

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A), 12th November 2017

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION is for the Retired Diocesan Clergy Fund. There are an increasing number of priests now in, or about to be in, retirement who have given many years of diligent service to the Diocese of Salford. Please support this annual appeal as generously as you can.

SERVICES THIS WEEK :

Monday, 13th November : Eucharistic Service 12 noon

Tuesday, 14th November : NO SERVICE

Wednesday, 15th November : St Albert the Great Eucharistic Service 12 noon

Thursday, 16th November : St Margaret of Scotland / St Gertrude NO SERVICE

Friday, 17th November : St Elizabeth of Hungary / St Hilda MASS 12 noon
(Exposition from 11 a.m.)

Saturday, 18th November : The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul
NO MIDDAY MASS 6.15 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday, 19th November : 10.30 a.m.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK :

St Albert the Great (Wednesday) : A great scholar, Albert was born in 1206 and in due course became a Dominican. He was appointed Bishop of Regensburg in 1260. His interest in natural science led him to produce many works on the subject and he also wrote much theology. He died in Cologne in 1280.

St Margaret of Scotland (Thursday) : Born in 1045, she was married to King Malcolm III of Scotland in 1070. They had eight children. Margaret was famed for her generosity to the poor, setting up hospitals and performing menial acts of charity herself.

St Gertrude (Thursday) : She was born in Thuringia in 1258 and was placed in a Cistercian convent. Gertrude was exemplary in her prayer and displayed a deep awareness of the love of God. She lived for forty-three years.

St Elizabeth of Hungary (Friday) : Born in 1207, the daughter of the King of Hungary, she was married at the age of 14. Following the death of her husband, she embraced a life of poverty, caring for the sick in a hospital which she herself had had built.

St Hilda (Friday) : Born in 614, Hilda became Abbess of Whitby, a great centre of learning in those days. She hosted the Synod of 664, loyally accepting the Synod's decision and following Roman traditions thereafter. She died in 680.

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul (Saturday) : From the twelfth century the dedications of the Vatican Basilica of St Peter and the Basilica of St Paul on the Via Ostiense have been kept on this day.

'GUYS & DOLLS' theatre payments are now due and should be paid by next Sunday, 19th November please. The cost including coach fare is £42.00. The date of the trip is Tuesday, 9th January.

ANNIVERSARIES : Please remember in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur about this time including : Harry Waddington, Vincent Hargreaves, Marie Gallagher, Joan Crewe, Marie Shorrocks, Martin Noone, Joan Hewitt, Ellen Scahill, Thomas Booth, Kitty Gardner, Marie Cooper, Esther Ann Smith, Mary Lynch, John Longworth, Guiseppe Sanna, Gertrude Wilson, Thomas Gibson, Ellen Winefride Clark, Eileen Morris, Patrick Casey, Keith Fowler. May they rest in peace.

PARISH LUNCH : Thursday's delicious menu of Somerset sausage casserole followed by scrumptious cherry or apple pie with whipped cream / ice-cream went down a treat with some 40 diners. Our thanks as always to our dedicated catering team. Next month's lunch will be on Thursday, 7th December and will be a traditional two-course Christmas menu. If you haven't already signed up this week, the list for names is on the notice-board. Please note you don't have to be a regular attender at the Parish Lunch to come to this one. All very welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS to Fr Jim on successfully completing his Masters degree in Applied Psychology, of which he received notification this week.

KNIT 'N' NATTER group meeting tomorrow (Monday) afternoon from 2 p.m.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS : Tuesday evening in the Parish Room at 7.30.

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

ST SILAS' AUTUMN FAIR will be held next Saturday, 18th November in the Parish Centre from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. All the usual stalls plus refreshments and a grand raffle. All welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE : We will be holding our annual Twelfth Night Party in the Parish Room on Saturday, 6th January and the list for bookings will be posted next weekend.

FURTHER THANKS to Sister Margaret Mary, Sylvia and Richard for their additional bulb-planting during the week. We look forward to a colourful display of tulips and daffodils in the Spring.

