

Upcoming Parish Social Events

We are always looking for help with organising events. Please contact John Chantry on 07885421869 or email john.chantry.23@btinternet.com

16 March – Coffee Morning/200 Club Draw
16 March – Mass for the Sick and Housebound
17 March – St Patrick's Night Party
6 April – Film Club - 2pm, Parish Centre
14 April – Easter Celebration
20 April – Coffee Morning/200 Club Draw
28 April – St George's Night Party
4 May – Film Club - 2pm, Parish Centre
18 May – Coffee Morning/200 Club Draw
9 June – Summer Ball
16 June – Afternoon tea
3 August – BBQ
20 September – Quiz Night
19 October – Race Night

Women's World Day of Prayer Service

The Women's World Day of Prayer Service which was held in our parish centre last Friday was an outstanding success. It was uplifting to see so many people from all the different local churches (and none), as they joined together in prayer and praise. We were very fortunate in having several VIP guests attend, including our MP Mark Menzies and the deputy Mayor and Mayoress (who want to come to our next event, they enjoyed it so much!). Huge thanks must go to the pupils of both St Bede's School and St. Peter's School in Lytham who were totally amazing and contributed so much to the lively atmosphere of the service. Very special guests, Honor and Monica from Huyton, delivered a wonderful presentation based on their trip to Suriname. They were so very much appreciated. But as always, nothing works without the support and enthusiasm of the many volunteers from our brilliant parish. Thank you one and all.

St. Patrick's Night Special

Just twelve days left for you to clear any other engagements in your diaries, dig out your greenery, and buy your tickets for this annual night of laughter and song. Tickets have been going like hot cakes. Get yours after 9.30am Mass today, before 11am Mass, or after 6.30pm Mass. And if you can't manage to do that, then ring me asap on 728819 . . . when they're gone, they're gone. To be sure!

Your News!

Please email info@ourladystarofthesea.co.uk for news to be included in the bulletin or website. Alternatively, pass onto Fr Peter.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 11th

9.30 Maureen Crawford R.I.P.
11.00 Ron Ambler R.I.P.
6.30 People of the Parish

Monday 12th

10.00 James Johnson

Tuesday 13th

10.00 Private Intention

Wednesday 14th

10.00 Hilary Tapley R.I.P.

Thursday 15th

10.00 Ann Shanagher
(Requiem Mass)

Friday 16th

10.00 Norah Walker
(Requiem Mass)
14.00 Delma Lewis
Mass for Sick
& Housebound

Saturday 17th

12.00 Paddy Kilbane R.I.P.

Sunday 18th

9.30 People of the Parish
11.00 Mark Charlesworth R.I.P.
6.30 Infirm Clergy

TODAY'S READINGS

Reading- 2Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
Psalm- Ps 136 r. 6
Reading 2- Eph 2:4-10
Gospel Acc- John 3: 1
Gospel- John 3:14-21

PLEASE PRAY FOR

All who are sick and housebound and especially

Rose Moss, Norah Ince, Rose Wilson,
Pauline Coleman, Norah Osborn, Wyn Jenkinson,
Elaine Anne Acton-Reid, Bill Murphy, Helen Tittle,
Rosemary Saddington, Josie McDonough, Ada Platt,
Gerard Curley, Christine Read, Angela Barnes,
Fr Harry Holden, Don Newsome, Nellie Hosty,
Marie Dugdale, Sadie Everard-Walker,
Marie Palmer, A.A., Bob Blundell, Sarah Bone,
Peggy Alston, Denis Parkinson, Chris Horan,
Anne Hepes, Donald O'Shea.

Our Lady of Lourdes Pray for them, Amen.

All who died recently:

Ann Shanagher, Norah Walker.

And whose anniversaries are at this time:

Joan Mary Martens, Mary Caine, May Strickland,
Camilla Maria McKenna, George Gomolla,
Freida Collinge, Harry Edwardson, Tom Stafford,
Catherine Dring, Bernard Hughes, Jack Loughnan,
Mary E Monaghan, Eileen Matthews, Therese Seed,
Mary Ellen Strickland, Frank Nickson, Joan Sharples.

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on the Saturdays of Lent at 11.15am starting on 24th February.

Feast Day this week

Saturday St. Patrick

Lent Mass in School

Mass will be celebrated in the School Hall at 8.00am on the Fridays of Lent. All welcome.

OTHER LITURGIES

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament- Before 10.00
Weekday Mass

Morning Prayer- Before Mon to Fri 10.00 Mass 09.45

Stations of the Cross – Saturday 11.15

Confessions- Saturday 11.30-12 / Sunday 18-18.30

Parish Finance

Last week's collection raised £884.96 for parish funds. A further £209.00 was received for CAFOD Fast Day and the Bishop's Presentation came to £129.01. Thank you.

