

SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B), 18th March 2018

TODAY : Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 4 p.m.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH TOMORROW : We celebrate one the great feasts of the Church tomorrow (Monday), the Solemnity of St Joseph. Mass here at Sacred Heart will be celebrated at 12 noon.

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK :

Monday, 19th March : FEAST OF ST JOSEPH	12 noon
Tuesday, 20th March :	12 noon
Funeral Service for Ann Ibbotson	2.45 p.m.
Wednesday, 21st March :	12 noon
Thursday, 22nd March :	NO MASS
Friday, 23rd March :	(Exposition from 11 a.m.) 12 noon
Saturday, 24th March :	12 noon & 6.15 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday, 25th March : PALM SUNDAY	10.30 a.m.

FEAST OF THE WEEK :

St Joseph (Monday) : Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster-father of Jesus, Joseph was a carpenter and widely recognised as the patron saint of workers (in recognition of which there is a separate feast-day on 1st May). St Joseph is also revered as patron of the dying and his intercession is regularly invoked for a happy death. Although he features prominently in the Gospels, he is mainly to be found in the Nativity story as protector of Mary and the infant Jesus and as the father-figure of the Holy Family. His last recorded appearance in the Gospel is at the well-documented Passover visit to the Temple when Jesus is about 12 years old and, on becoming separated from Mary and Joseph, is found in the Temple 'listening to the doctors and asking them questions'. Our thanks to Maria for once again providing lilies for St Joseph's feast-day.

ANNIVERSARIES : Please remember in your prayers all whose anniversaries occur about this time including : James Brindle, Eileen Blahuta, Dennis Francis Hayes, Margaret Hayes, Harry Melling, Elizabeth O'Halloran, Sylvia Kelly, Henry Fletcher, Claude Ashworth, Jane Gallagher, Joyce Fish, Lucy Clough. May they rest in peace.

OUR LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE will take place on the Tuesday of Holy Week (i.e. next week), 27th March at 7.30 p.m.

GIFT-AID ENVELOPES for the new financial year are now ready to collect from the back of the church. They are to be used from the weekend after Easter (7th/8th April). Many thanks for your continued generous support of the gift-aid scheme.

LEGION OF MARY invite everyone to St Anne's Church next Saturday afternoon (24th March) at 3 p.m. for the ceremony of consecration to Our Lady. There will be rosary, procession, homily and benediction followed by refreshments in the narthex of the church.

PARISH LUNCH : A delicious lunch comprising bacon chops with pineapple sauce, mashed potatoes and a medley of vegetables, followed by cherry or apple pie with whipped cream and ice cream, went down extremely well with 35 diners. Our appreciation as always to our hard-working catering team. The next lunch will be on 19th April, not the previous week as announced at Thursday's lunch.

'LIVING FAITH' : Copies of the latest edition (April-June) of this handy little bedside book, containing daily reflections and short prayers based on the Mass readings of the day, are now available from the table at the back of the church priced just 50p.

APF MISSIONS MAGAZINE : Copies of the Spring edition of the magazine are available at the back of the church. Please feel free to take a copy. There are also large brown envelopes on the ledge below the notice-board for the use of anyone who wishes to empty their red missions box. Please hand in the envelope and your monies at the sacristy when convenient.

FOODBANK : The blue-bags collection (under the tables at the back of the church) will continue for the remainder of Lent. Your generous contributions are greatly appreciated.

DISCLOSURE & BARRING SERVICE (DBS) : If you are involved in any of the ministries at Sacred Heart, you should by now have filled in your details on the registration update form. If you have not already been able to do this, please contact Sheila Ward on 813303 or Mary Mooney (07780 990945) as a matter of urgency. Thank-you.

600 CLUB MARCH DRAW : £100, No.269 Siobhan Neild; £20, No. 169 James Rigby; £10, No.58 Mary Broderick; £10, No.202 Paul Crewe.

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