



The Parishes of

St. Margaret Ward

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Newsletter 3rd Sunday of Lent

First Reading	Exodus	3:1-8.13-15
Psalm	Psalm	102:1-4.6-8.11.Rv.8
Second Reading	St Paul	10:1-6.10-12
Gospel	Luke	13:1-9

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
3rd Sunday of Lent			
Sat 27th	5.30 pm Sr Gerard McBride		
Sun 28th		9.30 am Rose Bardsley	11.00 am Kath King
Sun 28th		5.00 pm Jim Williams	
Mon 29th	9.15 am Eucharistic Service		
Tues 1st	9.15 am School Mass Luke Walsh		
Wed 2nd	9.15 am Eucharistic Service	7.30pm Veronica Starkey	12.15pm Eucharistic Service
Thurs 3rd	7.30pm Sr Elizabeth Fitzpatrick		
Frid 4th	9.15 am Eucharistic Service	7.30pm St Antonia Hickie	12.15pm John Bowyer
4th Sunday of Lent			
Sat 5th	5.30 pm Eileen McCann		
Sun 6th		9.30 am Ron Seddon	11.00 am Mary Minster
Sun 6th		5.00 pm Brennan Family	

REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, we are being asked to take a good look at ourselves. Are we like that tree that Jesus speaks of?

It is alive, but bears no fruit. It should be cut down. The man responsible for the tree asks the owner to give it one more year. If, then, there is no fruit, it should be cut down. This Lenten period is our chance to fertilise our own life--to see how we can be more fruitful. We are being called, not merely to survive as Christians--to "hang in" there. We are being called to grow, continually, into being truly loving persons--loving God, and loving those around us.

There is no need for us ever to be afraid of God. He will never directly punish us, or the world around us. But we do have the choice to come closer to him, to experience that love he offers us, or to go our own way--separate ourselves from him. The choice is up to us. God's love is there for the taking. For God, the past is not what counts, or the future, but only the present. As long as we are with him NOW, we have nothing to worry about. God's love is there for the taking.

Psalm:

The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Repent, says the Lord,
for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Communion Antiphon :

The sparrow finds a home ,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

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Next Week s Readings:

First Reading	Joshua	5:9-12
Psalm	Psalm	33:2-7.R.v9
Second Reading	St Paul	5:17-21
Gospel	Luke	15:1-3.11-32

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

ST PATRICKS NIGHT

Partington Social Club, Saturday 19th March 2016, 7pm - 1pm

Tickets £5 — with refreshments, All proceeds go to Cornerstone., Please put in you diary watch this space for when tickets available.

The Offertory Collection was £312.13 - **Thanks for all once again for your giving and generosity**

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OTHER NEWS

JOB VACANCY

We are looking for a cook to do the evening meals for our Christian Brothers' community

St Ambrose College.

There are only eight Brothers at the community house and its £9 an hour.

The hours are 5pm until 7pm Monday to Friday.

Interested applicants should contact: bevwalton@sjog.org.uk or 07177 366997

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ENTERING HOLY WEEK

18TH - 20TH MARCH

A Silent Weekend Retreat

With workshops that helps us prepare for the week that lies ahead

It begins

with an evening meal at 6pm on the Friday and ends with lunch on Sunday

Offerings £95—£105

For more information please contact

Retreat Secretary tel: 01492 878031 Email loretocentre@yahoo.co.uk

Website: www.loretocentre.org.uk

ALL SAINTS GOLDEN JUBILEE

Just to make you put this date in your dairies, the Mass and Gathering to celebrate our 50th Anniversary will take place Friday 20th May at 7.30pm Mass followed by a social gathering.

ALL SAINTS BIDDING PRAYERS

Many thanks to everyone who signed up to contribute bidding prayers.

The rota for February is:

28th Theresa Dwyer

Please submit your contribution by the Friday before the Sunday either directly to the parish office or via email at parishes3@yahoo.com. A full list of all contributors from January through to March 2016 can be found on the noticeboard at the back of church and on the three parishes website.

