014> the leaflet being circulated with our Parish Bulletin this week gives you the questions to which answers are being sought. We do hope you will feel able and willing to become involved in this consultation, the first such initiative of this kind in the life of the Church.

PHILIPPINES EMERGENCY DISASTER FUND

Although we will not be holding a special collection for this cause in our parishes we do urge you, if you are able, to support any other means of contributing to this cause. With the support of our recent Harvest Fast Day collection, Cafod will be among those aid agencies responding to the appeal for assistance; and you may be interested to know that your donations to "Peter's Pence" earlier in the year are also being put to good use. The Vatican issued the following statement: *Pope Francis, through the Pontifical Council "Cor Unum" has sent an immediate contribution of 150,000 dollars to assist the population of the Philippines, devastated by the passage of the typhoon Haiyan which violently struck the country this weekend, in particular affecting the islands of Leyte and Samar and causing, according to unconfirmed estimates, more than ten thousand deaths. This sum, which will be distributed by the local Church in the regions most affected by the disaster, will be used to support aid work for the assistance of displaced persons from the flooded areas, and it is intended as a first and concrete expression of spiritual nearness and paternal encouragement on the part of the Holy Father in relation to the people devastated by the floods.*

PREPARING FOR BAPTISM Over the first three Sundays of December, parents who have requested Baptism for their children in either of our two churches will be attending the 10.30am Mass at Holy Family Church and, after tea and coffee with other Mass-goers in the Parish Hall, will meet with our catechists to enable them to be the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of faith. Expectant parents are very welcome to take part in the Baptism Preparation Course even before the birth of their child: See Father Tony after Mass at either church any weekend to pick up a Baptism Information Pack. The next Baptism Preparation Courses after December will take place in March and June 2014.

SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS FAIR The Christmas Fair takes place on Sunday the 1st of December from 1.30pm in the school grounds. Attractions include Father Christmas and Donkey Rides for the children, Hog Roast, Games for all ages, Cake Stall, Tombolas, Gift and Craft Stalls and much, much more. Offers of raffle prizes, bottles, cakes, gifts (and helpers!) would be most welcome - please see Deacon Ken in you can oblige. Raffle tickets for the Fair will be on sale at Sacred Heart Church over the next two weekends.

HOLY FAMILY CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA The Chocolate Tombola takes place next Sunday (24th of November) after the end of the 10.30am Mass at Holy Family. The more tickets you buy for the tombola, the more chances you have of winning some delicious goodies! All proceeds are in aid of Holy Family Church funds.

HOSPICE JORDAN TREK This weekend Deacon Ken and Sam Lawton are abroad in a foreign land, taking part in their Sponsored Trek through Jordan to raise funds in aid of Francis House Children's Hospice. Many thanks to all those who have supported them.

LUNCH OUTING TO WYRESIDE LAKES Fancy a day out on Wednesday the 20th of November to Wyreside Lakes in the Bowland Fells? Three course Christmas lunch and coach transport is included in the cost of £25. For more details or to book contact Kath Prior at Holy Family or telephone her on 01942 861995 or see the noticeboard at Holy Family Church.

CLOSE OF THE YEAR OF FAITH The Year of Faith, which Pope-emeritus Benedict opened in October last year, draws to a close next weekend with the Feast of Christ the King. So maybe this last week of the Year of Faith is an opportune time to reflect: How have I used this past year to grow in my discipleship of the Lord? Am I more aware, through the teaching of the Church contained in the Catechism and in the documents of the Second Vatican Council, of the Faith I claim to profess? Have I grown in my sense of belonging to the community of the Church?

TEA & COFFEE SERVED IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH HALL AFTER MASS

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2013

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Catherine Harrison</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Ann Louise McCarthy</i>

MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 879)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>John Phillips</i>
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TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 881)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Edith Webster</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>

WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 884)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
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THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 2075)

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Marion & Ted McHugh</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Ints. of Stan King</i>

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 888)

MEMORIAL OF SAINT CECILIA

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 890)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2013 - YOUTH SUNDAY

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Joseph & Geraldine Clarkson</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
Sun. 11.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

**RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND TO SUPPORT
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL YOUTH SERVICE**

AN AFTERNOON WORKSHOP FOR LITTLE CHURCH LEADERS

An Afternoon Preparing to Celebrate Lent is being held for all who lead Little Church and Children's Liturgy, taking place at LACE on Sunday the 9th of February from 2.00pm to 5.00pm and led by Jo Boyce of CJM Music. Any Children's Liturgy leaders who would like to go, please contact Mary Marsh at Holy Family (Tel. 01942 701091) who will book places.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our Bereavement Support Group meets again next Saturday (30th November) at 12.15pm in Holy Family Parish Hall. If you find it difficult to carry on after the loss of a loved one then why not come along and see if this will help you? Phone Mary Marsh on 01942 701091 to find out more.

