Our Parishes Newsletter

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time 25th September 2016

This Week's Readings

First Reading	Amos 6:1.4-7
Psalm	145:6-10.
Second Reading	Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel	Luke 16:19-31

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading
Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4

Psalm
94:1-2.6-9.R.v9

Second Reading
Timothy 1:6-8.13-14

Gospel
Luke 17:5-10

REFLECTION

There are three images in today's Gospel. The first is the image of the rich "stretched comfortably on their couches and dressed in purple and linen, and feasting splendidly every day." The second is the image of the "beggar named Lazarus who was covered with sores" which the dogs came and licked. "Lazarus longed to eat the scraps that fell from the rich man's table". The third is the image of God, who supports, lifts up, heals, protects and feeds the oppressed, the hungry, the captives, the blind, the strangers, the fatherless and the widow.

The rich man ended up in eternal misery, separated from God. In ignoring the needs of the beggar, he had made himself un-Godlike. He had made a statement about the poor, and in so doing he had cut himself off from the God who protects the poor. There is only one God to spend eternity with; the God who "secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry" The rich man attached himself to another god, and in the process he lost eternity. Meanwhile the poor man gained eternal life. He had suffered enough, God said.

PSALM

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

ALL PARISHES

Altar Servers

We now have begun the new school year and we take this opportunity to say a big thank you to our committed Altar Servers for their loyalty to their Parish Mass and we also take this opportunity to appeal for new Altar Servers who are willing to commit each week to serve on the Altar. We do need more volunteers in each parish.

We have just had special medals made, which are unique to us, which will be presented and worn by our dedicated and committed Altar Servers in the coming weeks. They are beautiful medals and hopefully our servers will be very proud of them.

R.C.I.A

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith with the view to possibly becoming a Catholic? Or do you know someone who may be interested? Our RCIA group will begin in the next few weeks. The sessions will be on Wednesday evenings after the 7.30pm mass. Please contact our parish secretary, Cathy, on 0161 962 4444 with your details.

First Communion 2016/2017

We already had some inquiries regarding First Communion for children not at one of our Parish Schools. We do a programme which will start after Christmas for children in Year 3 or above. You need to contact the secretary over the coming months to make sure you register your child.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

An amazing £920 was raised which would not have been raised without the generosity of the parishioners who donated for the Tombola, Raffle and Cake Stall. To all the many people who helped on the morning and all who came along and supported, it is with grateful thanks .Lil, Joyce and Margaret.

David Kendal - Just Giving

David Kendal, from All Saints, is trying to complete 1000 miles throughout September, under his own steam i.e. cycling walking or running. He is doing it to raise money for a group that funds families with children that have special needs to go to Lourdes as a family. All the families are from the Manchester area and go with Salford diocese. So please remember him in your prayers, but more importantly please donate to the charity using the link : www.justgiving.com/fundraising/David-Kendal

S.V.P. Awareness Month – September 2016

To help us to continue with our work there will be a second Collection on this weekend in our three parishes.

St. Vincent de Paul Feast Day

A Mass will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes this Tuesday the 27th September at 7.30 pm to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul who is the patron Saint of the S.V.P. Society. Everyone is very welcome from all parishes and light refreshments will be available after Mass.

40 Days for Life Manchester

From 28th September to 6th November, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city - and beyond. Sign up online at www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/manchester-2/ or call Michael 07810 791032.

Serra Meeting

At the next Serra Meeting on Monday 26th September, Steve Dutton will talk about his work with the RCIA.

Everyone very welcome. Please ring Gerry Lanigan (Tel: 428 9103 on or before the Friday prior to the meeting, if possible. Meetings are held at "Westleigh", Groby Road, Altrincham. Mass is at 7.15pm following by a light supper and the talk."

Amoris Laetitia Discussion

A gathering is been organised to look at and discuss Pope Francis Document. It is a very interesting read and we hope to get a small group together with the books provided. The first informal gathering will take place Wednesday 12th October at All Saints 4pm in the afternoon. Do come along and educate yourselves and enable yourself to find out more.

The Sick in Our Parishes

Please remember to let Fr Ned know if there any new people who are sick in our parishes and would like a visit from him.

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 or via our website, **http://ourparishes.church** 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 it 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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Important Dates For Your Diary

Charity Race Night

Charity Race Night – Saturday 26th November
All Saints Parish Centre 7.30pm – Tote opens 8.00 – First Race 8.15
Horses on sale now… Race Sponsor - £10.00 - Horse Owner - £3.00

Advent Evenings

Thursday 1st December 2016 8pm - St Margaret Ward

Thursday 15th December 2016 8pm - St Margaret Ward

Readers Day

Saturday 28th January 2017 10am - 1pm (Starting with coffee 9.30am)

Eucharistic Ministers Day

Saturday 4th February 2017 10am - 1pm (Starting with coffee 9.30am)

These two days are very important and is something that is required once a year from all ministers. SO PLEASE YOUR PRESENCE IS VITAL.

Lenten Evenings

Wednesday 15th March 2017 8pm - All Saints

Wednesday 29th March 2017 8pm - All Saints

First Communion

A meeting is planned in the coming weeks with our three Heads and First Communion teachers and so we will be able to give you the dates fairly soon of our First Forgiveness and First Communion, so you can get planning ahead.

