

Our Lady

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SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST 4 JUNE 2017

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Paul Lowrey
	10.30am	Clare & Ged Greenall and Nora Faulkner
Monday	7.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday	9.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
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Thursday	8.00am	Fr Michael Myrescough
Friday	8.30am	Holy Souls

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	Jack Ashurst
	10.30am	Cath Kelly

SERVICES

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

Counters team next Sunday - Team E

Geraldine Simmons, Teracina Taylor Jim Davies Ken Fidler

THANK YOU - FOR THOSE WHO MISSED IT LAST WEEK

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.

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 flower 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.

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 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th June 2017 at Irenaeus L22 1RD.

50 PLUS GROUP - CHANGE OF VENUE

Due to the fire in Church, the 50 Plus Group will be holding its meetings at St James Church, just up St Helens Road from Portico. More details will be given in next week's newsletter

CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the Carers support Group will be on Tuesday 6th June - 1pm at Our Lady's, Portico Church Hall. 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 73559

GARDEN BENCHES

Some of the benches in the garden are looking quite dilapidated to say the least. If you would like to have your bench painted but cannot do it yourself I know a painter who can. He charges £50 a bench. Can I also ask please who provided the bench for Cecelia & Michael Rafferty?

PRIESTS IN RETIREMENT

There will be a collection after the Masses next weekend to support priests in retirement. If you pay tax, only if, please use a gift aid envelope.