SATURDAY IS KARAOKE NIGHT

Next Saturday is Karaoke Night at Holy Family Catholic Club with the fabulous Miss Jules. The fun starts from 8.30pm and all are welcome.

TEA AND COFFEE IS SERVED

Tea and Coffee is served in Holy Family Parish Hall after the 10.30am Mass every Sunday morning. Everyone welcome!

HANDEL'S MESSIAH AT THE MET

The choirs of the Anglican and Catholic Cathedrals in Liverpool join together with the Liverpool Cathedral Chamber Orchestra to perform Handel's Messiah at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 7th of December at 7.30pm. Further details and tickets from 0151 708 7283.

ADVENT EXTRA MAGAZINE

Daily reflections for the Advent season and great family and spiritual reading. On sale from the back of each of our churches. Price £1.50

WANTED: DEACONS

There will be an Open Meeting at Saint Joseph's Church, Meeting Lane, Penketh, Warrington, WA5 2BB on Friday the 6th of December at 7.00pm on the subject of the Vocation of the Permanent Deacon which would be of special interest to any men who may be thinking of offering themselves to serve as Permanent Deacons in our parishes (you may also wish to have a chat with Deacons Ken or Mike too).

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

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THE YEAR OF FAITH ENDS TODAY: WHAT COMES NEXT?

From an address by Archbishop Samuel Aquila of Denver, Colorado
given on the 23rd of September 2013

"This past year we have been celebrating the Year of Faith, a time in which we have been called to deepen our faith and to grow closer to Christ and his Church. What do we do after the Year of Faith? I believe the answer to the question is clear.

First, we are invited to continue to grow in intimacy with Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit. In our daily encounter with Jesus, he will fill us with the Holy Spirit and lead us to the Father. In our heart-to-heart prayer with Jesus, we are led into the communion of love in the Trinity. We are converted and we repent. In his public ministry, whether it was with Peter, Mary Magdalene, Zacchaeus, the Samaritan Woman, or John, or the many others he encountered, Jesus touched the hearts of those he encountered and their lives were forever changed. Our lives are forever changed the more we fall in love with Jesus.

Second, this time of grace and renewal must lead us as Catholics to share our joy and our faith in Christ with the world, and to do so courageously, inspired by the example of our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted and giving their lives for the faith. We must pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit each day, and most especially for the gift of fortitude.

Finally, as Pope Francis remarked in his message for World Mission Sunday: "The Church is not a relief organization, an enterprise or an NGO, but a community of people, animated by the Holy Spirit, who have lived and are living the wonder of the encounter with Jesus Christ and want to share this experience of deep joy, the message of salvation that the Lord gave us. How is Christ calling me to deeper intimacy with him and to share the joy of knowing him and give witness to him?"

THEY'RE HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

TODAY SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER HOLY FAMILY CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

After the 10.30am Mass at Holy Family



NEXT WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS BINGO

In Sacred Heart Club at 8.30pm

NEXT SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS FAIR

From 1.30pm in Sacred Heart School grounds
Father Christmas - Hog Roast - Donkey Rides
Cake Stall - Gifts & Games - Raffle & Tombola



And happening in the following weeks:

Tuesday 3rd December
HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS BINGO
Holy Family Club at 7.30pm

Wednesdays 4th & 11th December
SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS BINGO
Sacred Heart Club at 8.30pm

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into the People of God and our Parish Family through the celebration of Baptism at Holy Family Church this Sunday: Aaron David Culkin, aged ten months, the son of David and Jennifer Culkin from Ludlow Avenue, Hindley Green; Daisy Jane Hall, aged three years, and Perry David Hall, aged one year, the children of Daniel Hall and Sarah Mahar from Kearnes Close, Abram.

Our prayers and congratulations go to Rebecca Abbott and Paul Hughes from Beech Grove, Abram who are to be married at Holy Family Church next Saturday afternoon. We wish them the blessing of a long and happy married life together.

SAINT EDMUND ARROWSMITH "PENSIONERS' PARTY"

Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School in Ashton invite Senior Citizens from their feeder parishes to join them as their guests for a full three-course Christmas Dinner and Party on the afternoon of Friday the 13th of December. Coach transport will be provided, leaving from Sacred Heart, Hindley Green at 1.00pm and picking up from Saint Benedict's, Hindley and Holy Family, Platt Bridge on the way. There is no charge but places are limited to only 12 senior citizens from each parish. Please sign the list on the notice board at the back of church today if you would like one of those places ... and please sign only for yourself: no "block bookings"!

