

Gospel Reflection.

We are rarely asked for a cup of water, as most of us would in this modern world have a small plastic bottle! But the rewards promised by Jesus extend beyond individual almsgiving to those who work for others in a thousand hidden ways, for instance maintaining our water system, or caring for public hygiene, as civil servants, plumbers, engineers, scientists and street-cleaners. We live in a more complex society, but the same care and generosity are found in all walks of life, wherever people devote themselves to the service of others.

Let us thank therefore all those people who quietly work in the background of our parish, our community and throughout the world. Give us Lords the grace and willingness to serve other.

Confirmations 2023.

The opportunity to register online for Confirmation this year officially closed in March. However, any young people, Year 8 and over, may still be able to receive the Sacrament by contacting Fr Carl. If any of you have young people amongst your families who are not aware of this, please let them know.

The Legion of Mary

Weekly prayer meetings at 7pm on Thursday evenings in the Gordon Room, at Sacred Heart Church. Everyone welcome to come and find out more about the work of the Legion.

Please join us to pray the Rosary every Wednesday in Sacred Heart Church at 10am before Holy Mass at 10-30am.

Also on the 1st Sunday of every month at 10-30am before the Holy Mass at 11am.

Members of the Legion of Mary are also available to pray the Rosary for a deceased loved one at a Chapel of Rest on request.

Flower help needed.

Help is needed at Sacred Heart with the flowers for church, the ladies who do them are not well, they wouldn't mind helping or giving someone tuition. Please contact Deacon Ken.

Communion of Both Kinds.

We have now reintroduced 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.

Volunteering in our parish

We are reminded in today's gospel the value of serving others. Our churches at both St Richard's and Sacred Heart are always happy to welcome volunteers to help in any way they can. Our churches can only work properly if we have the kindness of the community. So, if you feel you have something to offer, even in the smallest of ways please contact Fr Carl in the first instance.

Margaret McLoughlin – Funeral Arrangements.

It is with sadness that I have heard this week of the death of Margaret McLoughlin. I have been in contact with Fr. John who has kindly informed me of the funeral arrangements for Margaret. Margaret who died on Sunday 25th June.

Requiem Mass will be at St. Stephen's Church, Orford, Warrington (WA2 9HS) on Thursday 6th July at 12noon and her burial will be at Leigh Road Cemetery (Atherton) at 2pm.

Anyone wishing to attend will be very welcome.