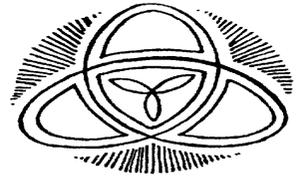


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First Sunday of



		1st Sunday of Lent			2nd Sunday of Lent		
		St. Margaret Ward	All Saints	Our Lady of Lourdes			
Sat 21st	5.30 pm	Mike Morley					
Sun 22nd			9.30 am	Ken Bailey	11.00 am	P , B & M	
Sun 22nd			5.00 pm	Noel Conroy			
Mon 23rd	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service	7.30pm	John Burke		No Service	
Tues 24th	9.15 am	June Roddy		No Service	7.30 pm	Evelyn Yates	
Wed 25th	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service	7.30pm	Patrick Featherstone & Charis Featherstone	12.15 pm	Eucharistic Service	
Thurs 26th	7.30 pm	Jim Law		No Service		No Service	
Frid 27th	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service	9.15 am	Marie Bones	12.15pm	Rooney Family	
Sat 28th	5.30 pm	Ellen Morley					
Sun 1st			9.30 am	Pat Dwyer	11.00 am	Stanley & Angela Robe	
Sun 1st			5.00 pm	Jim Williams			

Newsletter

1st Sunday of Lent

First Reading A reading from the book of Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm 24:4-9.R.cf.v10

Second Reading A reading from the first letter of St Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Mark 1:12-15

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REFLECTION:

We are now in the Season of Lent, when we spend six weeks preparing to celebrate the high point of our faith--the suffering, dying, and resurrection of Jesus.

Even though we are no longer asked by the Church to observe the severe penances of former times, it is surely fitting that we make some form of preparation for Easter. Lent is a time of personal reflection on where we stand as Christians. On the one hand, there are many ways in which we fail, through our words and actions, through our thoughts and through our failures to be the kind of people God challenges us to be. But our reflections should not focus only on the negative. What are the positive things that are part and parcel of our daily lives? What kind of persons are we in relation to family, friends, colleagues, etc. How active are we as members of our Christian community? What difference do we make to other peoples' lives? We could set up a special place in our home--just to pray, perhaps before a picture or a crucifix, or maybe just a lighted candle. Or we could read Sunday's Gospel and let the scene take place within our mind and heart. Ask Jesus how it felt to have the Spirit drive him into the desert. Could we let ourselves be driven into the desert, with the Holy Spirit to guide us? That is the meaning of Lent.

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Psalm:

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love
For those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you , O Christ , king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone,
But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord will conceal you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will trust.

Next Week s Readings:

First Reading A reading from the book of Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18
Psalm 115:10.15-19R.Ps 114:9
Second Reading A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:31-34
Gospel Mark 9:2-10

OTHER NEWS

A TIME TO LISTEN, A TIME TO BE HEARD

Have you heard about the Synod on the Family? Would you like to share your thoughts, feelings and experiences of family life?
Come along to one (or all) of the meetings at: **St Peter's Parish Centre, Green Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport, SK7 4EA on Saturdays: 7th March, 14th March and 21st March (2-4pm).**

These meetings will each have a different focus. They are being arranged by members of ACTA (A Call To Action) - a group of Catholics who are seeking to improve dialogue within the church. See the website for more details: www.acalltoaction.org.uk

The meetings will also provide a chance to invite and hear the voices of those who for one reason or another find themselves 'on the edge' of our parishes (or who may have stopped attending).
If you can't come to any of the meetings but would still like to have your say, you can complete a **questionnaire** (visit: www.acalltoaction.org.uk)

MARTIN TOAL PRESENTS

An evening of popular Classics
At the Garrick Theatre, Altrincham
Thursday 19th March 2015 at 7.30pm
Tickets available from the box office 0161 928 1677
Tickets £16 Con £14 Members £13

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Are holding a Festival Meeting
Sunday 1st March 2015
With a talk by Mike Kane MP (Wythenshawe & Sale East)
A Day in the Life of a Catholic Member of Parliament & Social Teaching
Followed by Benediction
At Holy Family Church, Old Hall Road, Sale M33 2HT
Between 2.15 pm & 4.15pm

We would all be delighted to meet you & light refreshments provided.