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2013 - YOUTH SUNDAY

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING (C)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Joseph & Geraldine Clarkson</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
Sun. 12.45am	Holy Family	Celebration of Baptism	

MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 893)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
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TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 895)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Vera Young</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>

WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 897)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
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THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 899)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>In Thanksgiving (Safe Delivery)</i>

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 902)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 2086)

FEAST OF SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>November Lists</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions)	
1.00pm	Holy Family	Wedding of Rebecca and Paul	

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2013 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Thos & Mgt Delaney & Winnie Foster</i>
Sat. 6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Mary Baines</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Wilfred Pugh</i>

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL YOUTH SERVICE

THANK YOU

Holy Family		Sacred Heart
£444.23	Offertory	£612.50
£102.68	Youth Service	£175.25

Thanks to all who organised or supported in any way the Chocolate Tombola which took place last Sunday after Mass at Holy Family. The sum of £140 was raised for Holy Family Church funds.

And thanks to Jean Rafferty from Sacred Heart Parish whose recently held 80th Birthday Party raised £315 for Ken and Sam's Jordan Trek in aid of Francis House Children's Hospice.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT

at Holy Family Catholic Club

Tram Street, Platt Bridge

Next Saturday 7th December

Starting at 9.00pm

Bring your friends

to make up a team

All welcome - Cash Prizes

DIARY DATES

During the Season of Advent

The children who are preparing to receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion next year will make their First Confessions during this time.

Sundays 1st, 8th & 15th December

Baptism Preparation for Parents from both parishes beginning with Mass at Holy Family followed by meeting with catechists in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday 17th December at 6.30pm

Local Schools Annual Carol Service at Holy Family Church

WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Mass on Christmas Eve:

6.00pm at Holy Family, Platt Bridge

9.00pm at Sacred Heart, Hindley Green

Midnight at St. Benedict's, Hindley

Mass on Christmas Day:

9.00am at Sacred Heart, Hindley Green

10.30am at Holy Family, Platt Bridge

11.00am at St. Benedict's, Hindley

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS) DURING ADVENT

Friday Evenings at 7.30pm (Sacred Heart)

Saturday Mornings at 11.00am (Saint Benedict's) and 11.30am (Holy Family)

Saturday Evenings at 6.15pm (Sacred Heart) and 6.30pm (Saint Benedict's)

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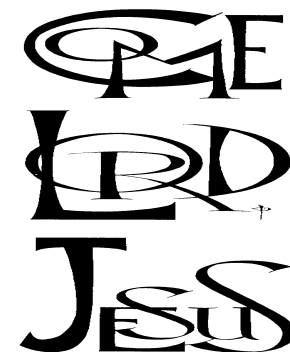
Sunday 1st December 2013

First Sunday of Advent



THE SEASON OF ADVENT: A PERSONAL ADVENTURE

What is Advent? The word comes from the Latin *adventus* meaning coming or arrival. In the Church's liturgical calendar, Advent is the season of hope in which we prepare to celebrate the commemoration of the first coming of Christ and look forward to his Second Coming.



The first coming, the birth of the baby Jesus at Bethlehem, is familiar to us all. In this historical moment we see the melting of history with eternity as God becomes human. However, Advent also heralds the Second Coming of Christ, the *Parousia*. In the New Testament, *Parousia*, a Greek word meaning presence or arrival, indicates the coming again of Christ at the end of time, the fulfilment of the mystery initiated in the first coming at Bethlehem. It is an arrival not to be feared but to be desired, as the Lord will come in glory as king, vindicating the just in the Last Judgement. Our faith and hope are orientated to this fulfilment of the salvation of the world.

While these two perspectives constitute the Church's official understanding of the season, Advent suggests yet a third coming, one by which the season becomes more than just a time of year, and the liturgy more than mere ceremony: it is the coming of Christ within us. During Advent, the Incarnation should become a personal experience of Christ growing within us through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is a time of new life and of new living, a season of personal hope and potential, of blest and fresh spiritual beginnings. In fact *adventus*, Advent's root word, is also the root word for adventure!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK



TODAY - SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS FAIR

From 1.30pm in Sacred Heart School grounds
Father Christmas - Hog Roast - Donkey Rides
Cake Stall - Gifts & Games - Raffle & Tombola

NEXT TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER HOLY FAMILY CHRISTMAS BINGO

In Holy Family Club
Toys for boys & Girls - Tombola
Christmas Hampers - Raffles
Doors open 6.30pm: Eyes Down at 7.30pm



NEXT WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER & WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS BINGO IN SACRED HEART CLUB AT 8.30PM

Turkeys & Chickens - Wines & Spirits - Cash

WALK WITH ME BOOKLET

As a help to your prayer-life during the journey of Advent this year, please take a copy (free of charge) of the *Walk with Me* booklet of Advent daily reflections which is available from the back of each church this weekend. Feel free to take an extra copy to give to a non-practicing Catholic neighbour or friend too if you wish.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Our deep sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Jenny Higginson, late of The Oaks Nursing Home, who died on the 24th of November aged 93 years. Her funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church next Friday at 12 noon prior to burial at Hindley Cemetery. May the Lord welcome her home.

