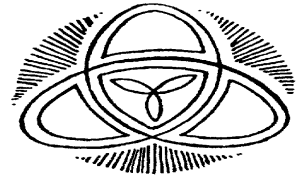


# The Parishes of St. Margaret Ward

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## All Saints

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## Newsletter

### 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading     Isaiah 35:4-7  
Psalm                145:7-10  
Second Reading   James 2:1-5  
Gospel                Mark 7:31-37

**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
23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time								
Sat 5th	5.30 pm	Joan Andrews						
Sun 6th			9.30 am	Maisie Jones	11.00 am		Mary Maria Crosby 1st Anniversary	
Sun 6th			5.00 pm	Tom Fitzpatrick (Months Mind )				
Mon 7th	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service			No Service	
Tues 8th	9.15 am			No Service	7:30pm			
Wed 9th	9.15am	Eucharistic Service	7:30pm		12:15pm		No Service	
Thurs 10th	7.30 pm			No Service				
Frid 11th	9.15 pm	Eucharistic Service	9.15 am		12.15pm			
24th Sunday of Ordinary Time								
Sat 12th	5.30 pm							
Sun 13th			9.30 am		11.00 am			
Sun 13th			5.00 pm					

## REFLECTION

The people in this week's Gospel are quarrelling about who has, and who hasn't, washed their hands before eating dinner.

Jesus knew that any Law must emerge from love, or else be meaningless. He was angry that the Scribes and Pharisees had manipulated exterior laws to suit themselves, "This people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me". True religion has little to do with the observance of Laws, and has more to do with our being sensitive to the needs of the weakest and most marginalised among us. This is true Religion because, "As often as you did, or did not, do it to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did, or did not, do it to me."

Each one of us has to discern for ourselves how we can best serve and love Christ. The gospel is not a code of laws, but gives us a vision of a truly human life lived for God. Instead of being anxious about what I may do wrong, ask rather, where and how I can be a more loving and compassionate person this day.

### **Psalm:**

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom  
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people.

Alleluia!

### **Communion Antiphon:**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.

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### **Next Week s Readings:**

First Reading     Isaiah 50:5-9

Psalm             114:1-6,8-9

Second Reading   James 2:14-18

Gospel             Mark 8:27-35



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**ALL PARISHES**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

**PANTASAPH TRIP - SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

The cost is £17 per person to be **paid in full** 2 weeks prior by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September to Mrs Margaret Murray. There is a list up in the porch of Our Lady's for interested parties, or you can contact Margaret on 775 9376. The coach will leave Our Lady's at 8.15 am, All Saints at 8.30 am and then travel to pick up our friends in Wythenshawe. The coach will leave Pantasaph at 5.15 pm for our return journey.

**ROTAS - OLOL**

The new Rotas for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Welcomers are available from this weekend. Please remember to collect your copy from the Sacristy. If you are unavailable on the dates given please contact Margaret Cornwall (Eucharistic Ministers) and Pat Fannon (Readers) who will try and arrange an alternative date for you. Many thanks.

The Offertory Collection was £ 260.31 - **Thanks for all once again for your giving and generosity.**

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**OTHER NEWS**

**WELCOME BACK**

We welcome back all children and staff, especially the children of Reception Classes, we hope you all enjoyed your Summer Break. Welcome Mrs Anita Fagan who is the new Head at All Saints and we wish her well and great success in this new academic year.

**CHARITY AUCTION**

We have booked the charity auction to be held at the parish centre on the 30th October. Viewing will begin at 7:30 and the funds will go to All Saints roof fund. Please leave any items at any of the parishes that will be acceptable for the auction.

**CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - ANNUAL COLLECTION**

There will be an Annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund, which will take place this year on Sunday 27th September, more details will be available in the next few weeks

**RCIA**

That time of year again, do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith, or do you know someone who might be interested in knowing more. The programme will begin in September and if you know of someone who might be interested then give the secretary a ring on 962 4444 on a Wednesday and we can sign you up.

**MONDAY CLUB**

Last Monday, the weather was superb and we enjoyed a morning at Barton Grange Garden Centre. This was followed by a relaxing trip at a grand 4mph on-board our boat "Kingfisher" on the Lancaster Canal where we were served our lunch and watched swans, ducks and herons at close quarters. Next week, 24th August, we are back in All Saints for a talk about the benefits of reflexology when we will welcome Shelly Leck. The following week 31st August will be August Bank Holiday, we will not meet that particular Monday.

**SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY**

Diocese of Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality members are invited to the Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 2.00pm in St Wilfrid's Parish Hall, Witton Street, Northwich, CW9 5NP. For further details contact Kath Emsley, Honorary Secretary, via email at [kathemsley@gmail.com](mailto:kathemsley@gmail.com).

**GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP**

**Embodying the Gospel in our lives:**

Now that the Prayer Group has become established, publicity about it will be presented in the Parish Bulletin for the next three weeks. In the current issue of the parish Journal "The Trinity" there is an article describing the parish Gospel Prayer Group which was initiated two years ago. Have a look at this article (there are still copies available and you can also access it on the Parish Website) because it provides an overview of how as a parish we are responding to Pope Francis' first Apostolic Exhortation "Evangelii Gaudium". The Prayer Group is currently focusing on the Gospel of Mark (Year B) and in Advent this year, when the new liturgical year starts, the focus on the Gospel of St Luke (Year C). The Gospel Prayer Group meets the last Wednesday every month immediately after the evening Mass at 7.30 pm in All Saints and the meeting lasts just half-an-hour. We focus on a text from the liturgical readings of the year using the process of the prayer is the ancient Lectio Divina – which is a very gentle and calming process. Lectio Divina can be practised in whatever time is available to you and in any setting – and it is a wonderful antidote to stress in modern life! In the newsletter next week, we will provide a deeper explanation of Lectio Divina.

The Prayer Group will re-convene after the summer break on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, at All Saints following the 7.30 evening Mass. The meeting will take just 30 minutes of your time. You do not have to make a commitment to come every month, just come when you can, you will always find the dates of meetings in the Parish Bulletin. Come and encounter the peace of Christ!

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

Each week we try to provide useful information and articles for our Newsletter. If you should have any items you wish to put in the Newsletter please send a email to [parishes3@yahoo.com](mailto:parishes3@yahoo.com) by 3.00pm on a Wednesday , and we will try our best to make sure your item is put in the newsletter for that weekend. There are on occasions when its is not possible to fit everything in. In this case we will make sure it goes in the following week. Thank you

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**ALL SAINTS**

**BIDDING PRAYERS**

Here is a reminder to those of you who volunteered to write bidding prayers for Sep-

tember. Many thanks for offering to do so.

- 6th Perkins family
- 13th Shelly Leck
- 20th Joe Keane
- 27th Paul Mativenga

Please drop your contribution into the sacristy or email to: [parishes3@yahoo.com](mailto:parishes3@yahoo.com) by the Friday before. Many thanks.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

The parish are organising a Macmillan coffee morning on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September in the parish centre after the 9.30 Mass. We are looking for volunteers to run a stall and need donations. Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard at the back of church if you are willing to help or speak to Joyce, Win, Angela or Donna. Thanks.

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

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**ST MARGARET WARD**



**CHARITY RACE NIGHT**

St Margaret Ward Charity Race Night -  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
All Saints Parish Centre 7.30pm -  
Tote opens 8.00 - First Race 8.15  
Race Sponsorship and Horses on sale now.  
Race Sponsor - £10.00  
Horse Owner - £3.00  
Contact Mark Caffrey or Dave Law  
Race programmes on sale soon £1.00 each

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