ALTAR SERVERS

We need to get the Altar Servers together and have some kind of training session, so we have arranged for one hour at All Saints on Saturday 28th February at 9.30am. This will be no longer than a hour so we ask **ALL** Alter Servers to please attend on the Saturday 28th at 9.30am. Thank you

PIETY SHOP

We have brand new stock in, so please do take some time on your way out of Mass to have a look around. We do really appreciate the hard work it takes to run the shop and encourage you all to support it when you can.

The Offertory Collection was £756.31- **Thanks for all once again for your giving and generosity.**

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ST MARGARET WARD

PARISH COUNCIL

Just a reminder we have our next Parish Council Meeting on 26th February after the evening Mass. Most of you have this in your diaries so just a polite reminder. Please may we ask all members to attend.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT AT ST MARGARET WARD SCHOOL

This year's Fairtrade Fortnight takes place from 23 February to 8 March and one of our main activities will be our annual **Big Brew Coffee Morning**, with any donations going to the Valley of the Moon Children's Centre in Bolivia. We would like to invite parishioners, parents and family members to join us for a Fairtrade tea or coffee and the opportunity to sample lots of different Fair Trade products and tasty treats so please come to our **Big Brew Coffee Morning on Tuesday 24 February from 9am till 11.15am in the Bright Stars room.** The children in our Fair Trade Action Group are looking forward to welcoming you!

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

We do need a Parish Representative, for the LPA. Local Pastoral Area, working together with all the other parishes and it will be a commitment of about 4 meetings a year. If you can help or need more information, can you please have a word with one of the Deacons or Fr Ned. This is very important that we comply as a **PARISH**

THANK YOU

A massive thank you to Angela Gavin for the tremendous job she did in restoring the old parish crucifix. It looks better than new and we are delighted it has been saved for the church.

The Offertory Collection was £ 518.44 - **Thanks for all once again for your giving and generosity.**

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Offertory Collection was £ 338.11 - **Thanks for all once again for your giving and generosity.**

LENTEN PROGRAMME

This year a few things are different during the time of Lent with some new Mass schedules and gatherings with other churches. So we now have put the following dates forward:

LENTEN TALKS OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Tuesday 24th February 8.00pm
Tuesday 3rd March 8.00 pm
Tuesday 24th March 8.00pm

FRIDAY MASSES & SERVICES

Friday 20th February All Saints Mass 7.30pm
Friday 27th February All Saints Mass 9.15am
Friday 27th February (Churches Together) All Saints 7.30pm
Friday 6th March All Saints Mass 9.15am
Friday 6th March (Churches together) St Martins Church 7.30pm
Friday 13th March All Saints Mass 7.30pm
Friday 20th March All Saints Mass 7.30pm
Friday 27th March All Saints Mass 7.30pm

HOLY WEEK

Monday 30th March St Margaret Ward 7.30pm
Tuesday 31st March Our Lady of Lourdes 7.30pm
Wednesday 1st April All Saints 7.30pm

We will also be offering a Mass every Monday Evening during Lent at All Saints. This will hopefully give you all , other opportunities to try and attend more Masses during Lent.

LPA RECONCILIATION SERVICE

This lent , the Lenten Reconciliation will take place in All Saints at 7.00pm On Wednesday 25th March

We plan to have a group of priests celebrating with us on this night.

PLEASE PUT ALL THESE DATES IN YOUR DAIRIES TO ENSURE YOU DON'T MISS OUT ON ANY OF OUR MASSES, SERVICES AND TALKS IN OUR LENTEN PROGRAMME.