INTERESTED IN THE PERMANENT DIACONATE?

There will be an Open Meeting at Saint Joseph's Church, Meeting Lane, Penketh, Warrington, WA5 2BB next Friday (6th of December) at 7.00pm on the subject of the Vocation of the Permanent Deacon which would be of special interest to any men who may be thinking of offering themselves to serve as Permanent Deacons in our parishes. You may also wish to have a no-commitment chat with Deacon Ken or Deacon Mike about the ministry of the deacon in our parishes.

**Tea and Coffee is served in Holy Family Parish Hall
following the 10.30am Mass each Sunday**

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2013

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Thos & Mgt Delaney & Winnie Foster</i>
Sat. 6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Mary Baines</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Wilfred Pugh</i>

MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 3)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
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TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 6)

COMMEMORATION OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Canon Brian Mullan</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Barbara King</i>

WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 9)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
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THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 12)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2013

12 noon	Sacred Heart	Funeral Mass for Jenny Higginson	
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

► **Please Note: No evening Mass today but evening Confessions as usual** ◀

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 18)

COMMEMORATION OF SAINT AMBROSE

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Gerard Foley</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) & Exposition	

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2013

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Marian McHugh</i>
Sat. 6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Anne & Harry Holden</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Special Intention (PW)</i>

ADVENT RECONCILIATION (INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS)

Friday Evening:

7.30pm at Sacred Heart, Hindley Green

Saturday Morning:

11.00am at Saint Benedict's, Hindley

11.30am at Holy Family, Platt Bridge

Saturday Evening:

6.15pm at Sacred Heart, Hindley Green

6.30pm at Saint Benedict's, Hindley

Wednesday 18th December

Mass of Reconciliation at 7.00pm
at Saint Benedict's Church, Hindley

A DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS

Come and enjoy a feast of Christmas music at the Metropolitan Cathedral next Saturday (14th of December) at 7.00pm, compèred by comedian Ken Dodd and featuring the cathedral and school choirs with a solo performance from Christmas Number One hopeful Jack Topping. The concert will include a wide range of Christmas music, old and new. Tickets are £5 for a single ticket, or £10 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) and are available from the Cathedral Gift shop on 0151 707 3525.

THANK YOU

Last Week's Offertory Collection:

Holy Family £383.11

Sacred Heart £526.00

Sincere thanks to all who organised or who in any way supported the following fund-raising events:

Holy Family Christmas Raffle, drawn last Sunday, which raised £400 for Holy Family Church. A list of winners is on the notice board at the back of church: Prizes can be collected from Dave Herbert or Chris Eccleston.

Sacred Heart Christmas Fair, also held last Sunday, and which raised £2,600 (split 50/50 between the church and the school). The list of raffle winners is on the notice board at the back of church: Prizes can be collected from Deacon Ken.

Holy Family Christmas Bingo, held last Tuesday in Holy Family Catholic Club, which raised £442 for Holy Family Church.

HOLY FAMILY BONUS BALL NOVEMBER WINNERS

November 6th No. 07

November 13th No. 11

November 20th No. 44

November 27th No. 14

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Second Sunday of Advent



REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS CLOSE AT HAND.

"We cannot partake deeply of the life of God unless we change profoundly. It is therefore essential that we should go to God in order that he should transform and change us; that we should repent.



Repentance in Latin means a turn, a change, in the direction of things. The Greek word *metanoia* means a change of mind. Repentance means that instead of spending our lives looking in all directions, we should follow one direction only. It may be a turning away from a great many things which we value solely because they were pleasant for us, because the first impact of repentance is to modify our sense of values. God being at the centre of all, means everything acquires a new position and a new depth. All that is God, all that belongs to him, is positive and real. Everything that is outside him has little value or meaning.

But it is not a change of mind alone that we can call repentance, for we can change our minds and then go no further. What must follow repentance is a change of will. For unless our will comes into motion and is redirected towards God, there is no repentance; at most there is a still dormant and inactive change in us."

