

OUR PARISHES NEWSLETTER

10th November 2019 - 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)



"The Inquisitive Mind of a Child"

Why are they selling poppies, Mummy?
Selling poppies in town today.
The poppies, child, are flowers of love.
For the men who marched away.

But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy?
Why not a beautiful rose?
Because my child, men fought and died
In the fields where the poppies grow.

But why are the poppies so red, Mummy?
Why are the poppies so red?
Red is the colour of blood, my child.
The blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy?
Why does it have to be black?
Black, my child, is the symbol of grief.
For the men who never came back.

But why, Mummy are you crying so?
Your tears are giving you pain.
My tears are my fears for you my child.
For the world is forgetting again.



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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading
Malachi 3:19-20

Psalm
97:5-9.R.cf.v9

Second Reading
Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel
Luke 21:5-19

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Psalm	16:1.5-6.8.15.R.v15
Second Reading	Thessalonians 2:16-3.5
Gospel	Luke 20:27-38

REFLECTION

Today's Liturgy affirms our faith that "the dead rise again" and our God given hope of being resurrected to life" after death. This faith and hope are founded in Jesus Christ, "the firstborn from the dead," the source of our "eternal consolation and hope"

Our God is not the God of the dead but of the living," and our religion is not a religion of death but of Resurrection and life. Faith in eternal life has energised Christianity for centuries. It has also, unfortunately caused some of them to neglect the immediate task at hand: the right ordering of the world in preparation for the coming of the kingdom.

Today's liturgy counteracts that tendency with a message of doing God's work on earth and giving our lives in service to all. In the meantime, there are the "burdens and challenges of life" which must be met head-on if we are to be "a kingdom of priests to serve our God and Father.

Reflective poem by J. Janda from his Book of Poems, In Embrace - Copyright 2000

My Child

I know it is difficult to love
I know it is difficult to forgive
I know it is difficult to suffer
But look I am taking away your heart
And in its place, I am putting my heart
Now I will be suffering
Now I will be forgiving
Now I will be loving in you
My heart is beating in you

TODAY'S MASS

PSALM

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.

ALL PARISHES

MASS FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES

Just for your diaries, to let you know our Mass in November for our deceased relatives and friends will take place on Friday 22nd November 7.30pm at All Saints.

CHARITY FUN NIGHT

We would like to thank those who supplied the food for the night and who donated items and services for the Auction, very much appreciated. Thank you to the duo who sang so well on the night and to all who came along and supported in making this night a success. The total raised was £778.50. Thank you to Dave Kendal for organising the evening. Maybe next time it would be good to see some new faces from our community to come along and enjoy an evening out.

COMMUNITY MASSES

St Margaret Ward School - All Saints - 30th November - 5.00pm Mass

All Saints School - All Saints - 1st December - 9.30am Mass

Our Lady of Lourdes - Our Lady's of Lourdes - 1st December - 11.00am Mass.

The children from school on their day will do the offertory, readings and bidding prayers. So readers and all concerned please make note if you are on the rota for that Sunday.

FAMILIES INVOLVED IN FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A meeting to be planned for all involved in First Holy Communion next year. Letters will be sent, if not already received from school, the dates are as follows;

Our Lady of Lourdes Tues 26th November 6.30pm (at OLOL School)

All Saints & St Margaret Ward Wed 27th Nov 6.30pm (at SMW School)

One parent/guardian must attend this meeting if they wish for their child to be part of this journey.

The meetings also invite parents who have children from non Catholic schools, to come along and attend the meetings.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

A meeting has just taken place with our three headteachers and the following dates have been arranged.

First Forgiveness

Our Lady of Lourdes - 3rd March 2020 - 6.15pm

All Saints - 4th March 2020 - 6.15pm

St Margaret Ward - 5th March 2020 - 6.15pm

First Communion

St Margaret Ward - 25th April 2020 - 11.00am

Our Lady of Lourdes - 2nd May 2020 - 11.00am

All Saints - 16th May 2020 - 11.00am

MONDAY CLUB

Our condolences to 'Bingo' Bob on the death of his wife. Replacing the advertised Bingo this week we will have a Quiz.

MARGARET GRAY

Life long parishioner of St Margaret Ward but moved out of the area, died recently. Her funeral is Tues 12th November 10.45 am All Saints. Let us keep Margaret and family in our prayers.

ST MARGARET WARD SCHOOL FAIR

Our Christmas Fair is being held on Friday 6th December from 3.30-5.30pm. Please come along and join in the festive fun! All welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE-CWL

The next meeting is to be held at 7pm on Monday 18th November at St. Joseph's Parish Centre. We are having our Annual Supper and booking for the Christmas Lunch to be held at the Belmore on Monday 2nd December. A Big Thank You to all the people who helped the CWL to raise £600 for Macmillan Coffee Morning .