Deanery Penitential Service

There will be a Deanery Lenten Penitential Service at St. Joseph's on Tuesday 20th March at 7.00 pm. A number of priests will be available for confession.

Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Paul Swarbrick

Canon Swarbrick will be ordained to the Episcopate and Installed as 7th Bishop of Lancaster in the Cathedral on 9th April at 11.30am. Admission to the Cathedral will be strictly by ticket only. Because of the limited amount of space in the Cathedral Parishes have been allocated 2 tickets only. Those who wish to attend the ordination please let Fr. Peter know and the names will be drawn out of a hat. If you have not got a ticket you should not go to the cathedral on the "off chance" of getting in as you will not be admitted.

SINGING FOR HEALTH & HAPPINESS

Would you like to be part of a friendly daytime Community Choir, you don't have to read music or sing in tune, for people of all abilities and ages who simply love singing. Meeting every Tuesday 10-11.30 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Centre St Albans Rd. Pay what you can afford from £1 to £3 to cover the cost of the Choirmaster and room hire. All Welcome, come along and add your voice.

Churches Together in St Annes

There will be a meeting to establish the Lay Partnership of Churches Together in St Annes in the Small Hall at St Thomas' Church on Friday 13th April at 7.30 pm. Most of the Clergy have already indicated that they favour the following proposals which were circulated in February:

- 1 Churches Together in St Annes will consist of two informal groups, the Clergy Fraternity and, a new group, the Lay Partnership.
- 2 The Lay Partnership will meet 2 or 3 times a year to promote co-operation and joint activities between the various Christian Churches in St Annes on the Sea. It is hoped that one or two volunteers from each church in St Annes will come to the meetings of the Lay Partnership.
- 3 The two groups will aim to arrange one joint meeting a year.
- 4 The idea is that things will be kept simple and informal, there will be no need for legal existence, a bank account, officers, minutes etc.
- 5 The Lay Partnership could produce a leaflet outlining the joint activities which we already have and help to promote them. The Lay Partnership could come up with other ideas and submit them to the Clergy Fraternity for comment and approval. One idea would be to produce a joint Christmas Card/Leaflet with details of all the main Christmas services of all the churches on it and this could be distributed to as many houses as possible in the town with each church taking responsibility for certain roads.

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Free English Lessons

Free English Lessons for Beginners and those with some knowledge. All are invited to join the classes held at the Parish Centre on St. Albans Road on Mondays 1.30pm to 3.00pm and Mondays 7.00pm to 8.30pm. All nationalities welcome. If interested please come along or call Lesley Turner 07840 924882 or Sheila O'Brien 01253 725680. For more info email: englishconversationfree@gmail.com or text Lesley on 07840 924882.

Ecumenical Lent Course

An Ecumenical Lent Course will be held throughout Lent and it will consist of 5 sessions. There will be a morning session on Thursdays from 9 till 10 at the United Reformed Church and an afternoon session on Wednesdays from 2.30 to 3.30 at St. Thomas'.

Also a session on Monday 7:30pm-9pm at the United Reformed Church. Please note that that the Course begins the first week of Lent so the first session will be on Monday 19th February. The theme of the Course is "That they all may be free."

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

This years pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place 2nd – 5th October. Led by the new Bishop the cost is £280.00. Places are limited so early booking is advisable – to book please ring Paul Briers on 01946 834834. Poster in the church porch.

Adoremus – The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress

It is taking place in Liverpool on Friday 7th to Sunday 9th September 2018. We can send 2 delegates to each of the 2 days. If anyone is interested in attending please speak to Fr. Peter. The cost for delegates will be borne by the parish. If there is enough interest we will arrange a coach from the Deanery to attend the Sunday Mass and Procession. We can choose different delegates to go on the different days, giving more people the opportunity to attend.

The Easter Story – A Celebration – 14th April 5pm

Instead of celebrating our Passover heritage this year we are going to celebrate the Easter Story. The same format as our Advent celebration, - words, music, a three course meal and wine, with many people taking part. The meal is chicken liver pate or vegetable soup, salmon or Julie's famous steak and ale pie, and a selection of deserts.

I have had to slightly increase the price for adults - but not children - as catering costs have increased. So, £13 for adults and £7 for children (up to and including 18 years). If you want to reserve a place, please contact Jane on 07714588068 or 736069

Mass for the Sick and Housebound

Friday 16th March 2.00pm in the Parish Centre. All parishioners are invited to come and make this a special celebration with our sick and housebound parishioners. Perhaps there is someone you could invite and bring along? Sick and Housebound parishioners who need transport please contact Peter Donnelly 721481 and Sheila O'Brien 725680 for refreshments.

Mothers' Prayers

Will be held this Wednesday 14th March at 7pm as usual, in the Blue Room in the parish centre. Please join us to pray for all our children. New faces and visitors are always very welcome. The prayer session takes less than one hour and is always welcoming, friendly and rewarding.