Anthony Bloom: "Living Prayer" (1966)

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SAINT EDMUND ARROWSMITH PENSIONERS' PARTY

Just a reminder to those who signed-up to book a place that the Pensioners' Christmas Party at Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School in Ashton takes place next Friday the 13th of December. Coach transport will leave from Sacred Heart at 1.00pm, picking up from Saint Benedict's and Holy Family along the way, returning you home for 5.00pm at the latest. Remember that a full three-course dinner is being provided for you - so don't have your lunch before you go!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND PLANTS

There will be a retiring collection after the Masses next weekend to receive any donations you may wish to make towards the cost of flowers to decorate our churches throughout the Christmas period. Gifts of Poinsettia plants will also be most welcome to decorate the crib and sanctuary: please bring them to Mass with you on the weekend before Christmas (21st/22nd December) and leave them in the Gordon Room at Sacred Heart Church or in the sacristy at Holy Family Church.

LEAVING CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please do not leave Christmas Cards at the back of church to be collected by your friends or fellow parishioners - because very often they aren't, especially when they have just one name such as "Mary" or "Jack" written on the envelope. Each year we have no choice but to bin the many cards which remain uncollected. To guarantee that your cards reach their intended recipients, please give them personally.

ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL 2014 DIRECTORY

The new edition of the Archdiocesan Yearbook is now available, containing the most up-to-date information on all the parishes, churches, schools, clergy and Mass times of the Archdiocese. On sale from the back of each church - price £3.00

BOOK YOUR WEDDING FOR 2014

Any couples wishing to be married in either of our two churches during 2014 should contact Father Tony to book a date before the end of this year. The Marriage Preparation Course will be held in the New Year.

CAFOD CHRISTMAS FUN RUN & CAFOD CAROL SERVICE

Run off those Christmas calories and support Cafod in the process by taking part in this year's Fun Run at Wavertree Park, Liverpool 15 at 1.00pm on Friday the 27th of December. For more information and sponsorship forms telephone Cafod Liverpool on 0151 228 4028 or email liverpool@cafod.org.uk

The Annual Cafod Carol Service will take place at Saint Teresa's Church in Upholland on Thursday the 19th of December at 7.30pm during which Cafod's Nick Harrop will talk about his recent trip to the Philippines to help with the humanitarian aid work.

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2013

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Marian McHugh</i>
Sat. 6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Anne & Harry Holden</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Special Intention (PW)</i>

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 2100)

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Edward Draper</i>
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TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 24)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Norma Royle</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Les Finney</i>

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 28)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Teresa Draper</i>
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THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 30)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Sandra King</i>

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 34)

COMMEMORATION OF SAINT LUCY

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>William & Elizabeth Gaskell</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 36)

COMMEMORATION OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) & Exposition	

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2013

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sat. 6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Margaret & Thomas Morris</i>
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**RECONCILIATION
(INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS)
DURING THIS WEEK**

Friday Evening:

7.30pm at Sacred Heart, Hindley Green

Saturday Morning:

11.00am at Saint Benedict's, Hindley

11.30am at Holy Family, Platt Bridge

Saturday Evening:

6.15pm at Sacred Heart, Hindley Green

6.30pm at Saint Benedict's, Hindley

**RECONCILIATION MASS
NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING
18TH DECEMBER AT 7.00PM
AT SAINT BENEDICT'S, HINDLEY**

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Mass on Christmas Eve:

6.00pm at Holy Family, Platt Bridge

9.00pm at Sacred Heart, Hindley Green

Midnight at St. Benedict's, Hindley

Mass on Christmas Day:

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11.00am at St. Benedict's, Hindley

THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK

Holy Family Offertory £432.92

Sacred Heart Offertory £533.30

TODAY'S "SONGS OF PRAISE"

If you're watching *Songs of Praise* on BBC1 this afternoon (Sunday) see if you recognise any familiar faces in the congregation: It's the first of two episodes to be broadcast which were recorded at Saint Oswald's Church in Ashton a few weeks ago and to which some of our parishioners went along.

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Sunday 15th December 2013

Third Sunday of Advent



*Families may wish to use the following
in their homes in the coming days:*

BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS TREE

*A child reads a passage from scripture, either
Ezekiel 17:22-24 or John 15:1-5 after which
a parent prays the following:*



Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. **Amen.**

The lights of the tree are then switched on.



