

## SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B), 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018

### MASS TIMES THIS WEEK :

Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July : St Bridget, Patron of Europe	12 noon
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July :	12 noon
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> July : St James, Apostle	12 noon
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> July : Ss. Joachim & Anne	NO MASS
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> July : (Exposition from 11 a.m.) (Funeral Service for Alan Rimmer at 12.45 p.m.)	<u>MASS AT 11.45</u>
Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> July :	12 noon & 6.15 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> July :	10.30 a.m.

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK :

**St Bridget (Monday) :** St Bridget of Sweden was born in 1303 and was the mother of eight children. After the death of her husband, she founded the religious order the Bridgetines. She wrote works describing the mystical experiences she had on a penitential pilgrimage to the Holy Land. She lived to be 70.

**St James (Wednesday) :** The brother of John, James was one of the Twelve. Born at Bethsaida, the son of Zebedee, he was closely linked with Peter and John as the most prominent of the Apostles, witnessing with them the Transfiguration of the Lord and also the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. James was the first of the Twelve to suffer martyrdom, killed by Herod in Jerusalem in 44 AD. He is especially revered in Northern Spain at Santiago de Compostella; pilgrims come from all parts of Europe to walk the pilgrimage way to the cathedral there.

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

**ANNIVERSARIES** : Please remember in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, including : Agnes Kenny, Cyril Pereira, Anthony Gallagher, Jack Clough, Frank Fleming, Frank Martin, John Joseph Whipp, Peggy Moore, Gwendoline Finch, Anthony Regan, Hans Tuchmann, Winifrede Southworth, Peter Standen, Olwen Worden. May they rest in peace.

Please pray also for the repose of the soul of Damian Turner, nephew of John and Margaret Wilcock, who died last weekend and for Alan Rimmer whose funeral service is here at Sacred Heart at 12.45 on Friday. May they now rest in the peace of the risen Lord.

**FOODBANK COLLECTION** : The blue bags are back for the next six weeks of the schools' summer-holiday period. It's worth noting that half of the children helped by foodbanks during the summer holidays are primary-school pupils. Holiday hunger pushes many families into food poverty and insecurity. While many children from low-income families are entitled to free school lunches during term time, there is currently no such provision to cover holidays. A recent report by the all-party parliamentary group examining the issue of hunger found that some children were returning to school after the holidays in a worse educational, health and developmental state than that in which they had ended the summer term. The report found that as many as three million children face the risk of food insecurity this summer. Please give generously as you always do. Thank you.

**PLANTS & HANGING BASKETS SALE TODAY** in support of 'Ripple of Hope', our parish missions project in Zambia. Come to the rear of the Parish Room and pick up a cut-price tub or basket of colourful plants or maybe a tray of geraniums or stunning non-stop begonias to add some extra midsummer colour to your border or patio.

**THEATRE TRIPS** : Two new shows for your consideration :

**'LES MISERABLES'** at the Palace Theatre, Manchester in Spring 2019 (already almost sold out!). Our date is **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March** and we have a maximum of 30 seats reserved. Please book without delay if you wish to go. Full details on the notice-board.

**'WE'LL MEET AGAIN' - a celebration of wartime entertainment to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First World War at the Lowther Pavilion Theatre, Lytham on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> August (7.30 p.m.). The show features a full band, close-harmonies from the 'Bluebirds', and Anthony Mason (frontman of the incomparable 'Café Society' who delighted us in the Parish Room earlier this year). Please sign up via the list on the notice-board for this heart-warming piece of nostalgia.**

**CONGRATULATIONS to Mary and other members of our altar-servers' team who picked up gold and silver awards, presented at a ceremony last weekend by the Mayor of Blackburn with Darwen, for their outstanding work on a young people's community service initiative. Mary's points total was well ahead of the rest and her gold award was the only one achieved. Well done, everyone!**

**'THE TABLET' : This weekly publication available from the table at the back of the church offers a window on the Christian world and stimulating discussion of (sometimes controversial) topics of Catholic interest. You might find it interesting to try a copy. Also available : the weekly Catholic papers, 'The Universe', Catholic Herald and Catholic Times, plus the magazine 'Ireland's Own'.**

**600 CLUB JULY DRAW : £250 (summer jackpot) : Oliver Atkinson; £20, Marie Devoy; £10, Joe Rigby; £10, Bernie Haworth.**

**NO BINGO this week owing to holiday absentees. Normal service resumes the following Thursday.**