

Ponder Over... *Racial Justice Sunday 2019 Dignity for all workers. On Racial Justice Sunday we are invited to root our prayer and practical work for racial justice in our response to how God speaks to us in the scriptures at Mass this weekend. The focus of the Sunday this year is the exploitation of workers – both migrant workers in general and particularly victims of trafficking and slavery. For over a hundred and twenty years the Catholic Church has championed the rights of workers because of what we believe about the dignity of every person created in God's image and the nature of human work itself, as being part of how God wants us to fulfil his will for us in our lives. Moreover the rise of populist nationalism – in this country, the rest of Europe and throughout the world – has led to an increase in racial discrimination and hatred which Christians need to discern and denounce. The theme this year is "Dignity for all workers", recognising the problems faced by people due to racism and ethnic discrimination in the workplace. In a world steeped in violence, conflict, and discrimination,*



the Gospel demands that we acknowledge the dignity of the human person, the necessity of building peace, prosperity, justice for all. In Octogesima Adveniens and Gaudium et Spes, St Paul VI teaches that "all people have a right to work ... to lead a worthy life on the material, social, cultural and spiritual level". We are therefore called to ensure people are not exploited while they work, and to open our hearts to those who face this hatred. "As you did this to the one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me..." In our task as disciples of Christ, our responsibility is to make sure people are treated with dignity at work and are not exploited. Migrant communities and those suffering from racial abuse are particularly vulnerable to being drawn into unjust working conditions and labour exploitation.

A prayer for those facing exploitation: *O God, Gracious God, From your abundance all gifts and skills are bestowed, Making us participants in your work of creation. By the word of your Son, Confront our greed, Challenge us when we treat people as means of profit, Or discriminate unjustly against our fellow human beings. Raise us up to new life in your service That in all our works Begun, continued and ended in you We may glorify your holy name. Through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, Amen.*

**ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH
BIRKENHEAD RD, HOYLAKE, CH47 5AF**



Fr Thomas Thoppaparambil OFM CAP
0151 632 4388
Deacons: Rev Tony Crisp
0151 632 6617
Rev John Fegan
07549936098
Parish website:
www.stcatherineshoylake.org.uk
Newsletter amendments:
st.catherines.hoylake@talktalk.net

WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2019
(Readings- Sundays: Cycle C, Weekdays: Cycle 1, Psalter Week 2)

This Sunday - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Day of prayer for Racial Justice
Mass 8.30am (Anne & Peter Graves)
Mass 10.30am (Parishioners)

Monday - Mass 9.30am (Edmund Keningley)

Tuesday - Mass 9.30am (John Donnely)

Wednesday- Mass 7.30pm (Gladys Douras)

Thursday – Mass 9.30am (John Morris (W))

Friday – Mass 9.30am (Michael Parry – Intention): The Chair of St Peter, Apostle – Feast. Please pray for Bishop Mark on the anniversary of his ordination to the episcopate)

Saturday - Mass 12.00 noon (Moir Bradshaw): St Polycarp

Next Sunday – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass 8.30am (Parishioners)
Mass 10.30am (John Morris)

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

NO EVENING PRAYER THIS SUNDAY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Thursday 6.00pm – 8.00pm ONLY

CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY : 11.00 – 11.45am and on request

Diocese of Shrewsbury, a registered charity (NO 234025)

ST CATHERINE'S NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR all who have died recently especially Stan Orton, Margaret Manson, John Morris, Moira Bradshaw, Brian Dunning. Also please pray for those who are ill or housebound including, 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 by Saturday Club next Sunday by Pro-Life.

SUNDAY LUNCH. The Social Committee are looking to start serving Sunday Lunch once a month in the Parish centre, open to all parishioners. It would be good to sit down and enjoy a meal together and get to know each other. The first one is planned for 17th march at 12.45, depending on response. A donation will be requested to cover costs. Booking essential for planning the catering. To book phone Phil Collins on 632 4825 or give your name to Fr Tom or John Fegan by 12th March. Lifts can be arranged if requested when booking.

A REQUIEM MASS FOR MR STAN ORTON (well known in this parish) who died recently, will take place on Thursday 28th February at 11am at Our Lady and St Johns Church, Heswall

BUS ESCORT VACANCY : Our Lady of Pity Primary School serves a wide catchment area and many of our children travel to and from school by bus. There is a vacancy for an enthusiastic and kind person who likes working with young children and their families. For details Please contact Mrs Julie English Office Manager/Clerk to the Governors on 0151 6776262 Or email recruitment@ourladyofpity.co.uk. Closing date 26th February

THE ROMERO TRUST are organising a pilgrimage to El Salvador in November 2019 to commemorate the canonisation of St Oscar Romero in 2018. Deacon Tony has travelled there before and will be going again. He found it to be not the easiest of journeys but an extraordinarily rewarding experience. If you are interested or require more information please get in touch with him. He hopes to give a presentation on the theology and spirituality of St Oscar Romero during Lent.

SUNDAY OFFERING 10th February: £752.00

DIOCESAN NEWS

DARWIN AND THE INVISIBLE GARDENER: A lecture on the impact of Darwin's work on beliefs about divine action, and how this impact shapes our understanding of science and faith today. Monday 18th February, 2019 19:00 at Shrewsbury Cathedral, Town Walls. Free entry: See the poster for details

CARITAS SHREWSBURY CURRENTLY HAS 3 VACANCIES; 1 x F/T Community Services Manager (closing date: 4th March), and 2 x P/T Parenting Support Workers Wirral based (closing date: 1st March). For further details and an Application Pack, please contact us: www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk ('Job Vacancies' can be found under the 'News' Section) / Tel: 0151 652 1281 / info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk **JOB VACANCIES AT SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL.** Job descriptions and an application form for each post can be found at <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>. Completed applications should be returned to pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Closing date 22 February 2019. See the poster for details.

A HEALING MASS FOR ALL FAMILIES THAT ARE AFFECTED BY MENTAL ILLNESS AND THOSE THAT WORK WITH THEM will be held at St Mary's, King Street, Middlewich, CW10 9EB on Saturday 2nd March at 12.15 pm. There will be an Anointing of the Sick and soup and coffee and tea afterwards as well as an opportunity for socialising and meeting members of the Diocesan Mental Health Action Group.

FULLY ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND, 13TH MAY 2019. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com for further details. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