BLESSING OF A CRIB OR MANGER SCENE

*A child reads a passage from scripture, either
Isaiah 7:10-14 or Luke 2:1-14 after which
a parent prays the following:*

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Saviour was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Father God, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Saviour of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. R/. **Amen.**

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TAKE A CHRISTMAS SERVICE CARD

Please take home with you one of the Christmas Service Cards available from the back of church today and being distributed through all three churches and Catholic primary schools of the Hindley Catholic area. It gives the times and venues of all the major liturgies of the Christmas and New Year period. Feel free to take an extra card to give to a non-practicing Catholic relative or friends as our invitation to them to "Come Home and Join Us" this Christmas.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND PLANTS

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COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

From Tuesday of this week the mood of Advent changes and we begin to prepare to celebrate the Christmas Feast. To mark the "mood-swing" our Annual Community Carol Service takes place next Tuesday evening at 6.30pm in Holy Family Church with a selection of popular carols and seasonal presentations by the children of Platt Bridge Community School, Abram Bryn Gates School and Holy Family Catholic Primary School. The Carol Service will last no longer than one hour and everyone is welcome to come along and join in the occasion with the children.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY

The children of Holy Family Little Church will present their Nativity Play immediately after the 10.30am Mass next Sunday in Holy Family Church. If you're not in too great a hurry, they'd love you to stay on for fifteen minutes after Mass next Sunday to witness their efforts.

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2013 -THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sat. 6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Margaret & Thomas Morris</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Brian Cook</i>

MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 39)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Brian Delaney</i>
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TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 53)

There is a change in the tone of Advent from today: From pondering with joyful hope the future coming of the Lord in glory, we begin to prepare ourselves to celebrate once again the event of his first coming among us and his birth at Bethlehem.

(Please note there is no Morning Mass at Sacred Heart Church today)			
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Barbara King</i>
1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Funeral Mass for Thomas Cunliffe	
6.30pm	Holy Family	Joint Schools Carol Service	

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 57)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Dorothy & Ron Hickman</i>
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THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 59)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Peter Harrison</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Bill Mangnall</i>

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 62)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Eric Gaskell</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 65)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) & Exposition	

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2013 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Ruby Wedding Thanks (Ellison)</i>
Sat. 6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>John, Dorothy & Marjorie Meakin</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Alice and Edith</i>
Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism	

THANK YOU

Holy Family		Sacred Heart
£415.16	Offertory	£644.40
£118.79	Flowers	£125.00

Our thanks to June Cleworth for a donation to Holy Family Church of £50 in Christmas remembrance of her dear mum and dad, Ann Louise and Maurice McCarthy.

And thanks to all who supported Deacon Ken and Sam Lawton in the sponsored trek across Jordan which they undertook in November and which raised over £4,200 for Francis House Children's Hospice in Salford.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR AT HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CLUB

Christmas Night

Wednesday 25th December

From 7.30pm until Late

Sing and dance away those Christmas calories to the music of DJ Wayne.

£3 door charge

New Year's Eve

Tuesday 31st December

From 7.30pm until Late

Welcome in the New Year of 2014 with Miss Jules and feel free to take a star turn on the microphone yourself.

£3 door charge



WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Mass on Christmas Eve:

6.00pm at Holy Family, Platt Bridge

9.00pm at Sacred Heart, Hindley Green

Midnight at St. Benedict's, Hindley

Mass on Christmas Day:

9.00am at Sacred Heart, Hindley Green

10.30am at Holy Family, Platt Bridge

11.00am at St. Benedict's, Hindley

MASS ON THE WEEKDAYS FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS

Thursday 26th December 2013

Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

10.00am at Sacred Heart

12 noon at Holy Family

Friday 27th December 2013

Feast of Saint John, Apostle

10.00am at Sacred Heart

12 noon at Holy Family (Funeral Mass)

Saturday 28th December 2013

Feast of the Holy Innocents

11.00am at Holy Family

(No Morning Mass at Sacred Heart)

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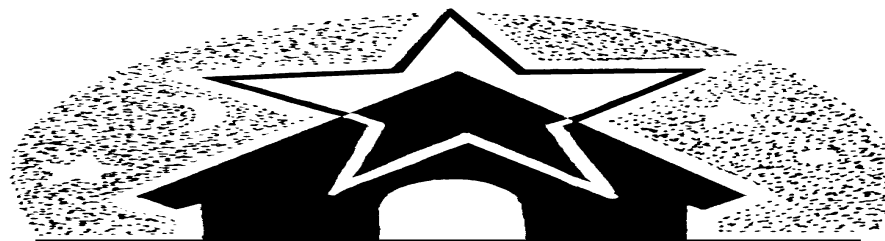
Sacred Heart, Hindley Green



Parish Bulletin

Sunday 22nd December 2013

Fourth Sunday of Advent



"We must be men and women of ceaseless hope. Because only tomorrow can today's human and Christian promise be realised; and every tomorrow will have its own tomorrow, world without end.

