

Our Lady

Help of Christians



Parish Priest: Fr David Melly
Deacons:
Rev Jim Davies
Rev Tom Simms

Portico Lane, Prescot, Merseyside L34 2QT
Tel: 0151 426 6251
Email: ourladys.portico@rcaolp.co.uk
Web: www.ourladysportico.co.uk

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT 24 MARCH 2019

(Prayer of the Church Week 3 Parish Mass Book Page 163)

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Michael Kilgannon
Sunday	9.00am	Anthony Egan & Paddy Ryan
	10.30am	John Wylie
Monday	9.00am	Barbara Higham
Tuesday	9.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday	9.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Thursday	9.00am	Harold Davies
Friday	10.30am	Tom Leyland (Requiem)

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	Joan Harrison
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	John Buckley

Novena	No novena this week
Confessions	Saturday 11.00 to 11.30 & 5.30 to 6.00pm
Meditation	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 C

Hilary & Stephen Shacklady Peggy Jordan Marie Wilson Counters team

NUGENT CARE

There will be a collection after all Masses next weekend in aid of Nugent Care our diocesan social services.

LAWN

Michael Holman has kindly taken care of the lawn in the garden for a number of years now. Sadly he is not well at the moment and cannot continue. But he is concerned about the lawn and would be grateful if someone could take it on for the time being. I too would be most grateful. We have a good sit on mower and Michael is willing to show anyone how to use it. I don't think it is rocket science.

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.)

FOODBANK COLLECTION

Due to a greater demand on local Foodbanks over recent months their stocks have been depleted and there has been an urgent appeal for donations. Therefore, we are having a food collection on the weekend of Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th April. Please bring your donations of non-perishable food items to the chapel which will be open 30 minutes before each mass. You will find a list of suggested non-perishable food items on the Parish notice board. (J&P Group)