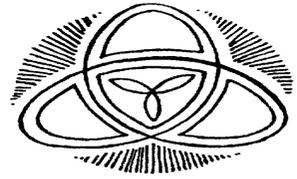


The Parishes of St. Margaret Ward

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Palm (Passion) Sunday

First Reading A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 21:8-9.17-20.23-24.R.v2
Second Reading A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel Mark 11:1-10

Parish Priest: Father Ned Wall. The Presbytery, 164, Carrington Lane
Permanent Deacons: Anthony Caffrey and John Conway
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		St. Margaret Ward	All Saints	Our Lady of Lourdes
Palm Sunday				
Sat 28th	5.30 pm	Teresa McGuire		
Sun 29th			Mary Brennan	11.00 am
Sun 29th			Mary Marsland	
		HOLY WEEK	HOLY WEEK	HOLY WEEK
Mon 30th	7.30pm	Bryan Hellwell	Requiem Mass Michelle Kathleen Anne Read	No Service
Tues 31st			No Service	7.30pm
Wed 1st	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service	Charis Featherstone	12.15 pm
MAUNDY THURSDAY				7.30pm
GOOD FRIDAY			Children's Station of the Cross The Lords Passion Walk of Witness	11.00am
				Stations of the Cross
Easter Sunday				
EASTER VIGIL	8.30 pm	Patrick Joseph Moran		
EASTER SUNDAY			Mary Teresa Burke	11.00 am
EASTER SUNDAY			Bridie Connors	
				Kim Bridgeman

REFLECTION:

On this Palm Sunday, we have two Gospel Readings. The first at the blessing of the palms, which describes how Jesus enters Jerusalem-as a King would. He rides on a colt-the animal always used for the entrance of royalty into a city. Crowds along the way greet Jesus as a royal person. They spread palms along the pathway and cry out, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." This is surely a King.

In contrast, in today's Gospel, during Mass, we have the reading of the Passion. We stand in silence as the soldiers ridicule Jesus's so called Kingship, shouting in their rough voices, "King of the Jews." They are not praising him as the people did, but ridiculing this poor captive. They jam a mock crown on his head, and wrap a fake purple robe around him. They laugh at him, and spit at him. Why would the King of kings allow all this to happen? The answer lies in the first Reading--"I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard. My face I did not shield. From buffets and spitting," As the greatest King of all, Jesus was able to empty himself, to become like a slave, obedient to death on a cross. Jesus, the true leader, let's go of everything, in allegiance to God, and in service to the people.

Let us be still this Sunday, and listen.

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me ?

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you , O Christ , king of eternal glory:
Christ was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is above all names
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.

Communion Antiphon:

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.

Next Week s Readings:

- First Reading A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34.37-43
- Psalm 117:1-2.16-17.22-23.rv.24
- Second Reading A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4
- Gospel John 20:1-9

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION APPRENTICE

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School
Partington

Cash Handling Selling of school uniform Hospitality- drinks for visitors
and preparing for meetings, administration duties

Apprenticeship summary

Weekly wage £81.90 - **Working week** 30 Hours Per Week Monday-Friday
Apprenticeship duration 52 weeks **Possible start date** 27 Apr 2015

Apprenticeship level Intermediate Level Apprenticeship
Ref number - VAC000595285 **Training provider** - WIGAN / LEIGH COLLEGE

Applications for this apprenticeship are being processed by
Active Synergy Development Services Limited -
Contact - Stacey Pavitt Apprenticeship Advisor

Email: stacey.pavitt@schoolapprenticeships.co.uk Telephone: 0844 249 0733
Website: www.activesynergy.org

DAY OF DIVINE MERCY

This special celebration will be held on Sunday 12 April 2015
at Holy Angels Church from 1.30pm until 4.30pm.

Confessions will start at 1.30pm until 2.25pm.
This will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and the Novena Chaplet.
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm.
In addition , you may like to recite the 9- day Novena/chaplet
commencing on Good Friday.

Novena prayer leaflets are available at the back of church.

OTHER NEWS

PRIMARY TEACHER REQUIRED SEPTEMBER 2015

The governors of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School are seeking to appoint a primary teacher. This is a one year fixed term contract. This may be extended. At Our Lady of Lourdes we have high aspirations for every child to be a successful learner. Newly Qualified Teachers are welcome to apply. Salary: Main Pay Scale - Closing Date: Wed 26th March Interviews and observations: week commencing 30th March Application Details: Further details and application packs are available by: email:Lourdes.admin@trafford.gov.uk or via the school website www.ourladyoflourdes-primary.trafford.sch.uk
Post: Lock Lane, Partington, Manchester, M31 4PJ Visits are warmly welcomed - please contact Headteacher, Paul Gibbons by email or phone to organise a visit

MANCHESTER MIDNIGHT WALK FOR ST. ANN'S HOSPICE

Father Ned along with a group of parishioners are again looking forward to taking part in the **10k Manchester Midnight Walk on Friday 19th June 2015**, in order to raise money for St Ann's Hospice. Everyone is welcome to join us, and whether you are walking to remember a loved one or just walking for fun.. At the heart of the walk there is a garden of remembrance, where you can light a candle and leave a message in memory of someone close to you.

The circular walk **starts at midnight from Manchester Central (G-Mex).**

There is a **registration fee of £20 (or £15 for people who have walked previously)**. Included in your registration fee you will receive a St Ann's branded yellow T-shirt to wear during the walk and a goodie bag full of freebies and supplies to help you on your way. Please be aware that the walk will go ahead whatever the weather, and so **in the event of adverse weather conditions you will need to be dressed accordingly.**

To register for your place on the walk, please visit www.mmwalk.org.uk. Once registered, **we would be grateful if you could please inform either myself or Father Ned that you intend to walk.** Once we have an idea of final numbers, we will arrange a meeting time and place for everyone to assemble on the evening of the walk, so that we can complete the walk together. Every penny raised really does make a difference to your local hospice.

