

Confessions Sat 9.30 - 10 am (S) (or when they end) and 5 - 6 pm (J). Also Confessions at any time. Ring for a mutually convenient time.

Last Sunday: **Offertory Loose Plate £997.87**

Gift Aid £619.84

For Gift Aid contact John Baggaley 432683

Many thanks!

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK The Congregation says: May this sacrament unite them with Christ and his Church and give them consolation and peace.

Adoration in Church. St. Joseph's Adoration Chapel

Exposition is at any time that you can make it. We have the rota for watching and we hope it covers much of the week. You are welcome to pop in any time.

500 CLUB' CONGRATULATIONS TO M Deacon and D Thomas

£100 Winner 280& 106 Week 14&15 Agent E Ellison & A Anthony.

Knit and Natter are asking for beads or broken jewellery to use for their Dementia mitts project.

Pro-life Chain 2017 to mark the anniversary of the Abortion Act. On Saturday 29th April on Churchill Way opposite Lidl from 11.00 to 1 p m.

Nugent Care Crisis Fund launch Wednesday 3 May 11 – 12noon: in our Parish Centre. Anyone involved in local support for those in need: Food Bank, Newman Fund, Furniture scheme or just interested to help, please come.

Thank you for all you did in Lent and Easter. This year in our parish there have been wonderful miracles that have happened. These are the fruit of the faith and the growth of the goodness of God in people from every branch in our community. We are all on a journey and with each other we travel, like the Holy People of God who were rescued by the mighty hand of God from their slavery to the Egyptians. We need saving from the sense that *"God and the spiritual things of life are irrelevant"*. In fact not one of us is fully in charge of our lives, especially of major issues.

The Church asks priests, monks, nuns and laity to pray frequently each day, and each session of such prayer begins: "O God, come to our aid: O Lord make haste to help us". Why is this? Because over 2,000 years people in the Church realise their need for help from the beyond, a higher power, the one we call God made incarnate in Jesus.

We thank God as usual for all who have helped us over the year in special ways, whatever they do. This year we thank one group in the name of all. We thank those who help on the journey of faith that led this year to six people entering into full communion with our Church whether by baptism as adults or by acclaiming their faith in God in the Catholic Church after being baptised elsewhere. Also for four children receiving baptism aged 10 to 13 High School, and for 6 who made their first Holy Communions on Easter Sunday of the same age group. They will later on attend our High School. We also thank all who help in the sacramental programmes for Baptism, Reconciliation and First Communion, for Confirmation, and for Marriage.

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LOW SUNDAY

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WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS / VISITORS

Please fill in our new Record Form or if you move house within the parish-please amend a new form.

MASS TIMINGS

Saturday 6.00 (*Vigil Mass*) Bond family intentions

Sunday 23rd April Low Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday

9.30 Singo family intentions

11.00 Rogerson family intentions / Edith Rice recently died

14:45 *Divine Mercy Devotions, including confessions and anointing with oil of gladness and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.*

5.00pm Mass to end the Divine Mercy afternoon.

Monday 24th April St George 9.00 Louise McNulty's sick.

12.15 Harold Hadley sick

Tuesday 25th April St Mark

07.50 (*with schools*) Kenneth Finch RIP

12.15 Requiem Mass for Vincent Rice.

Wednesday 26th April

9.00 A good recovery after operations

12.15 Marian Kirk birthday remembrance.

Thursday 27th April

8.00 (*Alverna*) Ann Woodhead RIP

12.15 Harry Minshull birthday remembrance.

Friday 28th April

9.00 Sr Ursula FMSJ RIP

12.15 Kathleen Noblett

Saturday 29th April St Catherine of Siena

9.00 Joseph Heffron.

6.00 (*Vigil Mass*) Elizabeth Beatty & family/EBC

Sunday 30th April 3rd of Easter

9.30 Hannah Hurtley 90th Birthday / Vincent Rice recently died

11.00 The Parish.



*Jesus said to St Faustina
'not in the beauty of the
colour, nor of the brush is
the greatness of this image,
but in my grace*

