

## SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A), 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### MASS TIMES THIS WEEK :

Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> September :	12 noon
Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> September : Ss. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs	12 noon
Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> September : St Vincent de Paul	NO MASS
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> September : St Lawrence Ruiz & companions	12 noon
Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> September : Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	
(Exposition from 11 a.m.)	12 noon
Saturday, 30 <sup>th</sup> September : St Jerome	12 noon & 6.15 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> October :	10.30 a.m.

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK :

Ss. Cosmas & Damian (Tuesday) : According to tradition, they were twins and doctors who were martyred in Syria c.300. They were known as 'the silverless' because they did not charge fees for their services. A basilica erected in their honour stands not far from the Colosseum in Rome. Cosmas and Damian are both listed among the saints in the Canon of the Mass (First Eucharistic Prayer).

St Vincent de Paul (Wednesday) : Born in France in 1604, he became a parish priest in Paris where he founded the Vincentians for the formation of the clergy and the relief of the poor. He also established the congregation of the Sisters of Charity. His work inspired Frederick Ozanam to set up in 1833 the St Vincent de Paul Society which to the present day continues to work for the welfare of the poor and disadvantaged.

St Lawrence Ruiz & companions (Thursday) : Born in the Philippines in Manila in 1600, Lawrence became a Dominican priest and travelled to Japan. He was arrested, taken to Nagasaki and executed in 1637. He is the first Filipino martyr; in all, sixteen Dominican were martyred in that persecution.

**Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (Friday)** : The feast of the archangels celebrates God's constant care for his people and intervention in their lives. The names of the archangels reveal different aspects of God's care : Michael means '*One Who is like God*', Gabriel means '*Strength of God*' and Raphael '*God heals*'. The archangel Michael is venerated as captain of the heavenly army victorious over Satan, and also as protector of the Church and helper of the sick and the dying. Gabriel announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and foretold the birth of Jesus and her motherhood to the young Blessed Virgin Mary. His greeting to Mary at the Annunciation, 'Hail, full of grace', has become one of our most familiar prayers. Raphael took care of Tobias on his journey (as described in the Book of Tobit). He is patron of travellers, of the blind, and of physicians and nurses.

**St Jerome (Saturday)** : Born in Dalmatia in 340, Jerome studied in Rome and became secretary to Pope Damasus I. He set about translating the Bible into Latin and promoted the monastic life. He settled in Jerusalem where he trained others in scriptural studies, living to be eighty years of age.

**OBITUARY** : Please pray for the repose of the soul of Connie Dunne who died recently. A parishioner of St Alban's, Connie regularly attended Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass on Fridays here at Sacred Heart and was a very committed member of the Legion of Mary and various prayer-groups, devoting her life to the practice of her faith. We offer our condolences to Connie's family and pray that she will now rest in the peace of the risen Lord. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Alban's on Wednesday at .....

**ANNIVERSARIES** : Please remember in your prayers all whose anniversaries occur about this time including : Thomas Hargreaves, Hilda Doyle, John Hewitt, Herbert Brennan, Mary Hibbins, Kathleen Banks, Robert Alexander Morton, Muriel Birch, George McGarty, Kathleen Harrison, David Tubbs, Irene Wood, Ellen Dineen, Giovanni Marchese, Norah Booth, Eileen Dunn, Arthur Goddard. May they rest in peace.

**600 CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS** : It is time to renew subscriptions for the next 12 months in advance of the first draw in October. Please visit the table at the back of the church before or after Mass either this weekend or next. Many thanks to our loyal members who have supported this draw over

the years. New members will be warmly welcomed to the monthly draw. The cost is just £12 for the year and there is a monthly first prize of £100 and also a twice-a-year enhanced jackpot prize. But you've got to be in it to win it!

**HARVEST FAMILY FAST-DAY** is coming up a week on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October.

**HARVEST CELEBRATION SUNDAY (8<sup>th</sup> October)** : Both St Silas' and Sacred Heart will celebrate Harvest at their respective 10.30 services on this day. Afterwards, members of the St Silas' congregation will join us in the Parish Room for refreshments. For our Mass, Fr Jim would like us to provide suitable produce to be taken up as offerings: fresh fruits and vegetables (anything home-grown would obviously be especially appropriate) and also canned goods such as soups, fruit and vegetables. These items may be dropped off in advance at midday on the Friday or Saturday or brought along to Sunday Mass on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**'HOPE IN THE FUTURE'** : Pope Francis urges us all to be aware of the poverty, isolation and marginalisation of people around us. On 4<sup>th</sup> October, Salford Diocese will launch *'Hope in the Future'*, a project with the focus on how each parish can become a missionary parish. Bishop John would like every parish to be represented. If you would like to represent our parish on that day, please contact Fr Jim.

**PARISHES' AMALGAMATION MEETING** : Following productive meetings with parishioners of both Sacred Heart and St Anne's in recent weeks, there will be a final joint meeting to be held at St Anne's Church next Saturday morning (7<sup>th</sup> October) at 10.30. Parishioners of both communities are warmly invited to attend to discuss the finer details of the forthcoming amalgamation.

**'LIVING FAITH'** : Copies of the latest edition of this popular little bedside book covering the period October – December are now available from the tables at the back of the church priced at just 50p. The book contains reflections and prayers for each day linked to the Mass readings of the day.

**DIARY DATES** :

**KNIT 'N' NATTER** group afternoon tea at Waddow Hall, Clitheroe on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Departure from the car park will be at 2 p.m. Please add your

**name(s) to the list on the notice-board if you would like to go. All welcome. You don't need to be a regular attender at the Monday meetings to join the party.**

**MARY'S BIG QUIZ will be held in the Parish Room on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October. Full details are on the notice-board where you should please sign up if you are intending to come and enjoy a fun quiz and relaxing evening.**

**TAPAS NIGHT CANAL CRUISE : Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October from the Riley Green marina. We already have 23 names so the boat will be ours for the evening. There is still room for a few more passengers – just add your name(s) to the list on the notice-board. Catering on these canal cruises is of a high standard and an enjoyable evening out on board 'Romance' is assured.**

**'GUYS & DOLLS' : An early January treat at Manchester's iconic Royal Exchange Theatre for this high-octane musical. Our booking is for Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January. Full details are on the notice-board.**

**BINGO as usual in the Parish Room on Thursday evening at 7.45.**