Stuart Lloyd (All Saint's Folk Group).

ALL PARISHES

THREE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - DATE CHANGE

Due to a clash with other dates, we have to change the dates. The Three Parish Council meetings will take place on **Wednesday 13th May at 8pm** after Mass at **All Saints**. Please make sure to change the date in your diary.

PRAYER CARDS - OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST MARGRAET WARD

We have just got the Our Lady of Lourdes prayer cards printed, and will say the prayer after communion at all Masses. We ask you not to take these home with you please leave them in the box provided at the back of church as you leave Mass. We wait the arrival of St Margaret Ward prayer cards and they should be with us very soon. The same will apply, please do not take them home with you. Thank you.

PRAYER CARDS - ALL SAINTS

We also want to get a prayer done for All Saints, so all three parishes can have a community prayer. So we ask for anybody who might like to submit a small prayer for one we could use. Why not think about writing one? Please hand in to Fr Ned.

EASTER CARDS

There are some Easter cards left, so please take one as you leave church this weekend for all Easter Masses and Services.

GOOD FRIDAY CHURCHES TOGETHER

This is a new initiative, we will meet at St Martins Good Friday at 6.30pm where we will pray together in a short service. Then with a cross, candles and music we will do a walk of witness to All Saints where we will have a short prayer service. We know there is so much going on in Holy Week but would appreciate your support in this new venture. It is good that we as Christians stand up and give public witness to our own faith. So please spare us an hour or so Good Friday Evening.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers to take communion to our sick, volunteers needed for all 3 parishes. If you can spare some time, please see Fr Ned or Deacons Anthony and John, who will add you to the list. This is a very important ministry and your help is greatly needed. Thank you

MAMA MIA THEATRE TRIP

Due to lack of numbers for the Mama Mia we will not be going ahead with this trip, however, we will look at other options and will let you know in the near future should any other trips be planned.

TABLET MAGAZINE

This is a very good catholic publication and they are offering free copies from next weekend for a month. We encourage you to take a magazine and then why not even subscribe to this. They will be free copies for four weeks. The number of free copies is limited and we do encourage you to subscribe for a years membership.

WEBSITE FOR THE PARISHES

We are really keen to set up an up to date website to include all our three parishes. We appeal to anybody out in our parishes who has experience in developing websites and would be willing to set one up for us. We feel its important for people to be able to access us easily and this is another valuable way to communicate to our parishioners and others. Have a word with Fr Ned if you can help in this matter. Thank you.

MONDAY OVER 50's CLUB

We had an enjoyable afternoon with Joe Moore who sang songs of Cilla Black, Al Jolson, Shirley Bassey and many others. It was good to see some new faces too. This Monday (30th March) we have a prompt 2pm start as the children from school are coming at 2.15 to parade their Easter bonnets and sing. We will not meet on Easter Monday 6th April but will be back together on Monday 13th April. Look forward to seeing you there , all welcome.

SYNOD ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

The completed questionnaires are coming in and we thank you for taking the time to do this. The leaflets are still available in all our three parishes. Please fill them in and leave back to us by the beginning of May. This is important and it is so vital we take this chance to express our opinions.

GENERAL ELECTION

We now approach our General Election and a letter has been sent to us from our Bishops of England and Wales. Just something to help us think and reflect a bit more before the vote. Please take one as you leave church today.

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ALL SAINTS

BIDDING PRAYERS

Here's a reminder to those of you who volunteered to write bidding prayers during March and April. Please drop your contribution into the sacristy or email to: parishes3@yahoo.com by the Friday before.

March

- 29th Nina Chidgey -
 - April** 5th Paul Goddard -12th Moley family - 19th Pauline Clear
 - 26th Horsfields family
- Many thanks for offering to do so.

PIETY SHOP

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. Easter, Holy Communion and Confirmation cards available.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Boxes of envelopes for the year ahead are now available in the church porch. If you are currently a member of the Gift Aid Scheme but no longer pay income tax you must please let us know.

If you are not in the Gift Aid Scheme but do pay income tax and wish to join please contact David Bancroft on 282 0078.

The Offertory Collection was £ 837.16 - **Thanks for all once again for your giving and generosity.**

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ST MARGARET WARD

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2015-16

For parishioners who use weekly envelopes, the boxes of envelopes for the year 2015-16, labelled with your name and address, are now ready for collection from the table in the entrance. If you would like to start using weekly envelopes, kindly feel free to take a blank box. You are invited to complete your details on a card in the box, and enclose this in the first envelope you use. For details of how to Gift Aid your donations please contact St Margaret Ward Parish Gift Aid Organisers Maria and Peter Barker (Phone Number 973 1425). Many thanks. "

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be no Mass on Tuesday 31st March as the school are performing an Easter Production that morning. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.'

The Offertory Collection was £ 399.03 **Thanks for all once again for your giving and generosity.**

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

CHURCH CLEANERS REQUIRED

We are in need of parishioners willing to go on a Rota to keep our Church clean and sparkling on a regular basis. If we can get enough volunteers you would only have to come a couple of hours a month. If you would like to help, please put your name and telephone number on the list in the Porch.

WELCOMERS REQUIRED

It would be good if we could have a few more Welcomers each Sunday. This would be every few weeks. Again there is a list to put your name on in the Porch. Your help is really needed and appreciated.

The Offertory Collection was £ 417.36 - **Thanks for all once again for your giving and generosity.**