

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Pentecost Sunday (Year B), 20th May 2018

FORTHCOMING FEASTS : Next Sunday is Trinity Sunday, when we celebrate the holy trinity of the three persons in one God : the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The following Sunday (3rd June) is the great Eucharistic feast of Corpus Christi when our children on the Sacramental Programme will make their First Holy Communion at the 10.30 Mass.

Also please note that tomorrow (Monday) is the first celebration of a new feast-day, instituted by Pope Francis, of Mary, Mother of the Church. Mass here at Sacred Heart will be celebrated at 12 noon.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK :

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| Monday, 21 st May : St Christopher Magallanes & Companions | 12 noon |
| NEW FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH | |
| Tuesday, 22 nd May : St Rita of Cascia | 12 noon |
| Wednesday, 23 rd May : | 12 noon |
| Thursday, 24 th May : | 12 noon |
| Friday, 25 th May : St Bede the Venerable (Exposition from 11 a.m.) | 12 noon |
| Saturday, 26 th May : St Philip Neri | 12 noon & 6.15 p.m. (Vigil) |
| Sunday, 27 th May : TRINITY SUNDAY | 10.30 a.m. |

MAY MONTHLY DRAW : £100, No.137 Stella Birtwistle; £20, No.87 Eileen Catlow; £10, No.84 Rick & Lisa Neild; £10, No.64 Celia Reed.

ANNIVERSARIES : Please remember in your prayers all whose anniversaries occur about this time including : Veronica Southworth, Bernadette Garstang, Richard Dutton, Con Desmond, James Brindle, Gracy Velmeppilly, Jack Prescott, Mary Cecilia Mercer, Hilda Hargreaves, Alice O'Malley, Sheila Lynch, Maureen Devlin, Dorothy Holt, Michael Francis Kennedy, Kathleen Hayes, Monica Rewaj, John Lynch, Mark Bailey, Richard Yates, Veronica Yates, Nat Charnock, Cecilia Moverley. May they rest in peace

PARISH LUNCH : Thursday's delicious menu of very tender braised steak and mixed vegetables followed by peach melba with raspberry compote and meringues was thoroughly enjoyed by some 30 diners. Our sincere thanks as always to our dedicated catering team. Next lunch Thursday, 14th June.

'ME AND MY GIRL' : Departure for this show at the Grand Theatre, Blackpool a week on Friday, 1st June will be at 6 p.m.

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

FEASTS OF THE WEEK : St Christopher Magallanes (Monday) : This feast recalls the martyrdom of twenty-two priests and three laymen in Mexico between 1915 and 1937. Among them was Christopher Magallanes, a priest who helped to found schools, catechism centres for both children and adults, a seminary and also a newspaper and carpentry shops. He ministered zealously in his hometown in the face of persecution and was arrested and shot without trial on 21st May 1927 while on his way to celebrate Mass.

St Rita of Cascia (Tuesday) : Although she expressed an early desire to enter the religious life, Rita was married at 18. It was to prove a very difficult time for her: her abusive husband suffered a violent death and she lost her two sons also. At the age of 36 she joined the Augustinian monastery in Cascia. She helped to bring peace to her city and never lost her faith in God or her desire to be with him. She is known as the 'saint of the impossible'.

St Bede (Friday) : Born in 673, Bede was educated by the Benedictines and eventually joined the monastery. A man of great learning, he produced many scriptural writings and historical books, most notably the *Ecclesiastical History of the English People*. He worked intensely on interpretation of the Scriptures and is credited with the introduction of the practice of dating events from the Incarnation of Christ (AD).

St Philip Neri (Saturday) : Born in Italy in Florence in 1515, Philip was renowned for his prayerfulness, his sense of joy and his loving compassion for those who came to him for counsel or confession. On arriving in Rome, he had a mystical experience in the catacombs, as the result of which he gathered together a community of friends to look after the sick. This community later became the Oratory with its order of priests known as the Oratorians. Great traditionalists, they prefer to celebrate Mass according to the old rite.