

OUR PARISHES NEWSLETTER

The Ascension of the Lord 8th May 2016



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading	Acts 1:1 -11
Psalm	Psalm 46:2-3.6-7.8-9.r.v6
Second Reading	Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel	Luke 24:46-53

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading
Acts 2:1-11

Psalm
103:1.24.29-
31.34.R.cf v30

Second Reading
Romans 8:8-17

Gospel
John 14:15-16.23-26

REFLECTION

The Feast of the Ascension emphasises that the Risen Jesus is with the Father, and shares the place and dignity of the Father, by the spilling of his own blood, on the Cross. After his Ascension, the disciples have a new lesson to learn the Jesus they knew had left them. They have to return to Jerusalem, and there, through the outpouring of the Spirit of the Father and Jesus, they will begin to understand that if they want to find Jesus, they will find him in the Christian community, in those they mix with every day of their lives.

Today we gather to remind ourselves that when Jesus left us, and returned to his Father, he gave us a very important mission. That mission was, and is, to continue his loving and redemptive presence in the world. When people see us, do they see Jesus? Do they want to know Jesus? Do they want to join our community, share our life, and take the Gospel as the foundation of their lives? That is the meaning of the Ascension. Let us ask God, today, to keep us, together with him, to carry out that huge responsibility in the way he wants.

PSALM

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go, make disciples of all the nations;
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.
Alleluia

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always,
Even to the end of the age, alleluia.

ALL PARISHES

CONFIRMATION

May we congratulate all the Confirmation Candidates who were confirmed last Friday at All Saints by Bishop Mark Davies. Let us remember them in our thoughts and prayers as they continue with their journey in the Catholic Faith. Thank you to Bishop Mark for administering the Confirmation Sacrament.

FIRST COMMUNION

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

SECRETARY UPDATE

Please note should you need to book an Baptism, Wedding or any other correspondence, Cathy, the Parish Secretary, will be away 8th May to the 15th May and will be back in the office on Tuesday 17th May. If it is urgent please leave a message on 0161 962 4444 or speak to Fr Ned. Thank you

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who supported and attended Christina Ames Coffee Morning last Thursday. It was lovely to see this event being attended from all our parishes. This gathering raised the fabulous amount of £250 for the Roof Fund. Thank you Christina for all your hard work and welcoming everyone into your home.

If anyone in the parish would like to organise a Coffee Morning to raise funds for All Saints Roof Fund, please let us know in advance and we can advertise it in the Newsletter. It really doesn't matter how big or small the gathering, remember "**every penny counts**" and no matter what amount is raised it is always welcome when fundraising.

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 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

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, over this weekend, 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 at All Saints on Wednesday 25th May

All very welcome come and be edified.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK - BIRMINGHAM 14TH MAY

The UK's biggest annual Pro-Life Rally. Coach going from St. Kentigern's Church, Fallowfield at 8am, and St. Margaret's Church, Altrincham at 8.30am. Contact Richard 07710 348860 / richandju@gmail.com

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.

THE CIRCUS IS IN TOWN THIS SUNDAY

Friends of All Saints have organised a Summer Circus on the school playing field today 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.

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 £ 745.79 - **Thanks for all once again for your giving and generosity.**

ST MARGARET WARD

EUCCHARISTIC SERVICES

There will be no eucharistic services at St. Margaret Ward in the week beginning Monday, 9th May. Neither will there be any on Monday & Tuesday 16th & 17th May. Normal arrangements will resume on Wednesday 18th May @ 9.15 a.m.

READERS & BIDDING PRAYERS

For many years we have greatly appreciated those members of the parish who have read the lesson at mass. Similarly a dedicated group have regularly volunteered to write (not read) Bidding Prayers. It is a privilege to participate in this way and if you wish to do so please contact Keith Fr. Ned, Deacon Anthony or Deacon John.

The Offertory Collection was £ 452.17 - **Thanks for all once again for your giving and generosity.**

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

TEAS AND COFFEES

Please note there will be no Teas & Coffee after Mass today, due to preparations for this afternoon Churches Together.

CHURCHES TOGETHER - AFTERNOON TEA

Today at 4pm Churches Together. Please try to attend to help bring our communities together.

SUMMER FAIR

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 £ 343.07 - **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/>

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		St Margaret Ward		All Saints		Our Lady of Lourdes
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		
Mon 9th	9.15am	No Service	9.15am	Eucharistic Service		No Service
Tues 10th	9.15 am	No Service		No Service	7:30 pm	Bernadette Knock
Wed 11th	9.15.am	No Service	7.30pm	Gordon Foster	12.15pm	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 12th	7.30pm	Robert Marr		No Service		No Service
Frid 13th		No Service	9.15am	Fabian Gaughan	12.15pm	Derek Collins
Pentecost Sunday						
Sat 14th	5.30pm	Elaine & Steve 40th Wedding Anniversary				
Sun 15th			9.30 am	Martin Tarpey	11.00 am	Pascal Murphy
Sun 15th			5.00 pm	John & Mary Brennan		