

# *Our Lady*

## *Help of Christians*



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### **ASCENSION OF THE LORD 28 MAY 2017**

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### **MASSES THIS WEEK**

Saturday	6.30pm	Margaret Winstanley
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Brian Hurley
Monday	10.00am	Eileen Crooks
Tuesday	9.00am	Aideen O’Ryan
Wednesday	9.00am	Thanksgiving after the fire
Thursday	9.00am	Marcella Hitchmough (Requiem)
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls

### **MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Paul Lowrey
	10.30am	Clare & Ged Greenall and Nora Faulkner

### **SERVICES**

Novena	No novena this week
Confessions	No confessions until further notice
Meditation	Saturday at 10.15am

### **Counters team next Sunday - Team D**

**Tina Bradley Pat O’Neile Anne Edwards John Petford**

### **THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU**

How can I possibly thank you enough for all the love and care I have been shown since the fire. Never before in my 71 years have I had so much love and concern shown by so many. I needed it as it was certainly the worst experience by far in all my life. I keep telling myself that compared to Manchester it’s nothing and the main thing is that I’m here to tell the tale. Praise God whose word to us has been amazing. Wednesday ‘The Lord of Heaven and earth does not live in shrines made by human hands. He in fact is not far from any of us since it is in him that we live and move and exist.’ On Thursday ‘You will be sorrowful but your sorrow will turn into joy.’ And Friday ‘You are sad now but I shall see you again and your hearts will be full of joy.’ And finally, a most encouraging word from a parishioner: Our church is the people who come, our altar is wherever you stand and give the Good News to fill our hearts. WOW. There is so much to be thankful for.

### **WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY**

There is a special collection for World Communications Sunday this weekend 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> May.

### **50+ GROUP**

The 50+ Group walk at Clock Face and Sutton is on Tuesday 30 May. Meeting on Portico church car park at 09.45. Car share as transport. There are two levels of walk; 1.) A 5 mile circular walk which, in parts, has some quite steep steps and slight inclines. It will take approximately two hours. 2.) There will also be a separate, shorter, easier walk. Later we will drive to a nearby café for drinks and a bite to eat.

### **CATHEDRAL FLOWER FESTIVAL**

To celebrate the Golden Jubilee of our Cathedral, there will be a flower festival in our Cathedral from Friday 2 - Monday 5 June from 10am - 4pm daily. The Cathedral will be transformed by a dazzling array of floral displays themed around Cathedral life. Enjoy homemade refreshments in the Gibbard Room while viewing over 20 displays. One of the displays will be created by our very own flowers ladies. Imagine! What an honour! Our team will be presenting ‘**Vocations and Holy Orders**’ within **St Joseph’s Chapel** in the Cathedral. They would love to see you over the weekend. Please note that during the Solemn Mass on Sunday 4 June access to the Cathedral will be restricted.

### **PORTICO FUNDRAISERS**

Portico Fundraisers are pleased to say from parishioners and friends supporting us at our events we have so far this year been able to donate £700 to Intercare, Medical aid to Africa, to Redbridge special school £500, and to M.A.L.S in Prescot £500. A donation to our other 2017 charity will be made in June.

### **SCRIPTURE MORNINGS**

Fr Chris Thomas will be leading scripture mornings entitled: ‘**WHOEVER WILL LISTEN LET THEM LISTEN**’. He will be leading reflections on the book of Ezekiel 10am - 12noon on Thursdays 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at Irenaeus L22 1RD.