

Our Lady

Help of Christians



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3rd SUNDAY AFTER EASTER 5 MAY 2019
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MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	George Comerford
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Michael McGuire
Monday	10.00am	Anthony Webster
Tuesday	Noon	James Kennedy (Requiem)
Wednesday	7.30pm	Colette Regan
Thursday	9.00am	Patricia Lambert
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Tony Hanson
	10.30am	Stuart Ellison

Novena	No novena this week
Confessions	Saturday 5.30 to 6.00pm
Meditation	Saturday 10.15am

Counters team next Sunday - Team C
Hilary & Stephen Shacklady, Peggy Jordan, Marie Wilson

EASTER

Just when I think that Easter could not possibly get better it does. What a celebration it was this year! Although hard going I enjoyed every minute of it. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way. Thanks especially to those who did so much to make our church even more stunning than it normally is. I was bowled over by the silence in church during the celebration of the agony in the garden. I was particularly impressed with people who came back for night prayer and spoke to no one but the Lord exposed in the Blessed Sacrament on the altar. That is as it should be when Jesus is exposed on the altar and of course throughout the celebration of the Mass. Talk and listen only to Him. Well done and thanks again. (Sorry, I forgot to add my own personal thanks last weekend for the lovely Easter greetings and presents which were showered on me personally.) As ever, your generosity knows no bounds.

PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

There will be a collection after all Masses next weekend in aid of the Priests Training Fund. Remember, I am a priest today because of that fund. I could not have paid myself as I already had my tertiary education grant. I am most grateful.

50 PLUS GROUP - OUTING TO LAKE DISTRICT

The 50 Plus Group outing to Grasmere and Windermere leaves Portico Church at 9:30am next Wednesday 8th May. We plan to return back to Church by 6:00pm.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of Our Lady's, Portico and St. Julie's Dementia Support Group will be on Tuesday 7th May 2019 - 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.

SVP

The SVP appealed for a microwave cooker last week for an ex offender who was released from Liverpool Prison with virtually nothing. Parishioners have offered 4 cookers, which is a great response, together with other items. We are very grateful and are only sorry that we do not have storage space for all the items that were offered. The ex offender started work on Monday, please remember him in your prayers.

J&P GROUP

J&P Group will next meet on Thurs 9th May at 7.30pm in Portico Parish House. Anyone is welcome to come along.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Quiz Night with Hotpot Supper! Friday 7th June. Parish Hall. Doors open 7.00pm for a 7.30pm prompt start. Bring Your Own Drinks and Glasses. For further details contact Hilary Shacklady 07875502302.

SYNOD QUESTION 1

WHERE IN YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE DO YOU EXPERIENCE LOVE, TRUTH, GOODNESS, HOPE AND JOY?