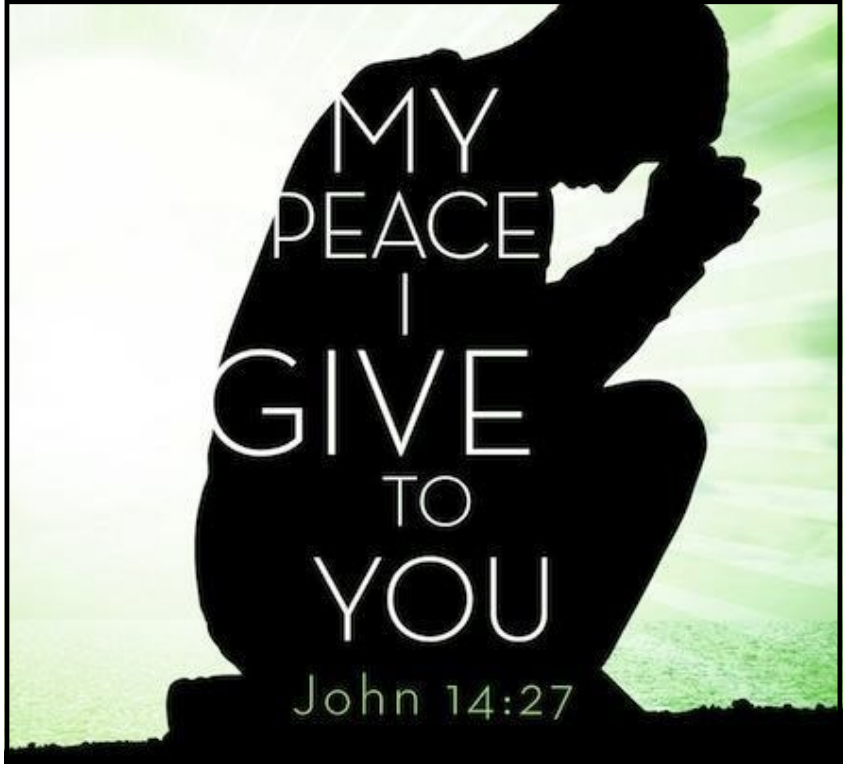


# OUR PARISHES NEWSLETTER

26th May 2019 6th Sunday of Easter (C)



## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading	Apostles 15:1-2.22-29
Psalm	66:2-3.5-6.8.R.v4
Second Reading	Apocalypse 21:10-14.22-23.
Gospel	John 14:23-29

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## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**First Reading**  
Apostles 7:55-60

**Psalm**  
96:1-2.6-7.9.R.vv1.9

**Second Reading**  
Apocalypse 22:12-14.16-17.20

**Gospel**  
John 17:20-26

## REFLECTION

6<sup>th</sup>. Sunday in Easter (May 2019)

Jesus said to his disciples, "if anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and My Father will love him (them,) and we shall come to him (them) and make our home with him (them)." What is this word that Jesus asks us to keep? It is the word of His Father, the one who sent him. To help us discover this word, Jesus says "he will send an advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name. He will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you."

In our first reading, we see this being enacted by the apostles- the beginnings of disagreements in the Church, concerning non-Jews! The apostles and elders had heard that some members of pagan birth, had been disturbed with the demands of Jewish members of the Church wanting everyone to live like Jews.

So, the community gathered together to examine and pray about this serious matter. Having shared their experiences and listened to others and prayed for guidance from the Spirit, a decision was made to send Judas and Silas; respected members of the community; with Paul and Barnabas, to Antioch to confirm the decision of the elders and community. This is what they said, "It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials."

So, the church began to move out of being simply a Jewish Church, to a realisation that the Spirit was leading them, not without difficulties, to a world-wide mission, that respected difference!

How do you respect other people's opinions, views, especially those of the household of the faith? How willing are you to listen to people's stories and beliefs. Do you invite the Holy Spirit into these encounters?

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## TODAY'S MASS

### PSALM

Let the people praise you, O God; let all the people 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.'

Alleluia!

### 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

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## ALL PARISHES

### FIRST COMMUNION

We now have celebrated all our First Communions, congratulations to you all, thanks to our three schools for their support and help on this journey. We hope you have enjoyed the celebrations and as always if you have any ideas or suggestions, then please let us know, always good to have feedback and see if we can do things better or differently. Please do let us know. Also can we say thank you to those who contributed to the project for children with HIV. We raised over a thousand pounds which is tremendous help for these people.