Every human act, every Christian act, is an act of hope. But that means we must be men and women of the present. We must live this moment - and really live it, not just endure it - because this very moment, for all its imperfection and frustration, and precisely *because* of its imperfection and frustration, is pregnant with all sorts of possibilities, is pregnant with the future, is pregnant with love is pregnant with Christ."

Walter J. Burghardt SJ (1914-2008)



OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into the People of God through the celebration of Baptism at Sacred Heart Church, Mark Jerry Lawrence aged five months, the son of Kevin and Kerry Lawrence from New Jersey in the United States of America.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the families and friends of the following members of our parishes who have died recently: Michael Grainey from Pembroke Road, Hindley Green who died on the 14th of December: His funeral rites will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church next Monday at 12 noon prior to burial at Leigh Cemetery. And Francis Turner from Belong Care Home, Platt Bridge who died on the 16th of December aged 84 years: His funeral rites will be celebrated at Holy Family Church next Friday at 12 noon prior to burial at Westwood Cemetery. Please also pray for Father Luke Dumbill, a former Parish Priest of Saint Aidan's, Winstanley, who died on the 16th of December. May the Lord welcome them home.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS DOUBLE ISSUE

Please note that this week's copies of *The Universe* and *The Catholic Times* are double issues covering Christmas and the New Year and the doubled price reflects this at £2.60p each. Weekly issues (and prices!) return from the 5th of January.

SACRED HEART OVER-60s PARISHIONERS

There will be a "Christmas Get-Together" for the Over 60s members of Sacred Heart Parish on Monday the 6th of January in Sacred Heart Club beginning at 7.30pm. Please collect a form from the back of Sacred Heart Church either this weekend or next and return it completed if you'd like to come.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM: POPE FRANCIS ON THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

"The Joy of the Gospel" is the title of Pope Francis' first wholly-written document to the Church which sets out his vision and the direction of his ministry as our Pope, with Gospel Joy being at its heart. Francis writes (as we would expect!) in an easily readable and almost conversational style, and with humour at times ("There are Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter!" "Both the faithful and their ordained ministers suffer because of homilies: the laity from having to listen to them and the clergy from having to preach them!"). He also addresses more serious matters (such as the need for Christians to be Spirit-filled evangelisers) and his views on issues such as the global economy and poverty ("The Social Dimension of Evangelisation"). It's well worth reading (some would say it should even be compulsory for all Catholics!) and a few copies are available from the back of each of our churches: Price £4.95 The document is also available to read online free of charge at the Vatican website www.vatican.va

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2013 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Ruby Wedding Thanks (Ellison)</i>
Sat. 6.15pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>John, Dorothy & Marjorie Meakin</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Alice and Edith</i>
Sun. 1.00pm	Sacred Heart	Celebration of Baptism	

MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER 2013

12 noon	Sacred Heart	Funeral Mass for Michael Grainey	
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TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 74)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>William & Winifride Smith</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Thomas McGuire</i>

WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2013 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Eve	6.00pm Mass	Holy Family	<i>Albert & Alice Whittle</i>
	9.00pm Mass	Sacred Heart	<i>Marcus Reid</i>
Christmas Day	9.00am Mass	Sacred Heart	<i>Gordon & Michael Halliwell</i>
	10.30am Mass	Holy Family	<i>Ann Eccleston</i>

THURSDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 2117) FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Joseph & Geraldine Clarkson</i>
12 noon	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>

FRIDAY 27TH DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 2120) FEAST OF SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Vincent Moore</i>
12 noon	Holy Family	Funeral Mass for Francis Turner	

SATURDAY 28TH DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 2123) FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Harry Robinson</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) & Exposition	

SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2013 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (YEAR A)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Ruby Wedding Thanks (Weatherhead)</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Louise Derricott</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Ruby Wedding Thanks (Hughes)</i>

FIRST ANNIVERSARIES DURING JANUARY 2014

We will be sending a card to those families who will be remembering a first anniversary during January to assure them of the thoughts and prayers all of us in our two parishes:

First Anniversary of Baptism

On 27th January at Holy Family:

Molly June Saunders

First Anniversary of Death

Elsie Dawber of Rosebridge Court Nursing Home, Hindley on the 11th of January aged 87 years

Kathleen Battle of The Mews, Hindley on the 13th of January aged 57 years

Iris Tindall of Atherton Road, Hindley Green on the 15th of January aged 81 years

Please hold them in prayer before the Lord during the coming month and especially on the day of their first anniversary.