THE PARISH FAMILY

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK Rebecca Coates, Harry and Vi Gardner, Freddie Connolly (2 years old), Roy Thompson, Carmelina Groves, Joan Sullivan, Tony Scott, Louise McNulty, Bernadette Thompson, Bernard Macwilliam, Jean Hardman, Pauline Robinson, Philip Watson, Carol Bagwell, Derek Taylor, Teresa Richards, Lesley Saunders, Norah Platt, Neil and Jean Fow, Margaret Pollard, Graham Dunn, Baby Abigail Bowman, Peter Blackwell, Catherine Breen, Janet Turner, Glenda Kelly, Michael Waite, Eileen Hilliard, Allen Withnell, Peter Beatty, Marjorie Hart, Eileen Whelan, Marjorie Parr, Fr Theo, and connected with us, Kevin Barnes, Elizabeth Garcia and Mary Cobham, Larry Brennan, Julian Cotton, Leonard Almond, Paul Beck, Catherine Walker, Marie Purslow snr and jnr. *Mark Craven in Australia is much improved and thanks everyone for their prayers.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED: Especially Vincent Rice, Edith Rice and Sister Anne Field OSB (Stanbrook) who died recently and the following whose anniversaries occur about this time: Anne O'Neill, Sheila Mackenzie, Philip Murray, Velda Libreri, Thomas Doran, Maria Ashworth, Kieran Mannion, Marjorie Brady, Sheila Barton

THIS WEEK Today: Sr Rose Mary Our Lady of the Mission will appeal at all masses. *Family Rota of Prayer M Jordan 3 Dalehead Rd.*

Monday Church Cleaning 9 am 'B' team *Catenian Council* 7 pm Priory library. *Widows Welcome* in the Parish Centre 7.30 p m

Tuesday: SVP meeting Abbot Herbert room 7.30 p m
Meeting on the future of our Deanery Archbishop's consultation 7.30pm (*see below*)

Wednesday: Confirmation 7.30 p m with the Archbishop.

Friday: - *Divine Mercy prayers* 11.00 a m in the Adoration chapel everyone welcome.

Saturday: Pro-life chain on Churchill Way opposite Lidl 11.00 to 1 pm.

NEXT SUNDAY: Family *Rota of Prayer* Lancaster family 46 Westgate.
Journey in Faith 4.30 – 5.30pm *Youth Group* 7 – 9pm

A Meeting about the future of our deanery Tuesday 25th April at 19:30, either in the library or in Church if we need more space. Our Archbishop Malcolm McMahon wants to know how we think about our deanery with the certainty that there will be fewer priests available in the future. He has written us a letter that was given out last week. If anyone would like a copy of this letter ask Fr Jonathan. Come to this important meeting. *Anyone who had not received this letter may find it on the website under Bulletins: then scroll down to Important Issues and it is the first on the list.*

Note the dates for 1st Holy Communion: on the Sundays there will be one morning mass at 10am / Sunday 14 May (SAP) Saturday 20 May (SCP) Sunday 21 May (SMP)

WAY OF LIFE

The risen Lord is Mercy itself and all Power. Today he gives his Mercy to the Church through ordained and consecrated Priests who are able fully to forgive sins of others, something only God can do. Many sinners today will receive forgiveness for sins they thought could never be forgiven on Divine Mercy Sunday.

REFLECTION God has already forgiven every sin however serious it may seem; for us to receive personally that forgiveness and know for sure we are forgiven, we need to let the divine doctor heal us in the sacrament.

WORD OF LIFE Rekindle hope As they walked, the stranger helped them understand the meaning of what had happened, based upon Scripture. It rekindled hope in their hearts. When they reached Emmaus, they urged him to join them for supper: 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening.' While at table together, the stranger blessed the bread and shared it with them. This gesture opened their eyes to who he was: the man once crucified and dead was now risen!

The two of them immediately changed their plans. They went back to Jerusalem to find the other disciples and tell them the great news.

We too can be disillusioned, appalled, disheartened by a terrible feeling of powerlessness in the face of injustices done to the innocent and defenceless. Our own lives have their share of pain, uncertainty, darkness... How we would like to transform it all into peace, hope, light for ourselves and for others!

Do we want to meet Someone who can understand us to the core of our being, Someone who can shed light upon our journey through life?

Jesus, the God-man, freely accepted to experience the tunnel of pain as we do, to meet each of us in the depths of our situations. He felt physical pain, but he also felt inner pain: from betrayal by his friends to the point even of feeling forsaken by that very God he had always called Father (*see Mt 27:46; Mk 15:34*). Through his unshakeable faith in the love of God, he overcame such immense pain, entrusting himself once more to the Father (Lk 23:46), and from the Father he received new life. *The Word of Life available in full in front is of the piety shop (New City), & the website.*

Greater Manchester Citizens Assembly 1st May, 2017, 2-4pm The Lowry Theatre

Greater Manchester Citizens is the newest chapter of Citizens UK. 1800 citizens will gather to seek pledges from the Greater Manchester Mayoral candidates on a range of issues, Fr Jonathan hopes to attend and see if it is something we could be involved in. He needs help: Please offer to come and see him and the boards...

Walter Courtney and family send their thanks to all our friends in the parish for the overwhelming number of cards of sympathy and mass offerings and the many personal expressions of condolence received in memory of Maureen. May the Lord bless you all.