



ST MARY OF THE ANNUNCIATION, LITTLEBOROUGH

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - PSALTER WEEK 3

Education Sunday

"Stay with us, Lord, on our journey."

Sunday, 10th September 2017

THE POPE'S MISSION INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER (Parishes) -

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

MASS READINGS

1st Reading – Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm – 94

2nd Reading – Romans 13:8-10

Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK (Or as announced)

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 9.15am

SATURDAY: Vigil Mass of Sunday 6.30pm

SUNDAY: Mass 11.00am

ROSARY in church on **WEDNESDAY** evenings at **7.00pm** – **ALL WELCOME**

CONFESSIONS - Saturday – 5.45pm-6.15pm, Sunday – 10.15am-10.45am

BAPTISMS - Sunday 2pm (*by appointment only*)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION (BEFORE BOTH WEEKEND MASSES) –

Saturday 5.15pm-6.15pm, Sunday 10.15am-10.45am

SILENCE DURING EXPOSITION PLEASE

Please pray for the Sick of the Parish -

Maureen Lawlor, Frank Blake, Angel Rose Leahair (child), Irene Wadsworth, Pat Leah, Terence Condon, Patricia Boylan, Angus McPherson, Vincent Ward, Anthony McCarron, Christine Wildman, Ron Clarke, Susan O'Donnell, Vanessa Mennella, Eileen Garvey, Bill Whittaker, Bridie Greenwood, Teresa Williams, Manfred Eckhardt, Cath Blake

Lately Dead: Jim Walsh, Christine Greenwood, Margaret Spencer, Conn Walsh, Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor

Anniversaries (September): (10th) Michael Connor, Raymond Thomas Greenwood; (11th) Lawrence Lambert, Thomas McCarron; (12th) Teresa Hayhurst, William N. Ayres, Patrick Joseph Foley; (13th) Gary Anthony Ratcliffe, Joan Doyle; (14th) Margaret Vinnicombe; (15th) Ivan Stuttard; (16th) Eileen North, Bernard Dronsfield

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN

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NOTICES, NEWS & FISCALS

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN: Key Stage 1 & 2 children are welcome to attend the new *Liturgy of the Word with Children* starts Sunday, 12th September at 11am Mass and continuing most Sundays. Pre-school may attend **with an adult**. The children will hear the Gospel in a way that is more appropriate to their ages. This will take place in a separate room during the adult liturgy - returning in time for the Offertory.

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM MASS - Friday, 22nd September, 7.00pm, in church followed by refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.

NB: There will be **NO** morning Mass on this day.

Thank You

St. Patrick's, Rochdale and St. Mary's parishioners joint function on **Saturday, 14th October** in **St. Patrick's RC Primary, 7.30pm for 8.00pm.**

Cost: £10.00 per person, bring your own alcohol.

Please put names down at the back of church if interested, the menu is also available. *Thank You*

THANK YOU from LILY!! Thank you to everyone who came and supported the *Coffee Morning* for Springhill Hospice on Sunday, 27th August

organised by Lily Bradley (Aged 8). **Over £400.00** was raised on the day!

COUNTING - TEAM 3 (meet Monday): Judith & Ann **CLEANING – TEAM 1 (meet Fridays): Volunteers needed**

MASSES 16th/17th September 2017

READERS: Saturday Vigil Mass - P.Dungworth/T. Murphy; Sunday 11.00am Mass - A. Gunn/P. Regan

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS: A new Eucharistic Ministers rota will be available shortly, please be patient, thanks

COLLECTIONS (Last weekend) - GA: £347.00 Loose: £142.41 Total: £489.41 Attendance: 127

Newsletters - Please take extra copies of the Newsletter to our housebound parishioners

Mobile Phones - Please switch mobile phones OFF before coming into church

Loop System/Wheelchair accessible

PARISH CENTRE ACTIVITIES - NB: Some Parish Centre activities are suspended until September

MONDAY – Keep-Fit 1.45pm-3.15pm, Karate 6.30pm-8.00pm

TUESDAY - Bridge Group 10-12noon, Bingo 1.30pm, U3A Singing Group 2-3pm, Craft Group 7-9pm

WEDNESDAY - Lacemakers 7pm-9pm, Zumba with Caroline 7.30pm-8.15pm

FRIDAY – Zumba Basic 10.30am-11.15am, Helen O'Grady Drama 4pm-7pm, Friday Night Dancing 7.30pm – with bar – all welcome

SATURDAY – Helen O'Grady Drama "Kindly" Class 10.00am

PARISH CONTACTS -

Parish Administrator: Kath T: 378261 **Office Hours** – Monday, Tuesday, Friday 10-12noon

Parish Centre Caretaker/Manager: Angela T: 372990/T: 379480 for all Parish Centre enquiries

Repository: Rose T: 378344 for enquiries about repository items outside of Mass times

Gift Aid: Judith T: 372329

Safeguarding: Maureen Mob: 07850 416963, Pauline T: 838736

RAMBLINGS - 10th SEPTEMBER 2017 - 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Has anyone ever counted how many feast days are allocated to Our Lady throughout the year? By my own quick reckoning it should 14, including next week, **Tuesday, 12th The Most Holy Name of Mary** and **Friday, 15th Our Lady of Sorrows**. However, I'm sure there will be someone who will challenge that figure. Any offers (feasts of Our Lady in the General Liturgical Calendar through the year?) On Friday we celebrated the **Nativity of Mary** - but while we praise God for Mary our Holy Mother and Mother of Our Saviour we thank God for the gift that God gave to the world through Mary - she became the mother of Jesus, Son of God, Saviour of the world. And we hear in the Gospel of Friday (*Matt 1:10-16, 18-23*) that the gift was given to Mary through the Holy Spirit.

The same Holy Spirit is given to us in the world today. Mary was faithful to the gift she received - in her body, in her work, in her daily life of holiness and prayer and, in her remarkable ordinary life she was unremittingly faithful to her calling. Mary's life was in response to the action of the Holy Spirit in her. May the Holy Spirit enable us to discern his power at work in our lives as He was in Mary's life.

School term has begun, but as yet (Wednesday evening) I have no dates for Masses in school. So listen to the announcements at the end of Mass today - I expect there to be one or two school or class Masses arranged for some time soon. Our prayers for the school at the beginning of the new academic year - for Mrs. Ruane and all members of staff and all pupils and their families. May Our Lady bless all in St. Mary's in the School Year. *Fr. Arthur*