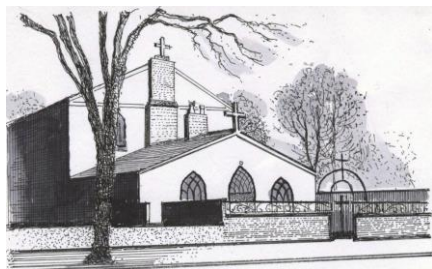


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23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 8 SEPTEMBER 2019
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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Val Highton
Sunday	9.00am	David Hughes
	10.30am	People of the Parish
Monday	7.30pm	Joan Hawton
Tuesday	9.00am	Bill Winstanley
Wednesday	9.00am	Margaret Beesley
Thursday	9.00am	Holy Souls
Friday	9.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	John Coughlin
Sunday	9.00am	Angela Houghton
	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 C
Hilary & Stephen Shacklady, Peggy Jordan Marie Wilson
PURIFICATORS NEXT WEEK
Carolyn Davies Pauline Bowes

SACRED HOSTS

Can you imagine the HORROR when one of the ladies who cleans the church found a number of Sacred Hosts, which had obviously been in someone's mouth, stuffed between a bench and the wall half way up the church on the little aisle on the left. The rest of us felt sick at the thought of treating The Lord's Most Sacred Body like that. I keep thinking that it must be a child. If so, I appeal to parents to ensure that children consume the host if they receive. If it was an adult it beggars belief. Forgot to say that it wasn't 1/2 but 7/8.

PRAYER

Prayer is a most important aspect of our following of Jesus; prayer together and prayer alone. I once heard that we pray best together when we first pray alone. With that in mind may I remind you that we are privileged to have a Blessed Sacrament Chapel in this church where the Blessed Sacrament is exposed every day. Sadly it does not seem to be used as it was before the fire. The Blessed Sacrament is also exposed a half hour before weekday Masses. We also have the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour after Mass on Wednesdays when there isn't a funeral. It is a most beautiful and powerful prayer. May I recommend all these to you.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume next Sunday. Please remember that parents/carers who have not had clearance from the diocese may not accompany children into this. Also would anyone like to volunteer to lead this wonderful activity please?

LOST PROPERTY

There are quite a few items in the lost property box: gloves, glasses, umbrellas etc. If the items are not claimed by Sunday 8th September they will be donated to charity. The Lost Property box is located in the corridor by the church shop.

FOODBANK COLLECTION 7th & 8th SEPTEMBER

Please help to re-stock your local Foodbanks and help them to feed the hungry. We would be grateful if you could bring your donations of non-perishable foods to the chapel 30 minutes before mass on Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September. You will find a list of suggested non-perishable foods and toiletries on the Parish notice board. (J&P Group)

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

There will be a collection in aid of the CES after all Masses this weekend. That is the body that ensures we get the best possible deal for our schools. Great work.

PLANT SALE

Portico Fundraisers Autumn Plant Sale this year will be held on the weekend of Saturday 28th /Sunday 29th September: Saturday from 10 am till 2 pm and also at evening mass time, then on Sunday morning after both masses. No order form needed for this sale. Please come along and support Intercare Medical aid for Africa and Helen Marie Friends this year's nominated local charity. Also Virginia's table top sale will include new clothes and footwear.

50 PLUS GROUP - RIVINGTON BARN

The outing to Rivington Barn takes place next Wednesday 11 September, with the coach leaving Church at 10.30.

NEWSLETTER

Please, if possible, send notices for the newsletter in Times New Roman 11 and do not put a space between the heading and the notice.