

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A), 23rd July 2017

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK :

Monday, 24th July :	12 noon
Tuesday, 25th July : St James, Apostle	<u>10.00 a.m.</u>
Wednesday, 26th July : St Joachim & St Anne :	NO MASS
Thursday, 27th July :	12 noon
Friday, 28th July : (Exposition from 11 a.m.)	12 noon
Saturday, 29th July : St Martha	12 noon & 6.15 p.m.
Sunday, 30th July :	10.30 a.m.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK :

St James (Tuesday) : The brother of John and one of the twelve Apostles, James was born at Bethsaida, the son of Zebedee. He is linked closely with Peter and John, the three of them witnessing the Transfiguration of the Lord and also the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was killed by Herod in Jerusalem (44 AD), the first of the Twelve to be martyred. St James is especially venerated in northern Spain at Santiago de Compostella and pilgrims travel from all over Europe on walking pilgrimages to the cathedral there.

Ss. Joachim & Anne (Wednesday) : By tradition they were the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They remind us that the Word truly became flesh in a particular family and our devotion to them is an extension of our love of Mary and her Divine Son.

St Martha (Saturday) : She was the sister of Mary and Lazarus and is recognised in St Luke's Gospel as having received the Lord into the family home with hospitality, choosing to perform the most menial tasks herself. It was at Martha's request that Jesus raised the deceased Lazarus to life. St Martha is a patron of the bereaved and in some places 'Martha Groups' seek

to bring comfort to those in parishes who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

ANNIVERSARIES : Please remember in your prayers all whose anniversaries occur about this time, including : Lily Casey, Bernard Melia (1st anniversaries), Michael Brennan, James Charnley, Frank Charnock, John Francis Hodgkinson, Austin Hibbins, Anne Jepson, Agnes Cafferty, Barbara Ann Watson, Elizabeth Gallagher, John W. Parrington, Dolores Dili Rana, Stanley Wood, Anthony Regan, Jack Osbaldiston, Marie Anderson, Patrick Byrne. May they rest in peace.

'SUNSET BOULEVARD' : We now have at least 23 people wishing to go to see this very popular musical in Manchester on 30th October, so a coach can be safely booked. The list for names on the notice-board remains open for any additional bookings.

HANGING-BASKETS & BEDDING-PLANTS SUPER SUMMER SALE !

Next weekend, Saturday / Sunday, 29th & 30th July :

It's that time of the year again when we support our parish 'Ripple of Hope' Zambia missions project through this bargain-buy opportunity to add some midsummer colour to your gardens or patios. As usual there will be a selection of very colourful hanging-baskets and tubs, along with geraniums and bedding-plants at attractive prices. The non-stop begonias (like those in the church front garden) are especially vibrant this year and are enjoying the sunshine – but don't mind the rain either. Stock up from our display outside the rear door of the Parish Room after Mass next weekend (both Saturday evening and Sunday morning). If our range of baskets and plants does not satisfy demand, orders can be taken for prompt delivery to your home during the week. Please support 'Ripple of Hope' by buying some fresh colour for your garden.

FOODBANK : The summer collection in support of the local foodbank has now begun. The blue bags are in place under the tables at the back of the church to receive donations of the usual types of foodstuffs, including tea, coffee, cereals, canned or packet soups, tinned fruit and vegetables, pasta, etc. Your generous support for previous collections has been greatly appreciated and we

ask that you give whatever help you can this time round during the six weeks of the schools' summer holidays when some families come under pressure to put sufficient food on the table.

YOUNG READERS AT SUNDAY MASS : Very favourable comments have been made on recent occasions when our children have taken an active part in the parish Sunday Mass, either by reading or by participating in the offertory procession. The aim is to make this a regular occurrence every few weeks. If any child of yours would like to do either of the above, please put their name(s) on the list now on the notice-board so that they can be contacted.

NO MOTHERS' PRAYERS this week. The group will next meet the following Tuesday, 1st August, in the Parish Room at 7.30 p.m.

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