

OUR PARISHES NEWSLETTER

6th Sunday of Easter - 1st May 2016



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading	Acts 15:1-2,22-29
Psalm	Psalm 66:2-3,5-6,8
Second Reading	Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23
Gospel	John 14:23-29

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading
Acts 1:1-11

Psalm
Psalm 46:2-3,6-9

Second Reading
Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel
Luke 24:46-53

REFLECTION

Today's Gospel radiates calmness and peace, and the reassurance we all need so much. We hear Jesus say to us, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our home with him."

The proof of our love for Jesus is that we keep his "word", and in turn we will experience the love of the Father, and the Father, and Jesus, will make their home in us. If we had only these words from Jesus, and nothing else, they would be enough to guide us through life, and point us in the right direction.

Collectively and individually, we need to be aware of the wonderful ways that the Lord can come into our lives. If we give a little time to God each day; if we can remain completely still, for even a short while, we can experience an overwhelming desire to share in the love that is reaching out to us from God --and then start reaching out ourselves. God wants to share with us, more and more, of what he has and is.....the God of love.

PSALM

Let the people praise you , O God:
let all the peoples praise you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete,

To abide with you for ever alleluia

ALL PARISHES

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Thank you to all who supported the Special Collection last week as the Holy Father, Pope Francis, launched an humanitarian initiative in favour of the people of the Ukraine, we have sent a cheque for this cause for a terrific amount of £1,147.31. Thank you for you generosity once again.

ST MARGARET WARD AUCTION

We thank all who attended and supported the Auction held last Friday at St Margaret Ward for CAFOD. A cheque has been sent for the amount of £1051.00. A special thank you to the organisers and helpers on the night for their hard work.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES

Our Lady of Lourdes - Saturday 7th May - 9.30am and 11.15am

These celebrations are always full, but please note parishioners are always welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION

Can we remember in our prayers the children from All Saints who make their First Holy Communion this weekend. We all hope you have a very special day

INVITATION TO THE MASS OF THANKSGIVING 2016.

The Right Reverend Mark Davies Bishop of Shrewsbury invites you to a Mass of Thanksgiving for those received into full Communion with the Catholic Church this year on Saturday 14 May 2016 at 12 noon at the Church of the Holy Angels (Wicker Lane, Hale Barns, Altrincham, WA15 0HF) followed by refreshments. All those received into the Church this Easter, with their Godparents, Sponsors and Catechists are welcome.

For catering purposes, please register by Friday 6 May with Helen Jones at the Curial Offices 0151 652 9855 or helen.jones@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

THE TRINITY

Calling all you budding writers out there in our community, we ask that if you have any articles, photos, stories of interest for the magazine then please get in touch.

Calling all businesses, if you would like to take this opportunity to advertise your business and have it circulated to our 3 communities and beyond then please send them to parishes3@yahoo.com, or see Kevin Lee.

MONDAY CLUB

No gathering this week (Bank Holiday)

Monday 9th May we have a visit from Tesco

The following week (16th May) we have a day trip to Llandudno. A limited number of places are still available. Contact 0161 973 2532

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

There are still a number of Gift Aid Envelopes that need to be picked up at the back of all three churches, please make sure you pick yours up. Thank you

WORLD YOUTH DAY FUND RAISER

There will be a cake sale, after Mass at all 3 parishes, during the weekend of the 7th and 8th May, to raise money for World Youth Day 2016, which takes place in Poland. If you wish to donate any cakes for this sale please bring along to the Mass and give it Laura Brookbanks. This is an event for young Catholics to get together to fellowship and be in the presence of Pope Francis , please do your best to support this special event, thankyou .

DIVINE MERCY FILM

Ocean of Mercy - an outstanding film showing the origin of this beautiful devotion. It highlights the marvellous contribution of three lives (St Faustina - St Maximilian Kolbe and Pope St John Paul) all with one painful but glorious mission. To convince aching mankind of God's abiding love for us all.

To be shown after the 7.30 pm Mass on Wednesday 25th May

All very welcome Come and be edified.

ALL SAINTS

SUMMER FAIR MEETING

There will be a meeting after 7.30pm Mass on Wednesday 4th May for an update on the arrangements so far. If you are part of this years Summer fair please do come along .

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.

THE CIRCUS IS IN TOWN

Friends of All Saints have organised a Summer Circus on the school playing field on Sunday 8th May, there will be 3 shows on at 1 pm, 2:30 pm and 4 pm. Tickets are priced at £5.00 each and are limited to 200 per show.

Please contact June Bailey on 07855 702233 for further details or to purchase tickets

ALL SAINTS BIDDING PRAYERS ROTA - MAY 2016

Thank you to everyone who signed up to contribute bidding prayers over the next few months. Here is the rota for May.

