Our Parishes Newsletter

2nd Sunday of Lent (A) 12th March 2017

This is Florence, read her story at cafod.org.uk/lent

Sister Yvonne

CAFOD
Just one world

Giving something up for Lent?

During Lent and up to Easter, you may be giving up some of your favourite things: tea, chocolate or fizzy drinks. If you are, feast on the fact that whatever you collect from your Lent fast will save lives, give children a future and ensure hard-working people around the world have the chance to live lives full of dignity and hope.

This Week's Readings

First Reading	Genesis 12:1-4
Psalm	32:4-5.18-20.22.R.v22
Second Reading	Timothy 1:8-10
Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading
Genesis Exodus 17:3-7

Psalm 94:1-2.6-9.R.v8

Second Reading
Romans 5:1-2.5-8

Gospel
John 5-15.19-26.39-42

REFLECTION

To help the Apostles to see that the way of Jesus would eventually lead to victory, and triumph, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John, to a high mountain, and as they watched, Jesus was transformed. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzlingly white. It was a wonderful place to be just then. From the cloud came the voice of God, "This is my Son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him." To listen to Jesus is to hear what he says, to accept what he says, to make it one's own, and to fully identify with it. The Disciples, at the sound of God's voice, had prostrated themselves on the ground, terrified. They heard the gentle voice of Jesus, "Get up and do not be afraid", words that pointed to resurrection, to new life and the end of fear and anxiety. From now on the Disciples will know that Jesus is not alone - that He has the full backing of the Father.

Being on the mountain was a wonderful experience. "It is wonderful for us to be here," Peter said. But Jesus came down from the mountain - to be with the people in their pains and sorrows, in their fears and anxieties, in their sicknesses and disabilities, and in their sinfulness. Jesus is especially with those in need - the hungry and thirsty, the sick and handicapped, those in prison, or in any kind of need We are to find Jesus in them - they are to find Jesus in us.

PSALM

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Glory and Praise to you, O Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

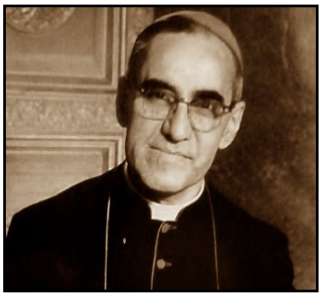
ALL PARISHES

Family Fast Day

There will be a retiring collection at all Masses today for Family Fast Day, there also envelopes available at the back of church For more information please go to cafod.org.uk/lent .

CAFOD - Oscar Romero Play

This year we are hosting a play on the anniversary of Oscar Romero. This play is being presented by a drama group from Warrington. This will take place on Friday 24th March at 7pm. A great way to celebrate this great man's 100th Birthday.



We ask for a donation of no less than £5 to cover costs for this drama group and any funds over will go to CAFOD. Please put this date in your diary. Tea & Coffee will be provided. The play will last approx 1 hour and 20 mins. Please do come along.

Lenten Journey - Talk

Starting this Wednesday - Sr Catherine Darby and Margaret Lillis to help us reflect and take some time out. Please do come along as part of your Lenten Journey.

Wednesday 15th March 2017	All Saints	8.00pm
Wednesday 29th March 2017	All Saints	8.00pm

They will both take place at All Saints after evening Mass.

Lenten Gatherings with St Martins

Tuesday 14th March 2017	All Saints	8.00pm
Tuesday 28th March 2017	St Martins	8.00pm

Eucharistic Ministers

We would be so grateful if more Eucharistic Ministers could give some of their time to help bring communion to the sick. It does not have to be a Sunday, but can be arranged at a time that is suitable to you. There is a great need and the parish would appreciate your help. Please have a word with Fr Ned if this is something you can do.

Special Lenten Mass

Each Friday we plan to have an evening Mass during Lent with the exception of 24th March. This Mass will be at All Saints and it will be 7.30pm.

Lent Reflection

Every Sunday in Lent at 3.30pm - 4.30pm we will be opening All Saints church for all parishioners to have a time to pray and reflect through Lent.

Monday Club

This week we celebrate the Second Anniversary of our Monday Club with a special Afternoon Tea ; Music ; and our usual chat.

A fun afternoon starting at 2.00 pm in the Parish Centre

L.P.A

A meeting needs to be held with the three reps of the local pastoral area and our school representatives. So please could we arrange to meet on Wednesday 22nd March at 8.00pm at All Saints. Please put this date in your diary as this is a very important meeting.

LPA Meeting	Wednesday	22nd March	8.00pm

Elaine's 2,000 km Challenge - Update

At the time of writing (Wednesday afternoon) I am at 1880 km with only 120 km to go. In fact, if all has gone to plan, then by the time you are reading this I should have finished! Hopefully, I'll be able to confirm that next time and give a final figure for sponsorship pledged.

The current amount pledged is a stunning £950. A huge thanks to each and every one of you for your support, kind words and sponsorship.

It's still not too late to find sponsorship details and follow along with my progress via my daily blog updates linked to from the OurParishes website at http://ourparishes.church/elaines-2000-km-challenge

Easter Raffle

This weekend we will be selling raffle tickets again at all Masses in all three parishes. Don't miss out on a chance to win a Manchester United shirt from 2011/2012 season, signed by the full team. It comes in a beautiful wooden presentation box. - £1 a strip.

If you could take a book of raffle tickets home with you to sell to friends and family, please see Elaine or Mike who will be selling the tickets come rain or come shine after the weekend Masses (let's hope it's shine this time!)

Draw takes place Easter Sunday. All sales go towards church roof fund. This will be the last week tickets we will be selling tickets at all three churches, however we will continue sell tickets at All Saints up to Easter, just see Fr Ned - Thank you for your amazing support last week.