ALL PARISHES

FAMILY FAST DAY

This comes once again and this year it is Friday 27th February. We will leave envelopes at the back of all three churches and we will have a retiring collection on Sunday 1st March. This Lent, every pound you give will be matched by the UK Government up to the value of 3.5 million, so please give as much as you can.

JUSTICE & PEACE DAY

This day takes place Saturday 28th February St Clare's in Chester and there will be a speaker from Church Action on Poverty. This should be a very interesting morning starting from 10.30am to 12.30pm. If you plan to stay for lunch please ensure you bring your own lunch with you.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

If you have put your name down and not received an envelope pack, you will need to collect one from the sacristy. We ask that you fill in the form in the pack and send the £300 deposit to the address provided on the form to Anthony Cole. Could you please let Fr Ned know when you have sent the deposit off.

CHURCH NUMBERS

Our numbers have been increasing since the New Year and this is a great thing, however, it brings with it some parking issues. We ask that All Saints and Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners, please can you make sure we do not block our neighbours spaces/ driveways their and to be aware that traffic should be able to pass by to and fro freely. We thank you for your commitment to our Parishes, but do ask you be aware when parking and to respect our neighbours.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

The Confirmation programme will begin this weekend with a parents and candidates meeting at 7pm. Sunday 22nd. The sessions will continue to take place on Sunday evenings at 7pm in All Saints Church. If your child hasn't filled in a registration form, they must attend this meeting and complete a form at the meeting. After this date we will be unable to let candidates join in this year's enrolment.

The Confirmation Mass will take place on Tuesday 5th May.

SHREWSBURY DIOCESE ANNUAL LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

A group of Parishioners from Our Lady of Lourdes are going on the above Pilgrimage to Lourdes, on Wednesday 29th July until Tuesday 4th August by air. (Overland Tuesday 28th July until Wednesday 5th August). If any parishioner from our three parishes is interested in joining the group, please contact Father Ned for more information.

NORTH CHESHIRE SERRA CLUB

Meeting at 'Westleigh', Groby Road, Altrincham at 7.15pm: 23rd February, 9th and 23rd March: Fr Geoff O'Grady - Lenten Reflections. Everybody welcome. Please ring Gerry Lanigan on or before the Friday before the meeting (0161 428 9103) if you wish to come.

ALL SAINTS

CHURCHES TOGETHER

This Friday we have our Churches together service, please come along and welcome Fr Shaun and parishioners from St Martins. Lets take this opportunity to pray together. Tea & Coffee will be available after the service. It would be great if you could come along to welcome our neighbours.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP AT ALL SAINTS

The next meeting of the group will be on Wednesday 25 February 2015 immediately after the evening Mass at 7.30 pm. The prayer meeting, which will last for just half an hour, will follow the process of *Lectio Divina* which is gentle and relaxing. The group is open to all members of three parishes. Why not come along and try it, and enjoy the Joy of the Gospel?

BIDDING PRAYERS

Here is a reminder to those of you who volunteered to write bidding prayers during March. Many thanks for offering to do so.

1st Mary Williams
8th Paul Mativenga
15th Anita Hewitt
22nd Joe Keane
29th Nina Chidgey

Please drop your contribution into the sacristy or email to: parishes3@yahoo.com by the Friday before. April is nearly full but we are missing a volunteer for the church's biggest day, Easter Sunday (5th April). See the noticeboard at the back of church and add your name there or have a word at the 9.30 mass with Joe Keane. Many thanks.

SACRISTAN DUTIES

Thank you to Win Meakin who has very kindly offered to help as a Sacristan. It is a very important role and we are delighted that Win will be taking on these duties for us here at All Saints.

TRADCRAFT

Fairtrade Fortnight is from 23rd February to the 8th March. At All Saints' we will mark this with a **Traidcraft Big Brew** on Sunday March 8th, after 9.30 Mass. This event will raise money for the **Fair Necessities** appeal, to help farmers grow more, earn more and eat more. £400 has already been donated on behalf of the parish, from our Traidcraft stall and this will be doubled by UKaid. Many thanks to all our customers and helpers for your support.