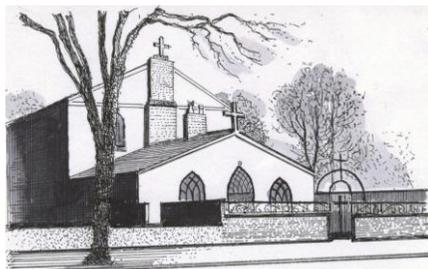


# Our Lady

## Help of Christians



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### 1st SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 2020

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#### MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Al & Pat Appleton
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Dcn Jack Woodruff
Monday	7.30pm	Peter Fehrenback
Tuesday	9.00am	The Martin Family
Wednesday	9.00am	Ann Lowrey
Thursday	9.00am	Susan Glover
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls

#### MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Thanksgiving (MG)
Sunday	9.00am	Barry Leach
	10.30am	People of the Parish

Novena	Wednesday after Mass
Confessions	Saturday 11.00 to 11.30am & 5.30 to 6.00pm
Meditation	Monday after Mass & Saturday 10.15am

Counters team next Sunday - Team D

Tina Bradley Pat O'Neile Anne Edwards John Petford

#### PURIFICATORS NEXT WEEK

Anne Wilson Stella Lavelle

#### GIFT AID AND STANDING ORDERS

For the last couple of years, at about this time, the finance team has made a formal appeal at all weekend masses for additional parishioners to sign up to the parish gift aid scheme and/or to switch their planned giving to standing order payments. Such has been the response to these appeals that for this year at least we do not feel it necessary to repeat it and we would like to record our thanks to all those parishioners who have signed up to either or both arrangements – the initial impact on the parish finances was evident from the 2018 parish accounts recently circulated. However, we have continued to receive a trickle of requests for information/guidance on both, so we would like to repeat that we would be happy to receive further gift aid pledges and standing orders should any parishioner still wish to complete one. To facilitate this, members of the finance team will be available after all masses on 7/8 March to provide the necessary paperwork and offer any further advice or guidance required. (Please note – it is not necessary to be signed up to both arrangements – you may gift aid without paying by standing order; or pay by standing order without signing up to gift aid.)

#### JOHN REILLY

John Reilly lived in this parish for a number of years, latterly in Albany Avenue. Before he died in 2016 he was living with his daughter Amanda. He was very ill and was losing his sight and his hearing but he certainly was not losing his memory. To help him cope with the long days Amanda got him to share memories of his life growing up in Ireland and in the early years living in St Helens. These memories she put in a book which has now been published. I have just finished reading it and found it a fascinating read especially having known him. But I'd say, even if you did not know him, you would thoroughly enjoy it. The book sells on Amazon for £12.50 but Amanda is letting parishioners have it for £5 plus a donation to the parish in John's memory. It is now on sale in the shop and there is a poster advertising it on the notice board.

#### BRAIN SCAN

At last I've got the results of my brain scan. It would appear that the blood supply to parts of the brain isn't what it should be and so my balance, movement and thought processes are affected. I don't think there is anything can be done to rectify it. It could be worse. My sister has just been diagnosed with cancer and all they can offer is palliative care. And at tops two months.

#### DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the Our Lady's, Portico and St. Julie's Dementia Support Group is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 - 1pm at St. Julie's Presbytery, Howards Lane, Eccleston. It is an opportunity for Carers to meet up and gain emotional and practical support. Carers are more than welcome to bring along the person they care for. **Do you care for**, or have cared for someone with **memory problems**, then come along, you will be very welcome. For further information please contact Joan O'Hanlon on 07984 735 590.

#### CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day

Friday 6 March is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers and, as it has been for sixty years, is an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope this week and give whatever you can to help experts like Sister Consilia - a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe - continue their vital work.

**DEATH:** If you have a death in the family can I respectfully ask that you contact the parish before you contact the undertaker please.