The Offertory Collection was £ 787.10 - **Thanks for all once again for your giving and generosity.**

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ST MARGARET WARD

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT AT ST MARGARET WARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

This year, Fairtrade Fortnight takes place from 29 February to 13 March and one of our many activities will be our **Big Brew-Big Fairtrade Breakfast coffee morning**, with any donations going to the Valley of the Moon Children's Centre in Bolivia.

We would like to invite parents, family members and parishioners to join us for a Fairtrade tea or coffee, croissants and cake and the opportunity to sample lots of different Fair Trade products - so please come along to our

Big Brew-Big Breakfast event on Tuesday 1 March from 9-11am in the Bright Stars room. Class 1 will be joining us after their class Mass.

RECYCLING FOR TRADCRAFT

If you have any old, broken or unwanted jewellery (snapped chains, broken watches and odd earrings are ideal!) or any old/foreign banknotes cluttering up your drawers - you can recycle them and you'll be making cash to go towards the **Traidcraft Exchange life-changing development projects in East Africa and Asia**. Their partners at Recycling for Good Causes will reuse and recycle the jewellery, giving proceeds to Traidcraft Exchange and saving precious raw materials at the same time! **Recycle envelopes will be in every class and we will also leave some in the Church entrance at St Margaret Ward.** Thank you.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION OF JOHN MAIN OSB

'Be still and know that I am God'

This group continues to meet every Tuesday evening 7.30 pm at St Margaret Ward. All welcome, contact Pat 962 8661

The Offertory Collection was £ 414.29 - **Thanks for all once again for your giving and generosity.**

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ALL PARISHES

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Thank you to everyone who supported by giving generously to the retiring collection last Sunday for CAFOD. We raised £674.60 from our three parishes and a cheque was sent for that amount to CAFOD. Once again we are delighted to tell you that the Government will double each pound given throughout Lent.

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

There is a leaflet at the back of church as you leave about The Sacrament Of Penance & Reconciliation filled with Pope Francis words on this Sacrament. Please take one as you leave, Mass.

REFUGEES - HELP NEEDED

St Peters Parish Hazel Grove are now working with 30 refugees a week in their parish, they are in a great need of roll on deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrushes shower gel and soaps. So if any of you can help please leave them in any of our three parishes, it will be much appreciated. There is a huge demand and it would be great if we could help.

SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION THEATRE TRIP - UPDATE

All tickets now booked and the coach is full. Tickets cost £28 and if you are writing a cheque please make it payable to All Saints. Money can be handed in from now, please put Cheque/money in an envelope with the names for the tickets on the front. Thank you to those who signed up and sorry to those who did not get a place. We will have a reserve list should you wish to be put on it in case of any unforeseen cancellations.

DEANERY RECONCILIATION DAY

This will take place in St Joseph's on Saturday 5th March from 10.30am until 6pm. Priests from the deanery will be available all day until 6pm. This is a great chance for all during this season of lent. Please let family and friends know.

MUSICIANS WANTED

Due to family commitments, this year, we are short of musicians for our Easter Vigil Mass on the evening of Saturday 26th March. If you play a musical instrument and can offer your help, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact Mike on 07739941179 or email fmmoley@aol.com and we will organise when we can get together. As usual, we would encourage anyone who would like to sing with our music groups, for the services over the Easter weekend, to come and join us. We will let you know when we will be having our practice sessions in the coming weeks.

LENTEN TALKS BEGIN THIS WEDNESDAY

Sr Catherine and Margaret Lillis will do two evenings in Lent. These will take place on:

Wednesday 2nd March 8pm

Wednesday 16th March 8pm , at All Saints after Mass. Do please pass the word around, all welcome.

IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION UPDATE

We have just received the date for Confirmation and it is **Friday 29th April at 7pm.** Venue still to be announced, but for those who are to be confirmed please make sure you put the 29th April in your diary. The first meeting for parents and candidates will now be **SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY AT 7.00pm at ALL SAINTS.** If you have any queries about the programme please contact Linda on 07951 281484.

THE GOSPEL PRAYER GROUP AT ALL SAINTS

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 24 February 2016 immediately after the evening Mass at 7.30 pm at All Saints. The prayer meeting will last for just half an hour and will follow the process of Lectio Divinesa – which is gentle, reflective and relaxing. Why not come and join the group during Lent to deepen your awareness of Jesus’ experience? We will be reflecting on a short passage from the Gospel of St Luke. The meeting is open to members of all three parishes.

SUMMER FAIRS

It is never too early to leave items in to any of the three parishes. Items such as, Bottles, Toiletries, Games, Chocolate, Perfume, Aftershaves etc. If people could volunteer items for our raffles this is very much appreciated too. Donations also very welcome. So please feel free to leave items in to any of our three parishes. Thank you.

MONDAY CLUB

This Monday (29th) we will have the 'Monday Club Bake-Off'. All (female or male) are invited to bake and bring your homemade Cakes; Buns; Cup Cakes etc. All will be judged (and eaten - special refreshments!) The Winner will receive a Prize.

FAMILY MEMBERS IN HOSPITAL

If you , or one of your family , comes in to Hospital via A&E and then goes to a ward and would like to see a Chaplain for Sacrament of the Sick, Communion, Blessing or a listening ear, please can you inform the nurse who is looking after you that you want RC to be put on your notes to let the Chaplaincy know. If you are in on a Friday or Sunday and have not seen a Chaplaincy volunteer and wish to have Communion or a Blessing on Sunday please ask the nurse to contact the Chaplaincy or contact them yourself. The Chaplaincy number is 291 - 2297

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
SERRA SATATIONS OF THE CROSS - NEXT WEEK

There will be The Stations of the Cross service on the following:

- Tuesday 1st March 7.00pm - Our Lady of Lourdes
- Wednesday 2nd March 7.00pm - All Saints
- Thursday 3rd March 7.00pm – St Margaret Ward

FIRST FORGIVENESS & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES

FIRST FORGIVENESS SERVICE

- Tuesday - 8th March 2016 - 6.30pm - Our Lady of Lourdes
- Wednesday 8th March 2016 – 6.30pm – All Saints
- Thursday 10th March 2016 – 6.30pm – St Margaret Ward

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETINGS

- Wednesday 13th April 2016 – 6.30pm – for St Margaret Ward and All Saints
- Tuesday 19th April 2016 – 6.30pm – Our Lady of Lourdes

CHURCHES TOGETHER

- During Lent we have some dates together:
- St Martins Friday 11th March 7pm
- All Saints Friday 18th March 7pm
- Good Friday - Around The Cross at All Saints 25th March 7.30pm

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ALL SAINTS

SUMMER FAIR MEETING

The first meeting will take place on Wednesday 16th March. All those who will be involved are asked to come along and we also welcome those who would like to get involved for the first time. The fair is so important this year as we need to fundraise for the church roof. So please come along after Mass 8pm in the Parish Centre.

PIETY SHOP ANOUNCEMENT

Joyce Salkeld for over 30 years has worked tirelessly to making the Piety shop the success it is today , which has continuously raised money for All Saints Parish. She has decided it’s time for a change and wishes to step down from this role and asks for someone else to take over the running of the shop. Joyce has offered to stay on to support and train anyone who is willing to take over. Please have a word with Joyce if you are interested in heading this much needed project and she will be happy to go through the details with you.

Joyce, it just leaves us to thank you so much for all your hard work over the last 30 years , it is so much appreciated by us all. We know you are still involved and will continue to support in other areas of the church, but once again thank you for being our Piety Shop Star.