ALL SAINTS

TODAY - FAIRTRADE EVENT

TODAY - SUNDAY MARCH 12th 2pm to 5pm

Come and enjoy a traditional afternoon tea or coffee break, and fun activities for all the family.

Listen to our two Fairtrade speakers. Veena Nabar, from India, will talk about coconut production in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Bassema Barahmeh is an olive farmer from Palestine. She will tell us about olive oil and maftoul. Unusually, for a woman, she represents her family as a Board member of the Palestine Fair Trade Association

Sample Fairtrade food and shop at our Zaytoun and Traidcraft stalls.

Support Traidcraft's 'Let It Grow' appeal and help people in developing countries to boost their skills and increase their incomes.

ALL SAINTS BIDDING PRAYERS

All Saints bidding prayers - March 2017

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to contribute bidding prayers over Lent. Here's a reminder to those of you who signed up for March.

12th Elaine and Mike Giles-Thomas

19th Louisa Bolton and Rebecca Tarpey

26th Theresa Dwyer

You can find a complete list until the end of March on the noticeboard at the back of church or on the Three Parishes website at http://ourparishes.church/

Please submit your contribution by the Friday before the Sunday

The Offertory Collection was £1194.04 - **Thanks all once again for your giving and generosity.**

ST MARGARET WARD

ST MARGARET WARD ANNUAL CHARITY AUCTION

This year's charity auction is to be held in St. Margaret Ward school hall on Friday 28th April 2017 (admission charge of £1), commencing at 7:30pm.

We do need the donation of good quality items for auction and parishioners can leave goods in the sacristy from now until Thurs 27th April. Unfortunately, we will not be able to take items on the night of the auction, so please act now.

Most importantly, we need to see you there on the night to join in, and this will go towards making a fun filled evening together with raising funds for much needed causes.

Charity Auction	St Margaret Ward	Friday 28th April	7.30pm

St Margaret Ward Parish

Offertory Envelopes for 2017-18

For parishioners who use weekly envelopes, the boxes of envelopes for the year 2017-18, labelled with your name and address, are now ready for collection. If you would like to start using weekly envelopes, kindly feel free to take a blank box. You are invited to complete your details on a card in the box, and enclose this in the first envelope you use.

For details of how to Gift Aid your donations, please contact St Margaret Ward Parish Gift Aid Organisers Maria and Peter Barker

(Phone Number 0161 973 1425). Many thanks.

The Offertory Collection was £545.46 - **Thanks all once again for your giving and generosity.**

Our Lady of Lourdes

Defibrillator

We are delighted to announce that we now have a Defibrillator for our church. All proceeds from the mini Christmas fair has enable us to purchase this vital piece of equipment, it could one day save someone's life.

A training evening will be arranged shortly.

St Patricks Charity Night

There will be a charity night on Saturday 18th March 2017 at the Partington Working Men's Club, in aid of Cornerstones so come along and celebrate St Patricks night with us. Tickets are £5 or pay on the door. Doors open 7.30pm so don't forget your dancing shoes. Tickets available through Jeanette and Mike Dwyer. Please support this good cause.

The Offertory Collection was £297.03 - **Thanks all once again for your giving and generosity.**

Other News

St Ann's Hospice

Join us for our annual Manchester Midnight Walk
23 June 2017 9:00 PM
Manchester Centre
Adult: £20 Adult previous walker: £15
Adult early bird – until 31st March 2017: £15 Youth: £10 (ages 11-17 yrs)
Group early bird – (min 5 until 31st March 2017): £12pp
Group (min 5): £15

The 10km route starts at midnight from Manchester Central and takes in some of Manchester's most famous landmarks including the Hilton Hotel, Old Granada Studios, Spinningfields, MEN Arena, the Northern Quarter and past the Universities. The route is fairly flat and on footpaths and ends back at Manchester Central.
For more information - 0161 437 8136 enquiries@sah.org.uk

'Jesus' Meals' ministry "Healing Grace"

Saturday **28 May** 2016 at St Hilda's Northenden from 9 am.
Sacrament of Reconciliation (9am-1 pm)

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament & praise and worship, music, spiritual talks & testimony,
Holy Spirit & healing ministry,

Holy Mass at 12 noon - **Father Chris Matthews, Father Martin Onuoha, Father Francis Nnadi & Father Robinson Melkis**, followed by

"Eucharistic Rosary Procession" in celebration of the month of Mary & the feast of visitation around St Hilda's Church, ending with Benediction and Blessings.

All are welcome.

St Hilda's R C Church 66 Kenworthy Lane, Northenden M22 4EF

		St. Margaret Ward		All Saints		Our Lady of Lourdes
2nd Sunday of Lent						
Sat 11th	5.30pm	Daniel Mooney				
Sun 12th			9.30am	Winnie Carter (int)	11.00am	Jo Riley (Int)
Sun 12th			5.00pm	Tim		
Mon 13th	9:15am	Eucharistic Service	9.15am	Eucharistic Service		No Service
Tues 14th	9.15am	Eucharistic Service		No Service	7.30pm	Annie Ryan
Wed 15th	9.15am	Eucharistic Service	7.30pm	Louis West	12.15pm	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 16th	7.30pm	Mark McNicholas		No Service		No Service
Frid 17th	9.15am	Eucharistic Service	7.30pm	Joe Quinn	9.45am 12 Noon	Nora O'Grady Requiem Mass Janice Ryan Requiem Mass
3rd Sunday of Lent						
Sat 18th	5.30pm	Derek Collins				
Sun 19th			9.30am	Michelle Read	11.00am	Nora O Grady
Sun 19th			5.00pm	Lynne Morgan		