Could we thank those who took the time to write or email the Parishes on thanking us for the Communion Celebrations and how much they were appreciated. Just an idea, the schools would also love to hear this kind of feedback. Please don't hesitate in dropping a line or an email to the schools, it would be good for them to also have your feedback.

### CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all our teenagers who were confirmed here last Tuesday night. A special thank you to Linda and Stuart who ran and organised this journey with our teenagers. We now invite these teenagers to get more involved in your community. Already some have come forward to be readers. We ask the parents to now try and encourage their children to come forward. Once again thank you to Linda & Stuart.

### QUESTIONNAIRE & SURVEY

Last year we had a few meetings with members from the three parishes organising a survey which will help us to look at the needs and ideas on how we can improve things for all.

We consider this an important opportunity for you to have a say. We would like you to involve all your family and ask them for their views too. With your answers, it will help towards our plans for the future, for our parish communities.

The questionnaire will be located at the back of church as you leave Mass today, please make sure you take one. When completed, please return and place in the box provided at the back of church. We do not ask for your name on the sheet unless you wish to provide it, and all answers will be kept strictly confidential.

Thank you

### COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP

We have been offered a very generous donation for our parishes to enter in to the Community Sponsorship programme, to welcome and house a family from a middle eastern Refugee Camp. This will cost us nothing but our skills, talents and time. It will entail us working with the Dioceses and the Home Office and as communities welcome a family to our area. So we are calling a meeting on Wednesday 10th July at All Saints after 7.30pm Mass to see if we can get this off the ground and explain to all what will be needed and we will get all the information and know what is required before and if we do take this on. So please put this meeting in your diary Wednesday 10th July at 8pm at All Saints after Mass. This venture will cost nothing as we have had an anonymous person come forward, so please let's give this a shot, it would be a great thing for us all to be involved in.

### LPA TALK ON PRAYER

The next talk will take place on Thursday 6th June 7pm at Sacred Heart Parish in Wythenshawe. It will be lead by Sr Jo Bird. Put it in your diary and please support this venture.

### MONDAY CLUB

Closed this Monday (27th) for the Bank Holiday  
Open again the following week (3rd) for 'Bingo with Bob'

### SERRA MEETING

"Serra Meeting on Thursday, 6th June. Stan Ollieuz will give a talk on "Heroes". Everyone is very welcome. The meeting is in the Parish Hall at Christ Church, Mass is at 7.30pm followed by a light supper and the talk. Please ring Gerry Lanigan (0161 428 9103) early in the week of the meeting, if possible, for catering purposes.

### CAFOD JAR

For the next few months the CAFOD jar at the back of Church will be used to help and support children with HIV in Peru. It will help them with their dietary needs and to help them get medicine. This will run until July. Also the collections

at First Holy Communion celebrations will be for this cause. So please give if you are able. Thank you

## CATHOLIC VOICE

A new issue of the Catholic Voice are available as you leave church. Price £1

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**LPA's Talk on Prayer** (Sacred Heart) Thursday 6th June 7pm

### **Community Masses**

St Margaret Ward Saturday 29th June 2019

Our Lady of Lourdes Sunday 30th June 2019

**Community Sponsorship Meeting** ( All Saints) Wednesday 10th July 2019

Please note the dates above, readers and planning of the Offertory as you will not be needed on those dates.

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## ALL SAINTS

### OUR COMMON HOME

22 parishioners met to discuss how we should respond to climate breakdown and ecological collapse. There was a sense of urgency and lots of ideas for actions at a personal, parish and political level. The most immediate is to join a mass lobby of MPs at Westminster on Wednesday 26th June. If there are enough people going, we can book a coach, we have 10 so far. Please sign the list in the porch or ring Fran Moley on 0161 969 4153. You are very welcome to invite friends along. More information at: <https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/thetimeisnow> Those unable to go on the day can still sign up and email or write to their MP.

Other sources of information:

[ourcommonhome.co.uk](http://ourcommonhome.co.uk)

Resources by Catholic Faith Exploration (CaFE)

[theclimatecoalition.org](http://theclimatecoalition.org)

100 UK organisations including CAFOD

[ipcc.ch](http://ipcc.ch)

International scientific body on climate change

### ALL SAINTS BIDDING PRAYERS ROTA FOR JUNE

Thank you to everyone who signed up to write bidding prayers over the summer months - we ended up having more volunteers than there were dates! Here is a reminder to those of you who volunteered for June.

