

Our Lady

Help of Christians



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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Margaret & James Durkin
Sunday	9.00am	David Morris
	10.30am	Reva Wylie
Monday	9.00am	Private Intention
	11.30am	Ken Vaughan (Requiem)
Tuesday	9.00am	People of the Parish
Wednesday	9.00am	Private Intention (KOD)
Thursday	9.00am	Hugh O'Donnell
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Bernard French
Sunday	9.00am	David Morris
	10.30am	John Caulfield & Martin Reilly

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

Counters team next Sunday - Team F

Patricia Marsh Brian Keeley Josie & Tom Simms

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fr David Potter reminded me about the Eucharistic Adoration I used to have before Mass but have not reintroduced now that we are back in church. How could I forget? Pope Francis is very keen on Eucharistic Adoration knowing its power. Recently he said: "One cannot know the Lord without being in the habit of adoring, of adoring in silence. Yet I believe, if I am not mistaken, that this prayer of adoration is the least known among us; it is the one we engage in the least. To waste time – if I may say it – before the Lord, before the mystery of Jesus Christ. He is the Lord and I adore Him."

Right, I will start again a half hour before Mass each weekday. Don't forget the Blessed Sacrament is exposed each day in the John Paul II chapel. Just remember that when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed our attention needs to be completely on Him and on no one else. I will put the Blessed Sacrament back in the tabernacle five minutes before Mass. It is then possible to have any necessary conversations.

GARDEN PARTY – IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST WEEK

Is it just me or was that the best ever garden party? I found it amazing. First of all I was amazed at the weather. My heart sunk as I drove to Widnes and it started to rain. I got the people to pray at the Masses and could the weather have been better? Praise God. Next I was amazed at the amount of help under Nina's amazing leadership. There was the setting up, the running of it and the clearing away. By 6.00pm no one would know that there had been a garden party. The food was also amazing but even more amazing considering that when they went to collect the food which had been ordered in advance only half the amount ordered was there. How they managed to produce what they produced at the last minute is beyond me. But they did and it was wonderful. We had the ukulele band, the choir and the amazing Irish dancer to entertain us and they really did. Then there was the face painting, the children's games, the popcorn and candy floss. Then there was the raffle and even I won a prize. And last but by no means least there was the beautiful garden which is so well kept and looked beautiful. Is it any wonder I was amazed? Thank you to all for such a great effort. You made an old Parish Priest very happy. May God bless and reward you. **By the way, many thanks to those who sent messages of appreciation and thanks. Much appreciated.**

SHARE KNOWSLEY

On behalf of SHARE Knowsley I am writing to thank you firstly for allowing me to speak at your church and the warm welcome everyone gave to me. Secondly for the very generous donations from your parishioners. When I came to speak, I unexpectedly received a total of £84.61 that people so kindly gave to me. Then Paul Crowe gave me the very handsome sum of £975 this week from your retiring collection. All I can say is: WOW!! That is just simply amazing — over £1000! I am just overwhelmed by the generosity of the parish. Be assured that this money will be put to good use in assisting the asylum seekers and refugees we serve in the Knowsley areas. Please can you pass on my thanks to everyone for their kindness and support. It is so very much appreciated.

Remember, we now have a box at the back of the church for voluntary contributions. It can be a wonderful way of showing God how grateful we are for all God has given us. 50 PLUS GROUP

The next meeting of the 50 Plus Group is Wednesday 8th August at 2:00pm in the Church Hall. For those wanting to join the September outing to Llandudno, please bring the fare of £14.00 each.