8th Anita Hewit

15th Rosie Donne

22nd Niamh Horsfield

29th Bernie Hall and Katie Taylor

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 April through to July 2016 can be found on the noticeboard at the back of church and on the three parishes website.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' ROTA

The new Eucharistic Ministers' rota for 5 o'clock Mass may be collected from the sacristy on the afternoon of 1st May.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

As a result of personal and health issues the Flower Teams are very short of helpers. If you can put flowers into a vase then maybe you could help at Church. We really do need your help. It would not be necessary to come along every week and the more assistance there is the less pressure there is. If you think you could help please leave your name and a contact number in the Sacristy or with any team member. (the names are on a list in the porch). PLEASE do consider offering your services. Thank you

The Offertory Collection was £ 754.52 - **Thanks for all once again for your giving and generosity.**

ST MARGARET WARD

SUMMER FAIR MEETING

A short meeting will take place next Thursday 5th May after 7.30pm Mass. We do need your presence at this meeting, please come along and get involved. All help very much welcomed - Thursday 5th May at 8.00pm

JOHN MILLIGAN

Congratulations to John Milligan our Altar Server. He recently slept outside over night in his sleeping bag in a fundraiser for Cornerstone. He was being

sponsored and he did a great job. If you still wish to you may give him a donation. Well done John we are proud of you.

The Offertory Collection was £ 359.66 - **Thanks for all once again for your giving and generosity.**

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

CHURCH TOGETHER AFTERNOON TEA

This takes place on Sunday 8th May at 4pm for our Churches Together. A small group of people are preparing this and so it would be helpful if we had numbers who might be coming. Please sign up list at the back of church.

SUMMER FAIR

Thanks to those who turned up to the meeting and we now ask for items from toiletries, chocolates , bottles, fancy goods. You may bring any items in now. If you are interested in helping at the fair, have a word with Joe Moore (parish) or Ann Marie Stocks (School)

ROTAS

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.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL VACANCIES

Our Lady's are advertising for a part time Nursery Teacher (mornings only) and two Class Teachers (maternity cover) - year groups to be decided by the strength of the successful candidates. Please come for a look around if you are interested. Full details on the school website.

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

Our Lady of Lourdes School now have a twitter account. You can keep up to date with school life on Twitter - follow: @6OLOLP

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Churches Together are holding a Pentecost Celebration in The Fuse 7.30pm - 8.30pm. We are all invited Sunday 15th May. Please try and attend and represent our Parish Community.

The Offertory Collection was £ 272.42 - **Thanks for all once again for your giving and generosity.**

OTHER NEWS

SALE FESTIVAL

Paul Vallely - Pope Francis and the Hidden Civil War Inside the Vatican

In the three years since he was elected Pope Francis has transformed the mood inside the Catholic Church with his personal warmth and radical reforms. But he is now encountering stubborn resistance at the highest levels in Rome and the wider world where some conservatives are seeking to block his changes.

Paul Vallely, author of the international best-seller and critically-acclaimed biography Pope Francis – The Struggle for the Soul of Catholicism lays bare the intrigue and in-fighting surrounding Francis's attempt to cleanse the scandal-ridden Vatican Bank, reform the Roman bureaucracy and tackle the Church's sex abuse crisis and cover-up.

As a journalist Paul Vallely wrote prize-winning reports from 30 countries and helped Bob Geldof and Bono with the campaigning around Live Aid and Live8. He was co-author of Geldof's autobiography, Is That It?

16 June 2016 - 7:30pm

Waterside Arts Centre

1 Waterside Plaza

Sale

M33 7ZF

Tickets £6.50

Full details and ticket booking via:

<https://watersideartscentre.co.uk/whats-on/1830-pope-francis-and-the-hidden-civil-war-inside-the-v/>

		St. Margaret Ward		All Saints		Our Lady of Lourdes
6th Sunday of Easter						
Sat 30th	5.30pm	Maire Griffith				
Sun 1st			9.30 am	James Finn	11.00 am	Margaret Keegan
Sun 1st			5.00 pm	Pili		
Mon 2nd	9.15am	No Service	9.15am	No Service		No Service
Tues 3rd	9.15 am	Eucharistic Service		No Service	7:30 pm	John Watson
Wed 4th	9.15.am	Eucharistic Service	7.30pm	Theresa & Edward	12.15pm	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 5th	7.30pm	J Riley Special Intention)		No Service		No Service
Frid 6th		Eucharistic Service	9.15am	Peter Chantrell (School Mass)	12.15pm	Patrick Rooney
The Ascension of the Lord						
Sat 7th	5.30pm	Thanksgiving P&J				
Sun 8th			9.30 am	Bert Flynn	11.00 am	Pat & May Cassidy
Sun 8th			5.00 pm	Frank Holloway		