

# *Our Lady*

## *Help of Christians*



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### **PENTECOST SUNDAY 8 JUNE 2019**

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#### **MASSES THIS WEEKEND**

Saturday	6.30pm	Pat Preece
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Adrian Dunning
Monday	7.30pm	Connie Jurek
Tuesday	9.00am	Pauline Seagraves
Wednesday	9.00am	Ann Gibbons
Thursday	9.00am	Private Intention
Friday	9.00am	Holy Souls

#### **MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday	6.30pm	Rod Johnson
Sunday	9.00am	Dorothy Garvey
	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 B**

**Barry & Maureen Chorley Marjorie Fox Bernadette Anderson**

#### **PORTICO FUNDRAISERS**

Portico Fundraisers continue to collect medical items for Intercare medical aid for Africa who support hospitals and clinics many run by nuns, in 5 countries across sub Saharan Africa .There is a list on the notice board of goods we can forward to them. Our white collection bin is in the church porch. Should you have a large number of items to donate please see Pat, Virginia or Gill or leave a note in the bin with a number which we can contact you on. Over the past months we have been contacted by Intercare asking if we could collect medical items from people who've had relatives pass on. The items have been unwanted and not been accepted back by pharmacies. What we've collected has been unopened and has been greatly received by Intercare. These families have thought it such a shame that items on the wanted/needed list are discarded here. We think perhaps there are many parishioners who don't realise that what their loved ones no longer need could benefit others.

#### **SYNOD 2020**

I'd like to invite you to meetings to discuss the Synod questions. Questions 1 & 2 on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> at 2.20pm. Questions 3 & 4 on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2.30pm. If you intend to come please put a tick on the relevant sheet in the porch. One last thing, I have three volunteers to type up the questions and email them to Hope. It would be great to have another volunteer and then there would be one question each. Any offers?

#### **DIFFERENCE**

Every Sunday morning churches, bulletins, greeters, and signs on the door offer messages of welcome. Yet what is often meant by welcome is that strangers can come in as long as they look like us, don't offend us, don't challenge us, and work heroically to fit in with our communal sense of self. In our culture, what we are likely to be made uncomfortable by are racial and ethnic differences, generational differences, theological differences, or differences due to sexual orientation. But, as psychologist Robert Carter argues, what matters most in American culture is race. The gospel message is clear, yet relatively few clergy are able to lead their congregants into this vision of shalom. Clergy do not lead in a vacuum; they work in a context and in a culture that is often counter to the gospel. In other words, the vision we are called to story is often met with resistance that needs to be navigated. We must learn to cross cultural borders and break down resistance to a radical ethic of welcome.