

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday 15th March Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 4.30pm	StJ	Mass	Kathleen & Vincent Unsworth Anniv.
Sun. 9.30	StJ	Mass	Grace Speakman Anniversary
Sun. 11.00am	SH	Mass	Catherine Ellis

Tuesday 17th March Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland

12.00 noon	SH	Mass	Norman Kelleher R.I.P.
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Wednesday 18th March Weekday of Lent

12.00noon	StJ	Mass	Boone & Campbell Families
7.00pm	StJ	Stations of the Cross	

Thursday 19th March Solemnity of St Joseph

12.00noon	StJ	Mass	Miriam Wilson Anniversary
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Friday 20th March Weekday of Lent

12.00noon	SH	Funeral Mass	Maurice Cunliffe
2.00pm	StJ	Funeral Service	Bernard Batchegalup

Saturday 21st March Weekday of Lent

10.00am	StJ	Exposition & Reconciliation	
12.00 noon	StJ	Mass	Catherine Ellis
12.30pm	StJ	Reconciliation	

Sunday 22nd March Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sat. 4.30pm	StJ	Mass	John Thompson R.I.P.
Sun. 9.30	StJ	Mass	Maureen Gallagher Anniversary
Sun. 11.00am	SH	Mass	Brian McDonagh R.I.P.



PASTORAL AREA TEAM

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Newsletter for the Parish of St. Edmund Arrowsmith

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Sacred Heart
St Joseph's

Former Churches:

Twelve Apostles
Our Lady of the Rosary

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR A

15th March 2020

Synod Theme 4: Building community, nurturing belonging

Having reflected on the situation, how our Faith informs us, and what needs to be done in order to become the Church God is calling us to be; the proposals for action submitted by our parish to Synod 2020 on the Theme *Building community, nurturing belonging* are as follows:

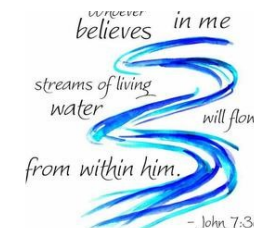
Proposal 1 Create more crossover opportunities for liturgy between schools and parishes to develop intergenerational worship

Proposal 2 Develop parish steering groups that support priests and respond to local pastoral and spiritual need, with appropriate vetting and training

Proposal 3 Explore new avenues of lay ministry, particularly for women, through looking at how communities in the developing world have responded to the twin issues of large geographical areas and low clergy numbers

Proposal 4 Create an Archdiocesan post to study the change in communities, how to manage that change and to develop new ways of being community – this should be a post held by a lay person

Proposal 5 To introduce the Pastoral Assistant role across the Archdiocese



PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS INTENTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Eileen Boardman, Sarah Byrne, Vernon Byrne, Angela Cunliffe, Lily Farrimond, Catherine Hoy, Vinnie Johnson, David Nicholson, Joe O'Rourke, John & Theresa Ryder, Leonard Sanderlands, Mark Shannon, Grace Speakman, Edna Smith, Fr Francis Smith, Thanksgiving.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

This week the Sanctuary Lamp at St Joseph's will burn in remembrance of : Terry Donohue, Sylvia Withington and at Sacred Heart will burn in remembrance of deceased parishioners

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bernard Batchegalup, Maurice Cunliffe, Eternal rest grant unto them....

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND LIST

Please remember in your prayers:
Winifred Beattie, George Cartledge, Edward Conway, Sr. Teresa Frost, Peter Galoway, Sr. Megan Hainsley, Josie Howes, Kitty Jones, Gerald Warren

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sacred Herat every Thursday after midday Mass
St Joseph's Wednesday evenings **7.00pm**

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

PARISH TOTAL £1,436.73
Many thanks for your continued generosity
Next weeks collection will be on behalf of Nugent.

Lent "CAFÉ" Meetings at Sacred Heart Hindley Green

During Lent there will be a series of CAFÉ Meetings at Sacred Heart, Hindley Green. The meetings are designed to help us think about our faith during Lent and involve discussion groups, DVD presentations, and prayer. They will take place in the meeting room at Sacred Heart on the following Saturday afternoons at 2.00pm – March 14th, March 21st, March 28th – with the final session taking place on Sunday April 3rd at 2.00pm. Everyone welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION

Cards and small gifts are now available on the table at the back of Sacred Heart Church.

CONFESSATHON

Saturday 21st March, St Joseph's Church

10.00am - 11.45 Confession 12.00 noon Mass 12.30pm - 1.30pm Confession

GIFT AID

Gift Aid envelopes are now available to collect from the church porch. If you would like to sign up for Gift Aid there are forms available. If you are a tax payer, it is a good way to increase your donation to the Church, without any extra cost to yourself.

CAFOD LENTON REFLECTIONS

There are a series of CAFOD Lenten Reflections that will be held after exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday mornings at St Richard's. Each week there will be a different theme, relating to the Gospel of the weekend and the writings of Pope Francis and use reflections provided by CAFOD from all the places throughout the world where they try to help. Each reflection begins at 10.00am. All are welcome.

40th ANNIVERSARY OF ASSASSINATION OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO: ROMERO MASSES

Sunday 29th March 11am at St Gregory's, Weld Bank, Chorley, PR7 3NW. Clare Dixon will speak at Mass. Sunday 29th March 6pm at Liverpool Hope University Chapel L16 9JD at which the Archbishop of Liverpool will preside. The relic of Romero will be venerated. At 7.15 Clare Dixon, Head of CAFOD's Latin America Department/Romero Trust will speak on Romero Forty Years On. All Welcome to Mass or simply come to the talk.

WALSINGHAM 2020

Can people, who have not already paid the full balance. Please do so as soon as possible. Please pay Teresa Thompson, Margaret Hawkins or the flower shop in Smith St Atherton.

We will be having Mass on Easter Monday at 9.00am at St Richard's Church.

CORONA VIRUS

Following the latest guidelines from the Bishops of England & Wales, we have been asked to remove all hymn books and only use the Mass sheets once, Coffee Mornings have to be suspended and all handles cleaned before and after all services. Can Eucharistic Ministers please ensure that you sanitise your hands before and after distributing holy communion and the Host is NOT to be received on the tongue. The offertory collection will be taken after Mass, baskets have not to be passed around the congregation and there will be a basket labelled for special collections. Anyone with cold or flu symptoms to refrain from attending liturgy, reconciliation or other public events. They may have an ordinary cold but equally it is important to ensure a precautionary approach. Those most vulnerable to refrain from large parish gatherings and stay at home. Thank you all for your patience in these trying times.

LIVE STREAM MASS

In our Archdiocese of Liverpool, St Gregory's Church, Chorley live stream its 9.30, 11.00 morning Masses as well at its 6.30 evening Mass. The Parish Priest is Fr. Graeme Dunne who was Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Leigh for several years. I encourage you to visit this live stream of Sunday Mass. The website address: www.stgregoryschorley.org.uk

V E DAY CELEBRATIONS

with the popular DAVIES SISTERS and 'A' Train Swing,
(40's Fancy Dress Optional)
Saturday 2nd May 7-30pm ,

VENUE Leigh Miners Kirby St (Off Twist Lane) Leigh.
Tickets £10 including Supper, available from RATCLIFFES BIKE SHOP, Chapel St Leigh, and Wigan & Leigh Pensioners Link, 27 Hope St. Leigh . for esquires ring Pauline 01942 604603.