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ALL SAINTS

Mass for the Deceased - Friday 22nd November - 7.30pm

Christmas Concert - Saturday 14th December, 7.30pm

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Advent Talks - Tuesday 3rd December 8pm - Tuesday 17th December 8pm

ALL SAINTS

PIETY SHOP

Come and get your Christmas essentials at the Piety Shop as you leave church, you will find all the Christmas stock has now been put out including Christmas Cards, Advent calendars etc are now available, a lot of hard work is put in to the shop so your custom would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

ALL SAINTS BIDDING PRAYERS ROTA - NOVEMBER

10th Elaine and Mike Giles-Thomas

17th Paul Goddard

24th Nina Chidgey

TRAIDCRAFT NEWS

Traidcraft's breakfast blend, decaff, Earl Grey, and loose leaf tea have all received Great Taste Awards from the Guild of Fine Foods. Chilean Nectar Set Honey also received an award and they are all on the stall!

Christmas foods and chocolates are discounted just until the end of October and the new range of cards are here.

Do check the catalogue and let us know if you would like to order anything else

CHURCH ROOF

All Saints Roof - Sort Code 30-15-52 - Account No. 55585068

If you ever wish to give directly just let us know you have deposited something. Also all activities/ fundraising ideas are so much appreciated.

The Offertory Collection was £ 1120.45 **Thanks all once again for your giving and generosity.**

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PIETY STALL

Our Piety stall has a good selection of Christmas cards, calendars, diaries and candles etc.

Our stall is manned every Sunday after Mass. Please do take a look on your way out of church.

The Offertory Collection was £289.05. **Thanks all once again for your giving and generosity.**

OTHER NEWS

CATHOLIC SINGLES

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD.

A day for those involved in leading

On Saturday 23 November 2019 - At Saint Joseph's Parish Centre -
Birkenhead, CH42 7JY

Coffee & registration from 10am. The day will finish with prayer at 3pm

Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided. £5 per person.

The Diocesan Office for Liturgy in partnership with the Diocesan Mission for
Catechesis

please send them to events@teamshrewsbury.co.uk

CARITAS VACANCY

Caritas Shrewsbury currently has 1 vacancy for an Office Administrator (closing date: 22nd November) based at their Head Office on the Wirral.

For further details and an Application Pack, please contact them:

www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk

(‘Job Vacancies’ can be found under the ‘News’ Section) / Tel: 0151 652 1281 / info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE IN MAY 2020.

Father Martin Onuoha will be leading a pilgrimage from Holy Angels' Parish to Medjugorje from May 5th to 12th next year.

Flying from Manchester, with quality accommodation near St James's Church and full programme of events and service provided by Joe Walsh Tours, the visit will cost £645 per person sharing.

However, for those who book and pay in full before December 6th, there is a discount of £100! So the full cost of the week's pilgrimage becomes only £545.

Single rooms cost extra. Do join us for what will be a truly blessed experience. For further information or to book, contact Brenda Ackroyd on 07731 517720 or at bvackroyd@aol.com

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THINKING OF RETIRING TO IRELAND

There is an offer to a couple who might be contemplating moving to Ireland for their retirement, to a rent free, exclusive occupancy of an apartment (attached to a bungalow) and use of a car, in exchange of a “caretaker” role for the attached bungalow.

The owner travels a lot and needs someone to keep an eye on his property. This is offered as not a job but is offered as a home and the only expenses would be your food and electricity.

The property is in the village of Kilmore Quay, County Wexford, 20 minutes from Rosslare, Ferryport and Wexford Town. If you are interested and would like to hear more about this offer, please see Fr Ned.

Mass and Service Times this week

All Saints

Our Lady of Lourdes

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Sat. 9th	5.00pm	Margaret Gray			
Sun. 10th	9.30am	Lillian & Margaret (int)	11.00 am		Pat O Hara
Sun. 10th	5.00pm	Gloria Harty			
Mon. 11th	9.15am	Eucharistic Service			No Service
Tues. 12th	9.15am 10.45am	St Margaret Ward School (INT) Margaret Gray Funeral Service	7.30pm		Josie Comerford
Wed. 13th	7.30pm	Eileen Callaghan			No Service
Thurs. 14th	7.30pm	Margaret & Arthur Stoppard			No Service
Frid. 15th		No Service	12.15pm		Baby Vincent

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Sat. 16th	5.00pm	Arnold Roberts			
Sun. 17th	9.30am	Anne O Connor	11.00 am		John & Teresa Tully
Sun. 17th	5.00pm	Gordon Russon			