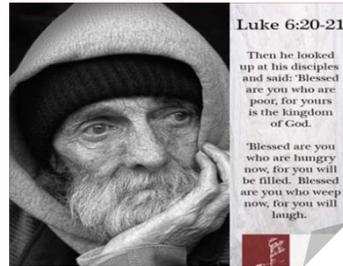


**ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH**  
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**Ponder Over.....** *With a sense of unworthiness, with trepidation, I think of the poor. On any given day, the world I call modern sees more starvation and want than prosperity and plenty. I tend to forget this or to hide it behind respectable clichés. The poor are uninteresting, and I prefer to think, even in prayer, of my small comfortable worries. The poor remind me that I have incredibly more than I need, and I usually resent such reminders. I prefer to deal with nameless statistics and a faceless mankind. I would rather not face the desperate plight of real people, hungry children, unemployed fathers, anaemic mothers, the homeless in our cities, the landless on our land, the refugees without status, the little people without power. The truth is frightening; I feel helpless and angry. Why do have I to look at this? Why can't I enjoy my privileges in peace? Why don't You let me live in happy indifference? Why not let me pretend that my rights and desires matter more than those of others? I'd rather forget the ugly statistics on man-made starvation and manipulated markets. Don't remind me of men and women, whom I mercifully seldom see working for a pittance to provide me with comforts I have become used to. May be, in all honesty, I have no right to pray for the poor. May be all I deserve is to pray for their forgiveness. May be, they teach me the way to a better world. If I had the generosity to share that many poor people have, there would perhaps be enough and more for all. May be I am the poor person, after all-poor despite my plenty, poor in humanity, poor in love, frightened to death of losing what I have gathered. I am afraid of praying for a better world. I am afraid of having to share my plenty. I'd rather say, "Isn't it awful!" than do something to make it less awful. Give me the courage not to hide behind cynicism or escape into clever theories that cover up my cowardice. Help me to see other men and women as human beings with the same dreams and hopes as I. Help me to build a human family in my own setting, and not to close my heart to the cries of the powerless.*



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**WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2019**

**(Readings- Sundays: Cycle C, Weekdays: Cycle 1, Psalter Week 3)**

**This Sunday – NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Mass 8.30am (Dorie)**

**Mass 10.30am (Parishioners)**

**Monday - Mass 9.30am (Marie Blackburn)**

**Tuesday - Mass 9.30am (Special Intention)**

**Wednesday- Mass 7.30pm (The Butler Family) : St Maximilian Mary Kolbe**

**Thursday – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – SOLEMNITY**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

**Mass 9.30am (Peter Helsby)**

**Mass 7.30pm**

**Friday – Mass 9.30am (In Thanksgiving)**

**Wedding 2.30pm (Christopher Matthew Ashcroft & Qiao Ling Ho)**

**Saturday - Mass 9.30am (In Thanksgiving)**

**Wedding 12.30pm (Daniel Blakeley & Rebecca Hodgkinson)**

**Next Sunday- TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Mass 8.30am (Parishioners)**

**Mass 10.30am (Paul Irwin)**

**MORNING PRAYER: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday – 9.15am**

**NO EVENING PRAYER THIS SUNDAY**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Tuesday 10.00-11.00am.**

**NO CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY**

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## *ST CATHERINE'S NEWS*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** all who have died recently, especially Pat Butler, Peter Helsby and James Mulligan. Also please pray for those who are ill or housebound including, Stephen Wright, Baby Rose Coleman, Jo Power, Ann Brown, Betty Roberts, Norah Stuart, Kathleen Bennett, Joseph Conway, Amy Duke, Sue Green, Geoffrey Roberts, Geoff Milton, Timothy Wild, Francis Hayes, Ann Marie Heald, Katie Hogan, Eilis Longley-Brown, Joan Nulty, Neil Monaghan, Justin Williams, and Jo Clark.

**(Please advise Fr. Thomas of any changes to this list in order that it may be kept up to date).**

**FR THOMAS HOME VISITS, ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, DEATH, etc.** – please contact at the presbytery on 632 4388.

**RECENT DEATHS.** If anyone has a friend or relative who has died in the last year please give names to Fr Tom.

**SICK:** A reminder to let you know it is really important that if anyone you know is ill, and particularly those who might be going into one of our hospitals, to please inform Father Thomas as soon as possible.

**COFFEE** will be served today Ladies Guild , next Sunday by Friends of the Holy Land

**FUNERAL SERVICE** for Sharon Veronica Malone will be held at 2pm this Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

**MESSAGE FROM FR TOM RE. THE NEW PARISH PRIEST:** The Bishop has appointed Canon David Roberts to be Parish Priest of St Agnes' and St Catherine's Hoylake, with a view to bringing the two parishes together. I know you will make him very welcome. I will be moving to Christ the King Church, Bromborough. Please keep us both in your prayers. Our appointment takes effect from 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**THANK YOU:** John and Paul Butler and family would like to thank Father Thomas, Deacons Tony and John and all the members of St Catherine and Martina's parish for attending the service and helping to make the celebration of Pat's life such a momentous occasion. We would also like to express our appreciation for all the Letters, Cards, Mass Cards, and tributes. I will have a mass said for everyone and remember you all in our prayers. Thank you.

**PAT TESTING EQUIPMENT** - If you, or anyone you know, has a PAT tester and would be willing to verify the safety of electrical goods before they are donated to the SVP Clients then please contact any member of our Conference. Minimum commitment - maximum effect.

**BUCKET AND SPADE PROJECT HOLIDAY CHALLENGES.** The holiday period is now upon us and it is hoped that many of you will take part in the Party and Holiday Challenges and the Photo competition. Please help yourself to an Information pack, available at the back of church, Unfortunately, the online giving address was incorrectly stated in an earlier newsletter but the correct address is [justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bucketspade](http://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bucketspade)

**SUNDAY OFFERING 4<sup>th</sup> August: £478.96**

## *DIOCESAN NEWS*

**HEALTH AND SALVATION IN THE PUBLIC EYE.** A Conference and Retreat for healthcare professionals who wish to think, pray and talk together. This year's theme examines practical questions about healthcare communications through the media and social media. At Boarbank Hall, Cumbria, 6 – 11 January 2020. Contact Sister Margaret Atkins [margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk](mailto:margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk) for details or see website [www.boarbankhall.org.uk](http://www.boarbankhall.org.uk)

**DAY OF REFLECTION AND HEALING FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, AND THEIR FAMILIES.** On 5th October, Bishop Richard Moth, who leads the ministry to those affected by mental health issues, will lead a day of reflection and celebrate Mass with anointing of the sick at St Columba's Church, Plas Newton, Chester CH2 1PL from 11am to 5pm. More information in September.