MASS ON WEEKDAYS OVER THE NEW YEAR PERIOD

Monday 30th December 2013

10.00am at Sacred Heart

Tuesday 31st December 2013

New Year's Eve

9.15am at Sacred Heart

10.00am at Holy Family

Wednesday 1st January 2014

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

The Beginning of a New Year

10.00am at Sacred Heart

12 noon at Holy Family

Thursday 2nd January 2014

9.15am at Sacred Heart

10.00am at Holy Family

Friday 3rd January 2014

First Friday of the New Year

7.00pm at Sacred Heart

Saturday 4th January 2014

11.00am at Holy Family

**IF YOU'RE NOT WORKING THIS WEEK
WHY NOT JOIN US FOR DAILY MASS?**

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY

Holy Family

Offertory £450.91

Sacred Heart

Offertory £604.00

Archdiocese of Liverpool

Holy Family, Platt Bridge

Sacred Heart, Hindley Green



Parish Bulletin

Sunday 29th December 2013

Feast of the Holy Family



We meet today in the atmosphere of Christmas, full of deep joy at the Birth of the Saviour. We have just celebrated this Mystery whose echo ripples throughout the Liturgy of all these days. It is a Mystery of Light that all people in every era can relive with faith and prayer. It is through prayer itself that we become capable of drawing close to God with intimacy and depth.



I would therefore like to invite you to reflect on the way that prayer was part of the life of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Indeed, the house of Nazareth is a school of prayer where one learns to listen, meditate on and penetrate the profound meaning of the manifestation of the Son of God, following the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

The Holy Family is the icon of the domestic Church, called to pray together. For the family is the domestic Church and must be the first school of prayer. It is in the family that children, from their tenderest age, can learn to perceive the meaning of God, and, thanks to the teaching and example of their parents, to live in an atmosphere marked by God's presence. An authentically Christian education cannot dispense with this learned experience of prayer: If one does not learn how to pray in the family it will later be difficult to bridge this gap. And so I invite you to pray together as a family at the school of the Holy Family of Nazareth and thereby really to become, of one heart and soul, a true Christian family.

Address of Pope Benedict XVI
on 28th December 2011

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FROM POPE FRANCIS:

"God's presence among humanity did not take place in an ideal, idyllic world, but rather in this real world, characterised by good and bad things. He chose to take part in our history as it is, with all the weight of its limits and its dramas. He is God-with-us.

Jesus has always been God-with-us, and is always with us in all the suffering and pain of our history. The birth of Jesus is the demonstration that God placed Himself once and for all on the side of mankind, to save us, to lift us up from the dust of our misery, of our difficulties, and of our sins.

The great gift of Bethlehem is the energy that helps us not to collapse under the weight of our desperation and our sorrows. ... The birth of Jesus brings us the good news that God loves us immensely and individually."

Franciscus

General Audience Address on 18th December 2013

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

After each Mass next weekend a retiring collection will be taken to support the work of Nugent Care with families locally and throughout the Archdiocese. This collection replaces the traditional box for "Crib Offerings" placed to receive your donations at the nativity scene in church in past years.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL 2014 DIRECTORY

The new edition of the Archdiocesan Yearbook is now available, containing the most up-to-date information on all the parishes, churches, schools, clergy and Mass times of the Archdiocese. On sale from the back of each church - price £3.00

THANK YOU

Father Tony, Deacon Ken and Deacon Mike are truly grateful to all those who gave them Christmas Cards or gifts. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

THE LITURGY THIS WEEK



SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2013

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (YEAR A)

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Ruby Wedding Thanks (Weatherhead)</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Louise Derricott</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Ruby Wedding Thanks (Hughes)</i>

MONDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 98)

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Deceased of the Vose Family</i>
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TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2013 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 100)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Special Intention (BG)</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Sandra King</i>

WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY 2014 - NEW YEAR'S DAY SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

10.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
12 noon	Holy Family	Mass	<i>For all in Belong Care Home</i>

THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY 2014 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 120)

9.15am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Margaret Pye</i>
10.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Declan Delamere</i>

FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY 2014 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 122)

7.00pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>May & Danny Feeeley</i>
7.30pm	Sacred Heart	Reconciliation (Confessions)	

SATURDAY 4TH JANUARY 2014 (Collins Weekday Missal: Page 124)

11.00am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>Parishioners</i>
11.30am	Holy Family	Reconciliation (Confessions) & Exposition	

SUNDAY 5TH JANUARY 2014

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sat. 5.30pm	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Thomas Cunliffe</i>
Sun. 9.00am	Sacred Heart	Mass	<i>Michael Grainey</i>
Sun. 10.30am	Holy Family	Mass	<i>David Power</i>