26th May Carole Partington

2nd Katie Taylor

9th Gwyer family

16th Anita Hewitt

23rd Linda Davison

30th Elaine and Mike Giles-Thomas

Please submit your prayers by the Friday prior to the Sunday either through the parish office or via email at [our3parishes@gmail.com](mailto:our3parishes@gmail.com). Thanks again for your continued enthusiastic support for this important ministry.

### FLOWERING ARRANGEMENT ROTA

Thursday 31st May 2019 - Team B - Sue U & Lynne B

### CARITAS BOXES

We have received a letter from Caritas asking you to bring in your Carista Boxes in to church and give them to Joyce Salkeld as soon as possible. Many Thanks

### TRANSITION AND AMALGAMATION

Thanks to all concerned, who have journeyed with us in the recent changes. A new rota will soon be available for readers for 5pm Saturday Mass.

If you are interested in joining our new rota for 5pm then have a word with Steve McNicholas, Deacons John or Anthony.

Also, we invite any of you who have been involved with the flowers to come and sign up for the Flower Rota at All Saints, even if you were not involved before please do come forward. Have a word with Fr Ned.

The Piety Shop will now be open on a Saturday Night after 5pm Mass, thank you to Pat.

If someone is interested in being a Sacristan for 5pm Mass, please come forward. It would involve setting up and tidying up after the Mass on a weekly basis. If you can help have a word with Fr Ned.

If any of you are interested in being part of the Summer Fair 6<sup>th</sup> July at All Saints, please come forward.

If you are new attending the 5pm Mass, volunteers will always be welcome. Please see Fr Ned.

### ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

We have a limited number of places still available in our Reception class for September 2019!

Please contact All Saints' School Office on 0161 962 1288.

## ALL SAINTS SUMMER FAIR

Please do if you haven't already donate chocolate, bottles, fancy gifts and new items for the auction. We have been donated a signed framed Manchester City shirt and a signed Manchester United football. All items now accepted and if someone is interested in the football or the shirt and wants to make an offer it is possible to let them go now. Just have a word with Fr Ned.

## GOLD COLLECTION

The recent 'gold from the bottom of your jewellery box' collection raised an amazing **£270**. Thank you to all. So check to see if you have any old gold and bring it in.

The Offertory Collection was £1062.58 **Thanks all once again for your giving and generosity.**

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## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

### SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR UPDATE

The Our Lady of Lourdes Summer Fair will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, after school at 3.30pm. We as a parish have been invited to get involved and run the Toiletries and Fancy Goods Stall. So if you can help please speak with Fr Ned or one of the Deacons. We also ask that you now bring in toiletries and fancy goods, Chocolates or bottles to help support our Parish School. All items can be left in the Sacristy from now on. Please let us support our school.

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## OTHER NEWS

### WORLD YOUTH DAY @ HOME

Join young people from across the country on Pentecost weekend for World Youth Day @ Home at Alton Castle. The beautiful site in Staffordshire will be hosting this amazing event featuring Matt Maher, Sarah Kroger, Rise Theatre, David Wells and more!

SYMT will be heading down and we'd love young people from the Diocese of Shrewsbury to join us. Please consider sending a group from your parish, school, youth group to what promises to be an incredible weekend!

Please [email us](#) for more information or check out the [WYD@Home website!](#)

**Mass and Service Times this week**

**All Saints**

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

Sat. 25th 5.00pm

Bert Flynn

Sun. 26th 9.30am

McGrath Family (Thank you)

11.00 am

Nancy Walsh

Sun. 26th 5.00pm

Ken Smith

Mon. 27th 9.15am

Eucharistic Service

No Service

Tues. 28th

No service

7.30pm

Bernadette Knock

Wed. 29th 7.30pm

Ascension Vigil Mass  
Fr Stephen Dwyer

No Service

Ascension  
Thursday  
12.00pm

David Norrey

7.30pm

Alfie Shields

Fri 31st 9.15am

Eucharistic Service

12.15pm

Vera McGuire

**7th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Sat. 1st 5.00pm

Mary Hunter

Sun. 2nd 9.30am

David Salkeld (int)

11.00 am

Monica French

Sun. 2nd 5.00pm

Kevin Walsh