Parish Retreat Day

Saturday 20th May 2017 10.30am - 3.30pm

We now have organised this day which will be directed by Margaret Lillis. This will be a chance for us all to take time out and reflect. Places will be limited and the cost will be £20 for the day. You can now register by signing up, by signing the form which is now available in the porches of our three parishes. We also ask that you pay the £20 with in the next 2 weeks. If paying by cheque please make it out to All Saints, please put the cheque/cash in an envelope clearly marked with your name, telephone no. and how many places you require and give it to Fr Ned or one of the Deacons. Thank you.

Finally, if you are reading this and are not from any of our three parishes, you are still invited and welcome to join us on any of these above dates.

All Saints

Roof Progress

We got news from the Diocese that no work will start on the roof for the moment. We were told we need to keep fundraising as obviously we do not have enough funds to contribute to this project. We are getting in touch with the Diocese to ask them how much the cost is exactly. Fr Ned is extremely disappointed, as most of you will be, however, the reality is we do not have the adequate funds. So we need to work with this as we have done in the last year so brilliantly. We have never asked for money in this parish for many years, so maybe this might be a good time to appeal to you all, to look at your weekly offerings and see if you could increase it in any small way to help to have our church looking beautiful again. Any ideas for extra fund raising would be great. Please just give what you are able. Thank you

Defibrillator - All Saints

Could we thank most sincerely the family that have purchased the Defibrillator for us. They wish to main anonymous but really, thanks so much we are really grateful. The Defibrillator is on order and will be with us soon. We will have to have a training session organised once it arrives and in place.

Church Cleaning - All Saints

If you would like to come and join our team for just an hour every fortnight you will be most welcome.

Next cleaning day Sat 8th October.

Barbara (07990 728 854)

All Saints Bidding Prayers - September 2016

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to contribute bidding prayers for the autumn. Here is a reminder to all of you who signed up for September.

25th Grainne Patterson

The Offertory Collection was £705.09 - **Thanks all once again for your giving and generosity.**

St Margaret Ward

Important Parish Council Meeting

St Margaret Ward - 6th October - 8pm.

Taking place after evening Mass, please ensure you put this date in your diaries.

The Offertory Collection was £361.89 - **Thanks all once again for your giving and generosity.**

Our Lady of Lourdes

Important Parish Council Meeting

Our Lady of Lourdes - WEDNESDAY 12th October - 8pm. We know this a Wednesday but this is the only date available.

The Offertory Collection was £287.65 - **Thanks all once again for your giving and generosity.**

Other News

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR - "REFLECTING ON MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY"

A.C.T.S' ('ADULT CATHOLICS TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY') annual retreat is taking place from Fri 28th October (evening) until after lunch on Sunday 30th October 2016. If you are aged between 18 – 35 you will be very welcome to join us. Fr Tony McGrath will lead the retreat which will take place at Savio House, Bollington (near Macclesfield). Payment will be by **anonymous** donation (suggested cost £95). Please contact Siobhan Cartwright at siobhanbc@talktalk.net or tel: 0161 477 2783 / mobile 07761 138947

Catholic Youth Ministry Federation

We're just writing to let you know that the Earlybird deadline for buying tickets for Flame 2017 is October 11th. Until then, tickets are just £18.
We hope that Flame 2017 will be the largest Catholic youth event ever held in the UK.
We have an amazing line-up of speakers and thousands of tickets already sold.
To buy tickets, google "CYMFed Flame 2017" and download the booking form

Life Under Occupation

Stories from West Bank - 9th November - 8.00pm
Come and hear from Veronica Pasteur who recently returned from the occupied West Bank, find out what daily life under occupation is like. What the Israeli Peace Movement is doing and what can you do to promote a Just Peace in Israel/Palestine. All Saints Wednesday 9th November at 8pm.

Aid To The Church

Aid to the Church in Need Annual North West International Speakers to be hosted this year in the Diocese in St Columba's, Chester, on Tuesday 11th October from 7.30pm – 9.30pm. All are most welcome. Any enquiries should be directed to Caroline Hull – caroline.hull@acnuk.org

		St. Margaret Ward		All Saints		Our Lady of Lourdes
26th Sunday of Ordinary Time						
Sat 24th	5.30pm	Sarah Ann Bond				
Sun 25th			9.30am	Shelagh Croshaw	11.00 am	John Kinnane Intention
Sun 25th			5.00pm	James O'Mara		
Mon 26th	9.15am	No Service	9.15am	Eucharistic Service		No Service
Tues 27th	9.15 am	Alan Butterworth		No Service	7:30pm	Samantha Faloona
Wed 28th	9.15.am	Eucharistic Service	7.30pm	Moira Reilly	12.15pm	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 29th	7.30pm	Marie Wadsworth		No Service		No Service
Fri 30th	9.15am	Eucharistic Service	7.30pm	Diane & Chris 50th Wedding Anniversary	12.15pm	Gerry Mason
27th Sunday of Ordinary Time						
Sat 1st	5.30pm	Teresa Maguire				
Sun 2nd			9.30am	Pat O Connor	11.00 am	Pat Donigan
Sun 2nd			5.00pm	Angus & Julia MacDonald Wedding Intention		