

Our Lady

Help of Christians



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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Betty McGuire
Sunday	9.00am	Michael Delahunty
	10.30am	John Roscoe
Monday	7.30pm	Golden Wedding (Martin)
Tuesday	9.00am	Christopher Dodds
Wednesday	9.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday	9.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Friday	9.00am	People of the Parish

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Michael Kilgannon
Sunday	9.00am	Anthony Egan & Paddy Ryan
	10.30am	John Wylie

Novena	No novena this week
Confessions	Saturday 11.00 to 11.30 & 5.30 to 6.00pm
Meditation	Monday after Mass & Saturday 10.15am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the cross will be prayed in church at 8.30am every Friday in Lent. If anyone, male or female, would like to lead any Friday please have a word

Counters team next Sunday - Team B

Barry & Maureen Chorley Marjorie Fox Bernadette Anderson

GIFT AID AND STANDING ORDER FORMS

Thank you to those additional parishioners who agreed to sign up to gift aiding or standing order payments following last week's appeal. Please place your completed Gift Aid forms in the envelope provided with the forms last weekend in the basket in the church porch. If you would like the parish finance team to forward your standing order form to your bank please include that in the envelope too – otherwise you can contact your bank direct. If you missed last week's appeal and wish to sign up to either scheme there are some further forms available for collection in the porch as you leave church. Please take an envelope and return the Gift Aid (and standing order) form next weekend – please date both forms on or after 1 April 2019.

NON-GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you are making weekly envelope payments but are not signed up to the Gift Aid scheme (your envelope will have a number in the range 151 to 200 on the front) if you have not already done so would you please write your name and envelope number on the list in the church porch. This is to help us reduce the number of boxes of envelopes we print now that so many parishioners are paying by standing order.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

For some time now we have been selling very few Catholic newspapers each weekend and we are concerned about the waste of paper this involves when we are left with so many unsold copies (the parish receives credits for these so this is not a financial issue). We have therefore entered into an arrangement with the publisher to reduce the supply of the Catholic Universe and Catholic Times papers to 3 and 2 per week respectively, and we will be talking to the publishers of both the Catholic Herald and the Tablet (we rarely sell any of these two titles) along similar lines. If you have any concerns about this approach, or find that you cannot obtain a copy of the paper you usually buy, please let me know so that we can review the ordering policy. (The supply of Catholic Pictorials is not affected by these changes.)

PORTICO FUNDRAISERS

Portico Fundraisers Spring plant sale will be held this year on the weekend of the 11/12 May. Order forms will be with the newsletter on 27/8 April. Please support us in raising funds for Intercare medical aid for Africa and local charities.

RED BOXES

Once again our Red Box holders have excelled themselves by raising £2261.98 for the missions in 2018. Thank you on behalf of Fr Kevin Hughes and his team in Freshfield. Well done. The Red boxes are due to be emptied at the end of the month if you so wish. New box holders can bring them to church and leave them in the shop or in the sacristy. Thank you all once again. Bernadette.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to all parishioners and friends for your Mass intentions and get well cards which have helped both Vin and myself to recover from my successful operations during the last six months. A Mass of thanksgiving will be offered for all your intentions. God bless.