

Gospel Reflection.

The parable we hear in this week's gospel deals with the healing of hurts between people, that is, the way to resolve differences, to heal the breaches that often come between members of families and members of churches, to dissolve the resentments and settle the bitter feuds and the fights that sometimes break out.

But now we want to speak about forgiving one another; the only way to break through the resentment barrier that separates us from each other. Forgiveness, of course, is the virtue we most enjoy, and least employ, in our Christian experience. We all love to be forgiven -- we expect it, and want it. But we find it a struggle to forgive; we resist it, and refuse often to do it.

Jesus is telling us that forgiveness occurs when we stop saying, "Look what you're doing to me," and start saying, "What can I do to relieve your hurt?" That is when we forgive, when we are no longer concerned about self, but are concerned about what we are doing to someone else as retaliation for what they have done to us.

The Legion of Mary

Weekly prayer meetings at 7pm on Thursday evening in the Gordon room, everyone welcome and find out more about the work of the Legion. Please join us to pray the Rosary before Mass on Wednesday at 10am also the first Sunday of every month at 10-30am. Members of the Legion also available to say the Rosary at the Chapel of Rest on request.

First Saturday of each month at Sacred Heart Church, next time 7th October 2023.

Details as follows: 10.00am - 10:30am Reconciliation and Exposition (whilst praying the rosary) 10:30am – Mass.

All are welcome to attend. Coffee and tea will be available in the Gordon Room after Mass.

New Altar Servers

Calling all boys and girls who have made their First Communion! If you would be interested in serving at the Altar and helping our current servers, I would be really glad to hear from you.

Serving the Lord at Mass is a privilege and brings great rewards; it would be lovely to see new faces to enhance our current team of servers. So, if you are interested, please see Fr Carl after any Mass.

Communion of Both Kinds.

We have now reintroducing the chalice at Holy Communion. There is no obligation to receive from the chalice and it's advised not to receive from the chalice if you are feeling unwell. The Bishops have asked that 'intinction' (dipping the host into the chalice) is not to be practiced, but we are still to receive the host in the hand as this is more hygienic for those who distribute the host.

Card Class – S Richard's Club

The card class has resumed on Thursday's at 10.00am in St Richards club.

Calling all Knitters and Crochets.

Can you help to knit or crochet orange flowers for 'The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women' in November, we want to create a display of orange flowers for Leigh Parish Church, where we will also be holding a candle lit vigil.

See Poster in porch for further information and patterns.

Wigan Musical Theatre Group are presenting an authentic Victorian Music Hall

In St.Michael's Hall, Shaw Street Wigan, Thursday to Saturday 13th October 2023.

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