



## **GOSPEL REFLECTION.**

*All four Gospels remind us that Jesus sent out his disciples to preach the Good News. For Luke, who wrote his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, the Church is continually expanding. Sometimes this doesn't like it is happening in today's world, but we are called to be the Lord's disciples today and share the Good News in whatever we can. We may not always agree with those around us, but here there is always a common ground. So let us never be afraid to say, as Jesus has told us, that "the Kingdom of God is very near."*

## **DONATIONS TO UKRAINE.**

*To donate, text:*

**HELPUKRAINE to 70085 to donate £2.**

**HELPUKRAINE to 70450 to donate £3.**

**HELPUKRAINE to 70460 to donate £5.**

**HELPUKRAINE to 70470 to donate £10.**

*Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.*

## **LEGION OF MARY.**

*Members of the Legion of Mary have offered to visit any parishioners who are sick or housebound at the moment. If you know of anyone in the Parish who would welcome a visit from the Legion of Mary, please let Fr. Paul or Deacon Ken know as soon as possible. We will then give the names and addresses to the Legion of Mary. Please make sure you get their permission first.*

## **ROSA MYSTICA DAY.**

*A special Prayer Gathering will take place in St. Mary's Church, Standishgate, Wigan, in honour of Our Lady, Mother of the Church. The day, which takes place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July, will begin with Confessions at 11am (until 11.45am), followed by Mass at 12noon. After a lunch break there will be a procession, devotions and Benediction. .*

## **SVP MEETING.**

*The next meeting of the Deanery SVP Group will take place in St. Richard's, Atherton, on Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am (after the 10.30am Mass). All welcome.*

## **ANOINTING OF THE SICK.**

*Whilst it can be a very sad moment in a family's life, the Sacrament of Anointing is one of the most wonderful sacraments in the Church, when we pray for God's healing and peace on those who are very poorly. Sadly, during the pandemic, it hasn't always been easy to administer this sacrament, due to Covid restrictions. However, if you know of someone who may need the Sacrament of the Sick, please try your best to contact a priest as soon as you can. We are very short of priests in these times, so it won't always be easy to contact one of the priests. Please do not leave it until the last moment of a person's life to call for a priest. The Sacrament of Anointing can be celebrated at any time.*

## **CONFIRMATIONS 2022.**

*An early notice that we will be welcoming the new Bishop Tom Neylon to the Deanery in October when he will help us celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with the young people. The dates are October 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> and all three services will take place in St. Joseph's Church, Leigh.*

## **COVID RESTRICTIONS.**

*You will have seen on the news that Covid cases are on the rise once again. Hopefully it won't be too bad, but it's just a reminder that we need to still be careful. So face coverings are still strongly recommended at this time and the opportunity to sanitize hands, before and after Mass, should continue. We are keeping some parts of the church socially distanced for those who may feel vulnerable. Covid guidelines will continue to be reviewed by the Archdiocese.*

## **Response to the Psalm....**

*"Cry out with joy to God all the earth."*

