

**MAYOR'S TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS TEA DANCE – 5 DECEMBER 2018.** The Mayor of Wirral's Christmas Tea Dance is set to get the festive season off to a glittering start on Wednesday, 5th December (1.30 – 4 pm) at Wallasey Town Hall. The annual dance is taking place in aid of the Mayor of Wirral's charity appeal with all money from ticket sales going to benefit Wirral's RNLI Lifeboat Stations and Wirral's Forrester's Horn Group of the Riding for the Disabled Association. To get dancers truly into the festive mood, there will be mince pies, sandwiches, cakes and hot drinks, made by Wirral Met College catering students with live music from the Swingmasters. Tickets cost £5 and are available from the Mayor's Office on 691 8527.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**ADOREMUS REVISITED** – Bishop Barron's first talk on the Mass followed by reflection and discussion and Mass – Sat 8th Dec 9.45am. St Anne's Parish Centre, Rock Ferry.

**VACANCY FOR POSITION OF HEADTEACHER** at St Hugh's Catholic Primary School, Timperley. See poster for details.

**Ponder over.....** *Have you never noticed motivation can be a real problem? I know I need to lose some weight, I'll start next Monday. I know the grass needs to be mowed, I'll do it tomorrow. I know the house needs to be painted, I'll do that this spring. Sometimes motivation can be a real problem. The same is true in our lives as Christians! Once there was a man who dared God to speak. Burn the bush like you did for Moses, God and I will follow. Collapse the walls like you did for Joshua, God and I will fight. Still the waters like you did on Galilee, God and I will listen. And so the man sat by a bush, near a wall, close to the sea, and waited for God to speak. And God heard the man, so God answered. He sent fire, not from a bush, but for a church. He brought down a wall, not of brick, but of sin. He stilled a storm, not of the sea, but of a soul. And God waited for the man to respond. And he waited.. And he waited. And waited. But the man was looking at bushes, not hearts; bricks and not lives, seas and not souls, he decided that had done nothing. Finally he looked to God and asked, Have you lost your power? And God looked at him and said, Have you lost your hearing? Sometimes the hustle and bustle of life keeps us from hearing God's voice. The kids need to be picked up from school, laundry has to be done and dinner won't make itself. But in the midst of the hustle and bustle, God is calling us to be motivated, he is pleading with us to meditate on His word and obey His commands. In Psalm 119 David writes "I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways, your servant will meditate on your decrees, I will meditate on your wonders, I meditate on your statutes, I meditate on your promises." When life is at it's most difficult, remember we can always turn to prayer. When we can't hear God's voice, because of all the noise in our busy life, we can always turn to prayer. When we can't see the light at the end of the tunnel, we can always turn to prayer. Jesus before his arrest went away and he prayed! You see meditation and prayer go hand in hand. When times are tuff, we need go away and have some quiet time with God, whether it's at home or in the car, at the office on a lunch break or wear ever it may be. We need to pray to Him, and ask Him for His peace and strength, ask for guidance and direction for our lives.*



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**WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2018**

(Readings- Sundays: Cycle B, Weekdays: Cycle 2, Psalter Week 1)

**This Sunday – THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – World Day of Special**

**Prayer for the Poor**

**Mass 8.30am (People of the Parish)**

**Mass 10.30am (Private Intention)**

**Monday - Mass 9.30am (November List)**

**Tuesday - Mass 9.30am (Brian Dunning)**

**Wednesday- Mass 7.00pm (Deceased Parishioners): Presentation of the Blessed**

**Virgin Mary. There will be light refreshment in the church hall after Mass.**

**Thursday – Mass 9.30am (Bailey and Bartle – Family Intention) : St Cecelia**

**Friday – Mass 9.30am (November List)**

**Saturday - Mass 12.00 noon (Ann Crisp) : Ss Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions**

**Next Sunday – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – Solemnity**

**(Day of Special Prayer for Young People)**

**Mass 8.30am (John Lambert)**

**Mass 10.30am (Patsy O'Connell)**

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

**NO EVENING PRAYER THIS SUNDAY**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Tuesday 10.00 – 11.00am , Thursday 6.00pm – 8.00pm**

**CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY: 11.00am – 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 Brian Dunning. Also please pray for those who are ill or housebound including Moira Bradshaw, 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.

**NOVEMBER DEAD LIST** – Masses will be celebrated during the November for all deceased, and especially those on the November Dead list. Names can be submitted in an envelope marked NDL, with an offering if you wish, and posted through the presbytery door or put on the collection plate.

**THIS MONDAY WE PRAY FOR:** Kathleen Irwin, Vincent Irwin, James Bennett, Hilda Bennett, Maureen Riley, John Donnelly, Thomas Bennett, Paul Owens, Brenda, Jack Turner and all the deceased McGuirle family and friends, Collins family, Minnie and Joe Donelley, Brack family, Stephenson family, Joyce Hare, Val Williams, Graves family, Margaret and Johnny Hazlehurst, Molly and Christopher Robinson, Michael, Joe, Jim, Hilda Crisp, Stanlet Crisp, Ann Crisp, Joseph Lumley, Lucy Lumley, Christina and other deceased members of the Story family, Caroline Helen Stephenson, Edward Stephenson, Helen Stevenson, Philip McNair, Kathleen McNair, John O'Loughlin, Jim Canning, Jim O'Neill, George Roberts, William Miller, Sam Kane, Wilf Sowerbutts, Arthur Kineally, Rupert McCarthy, Joseph Gaughan, Amelia Faron and Brian Dunning.

**THIS FRIDAY WE PRAY FOR:** Priests of St Teresa's esp. Fr Cronin, brothers of St Edwards esp. Bro Carroll, Frs Turnbull, Carroll, John O'Reilly and priests of St Catherine's Hoylake, teachers of St Teresa's esp. Miss Byrne and Mr McCoy, Mrs Glenys Stone - Ellis and family, Peter Bowers, Mary Startin, Otto and Lillian Schaer, June Putt, Bob Branch, Rachel's grandparents, Brenda O'Hare, Muriel and John Mowat, Bobby Prescott, Bob Moody, Amanda Nelson, Georgina, Vicky Waters and Parents, Michael McKenna, Astley family and Jane Hemingway, Ann Abraham, Janet Thornley, Michael Masterson, Mary Kate Masterson, Charles and Lena Michael, all the deceased of the family, Henry and Lillian Ward and Margaret Ward.

**MASS FOR THE DECEASED PARISHIONERS ON WEDNESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER AT 7.00PM.** Mass will be celebrated to remember all our parishioners who have died in the last 12 months. The name of each person will be read out and a candle will be lit in their memory. All parishioners are invited to come to pray for, and support, those who are mourning the loss of their loved ones.

**CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS 2018** There will be a collection here on 2nd December. Thank you for your support. Your donations will go to families in need within the Diocese, ensuring they have a Christmas meal and gifts to celebrate the Nativity of Christ and create happy family memories

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

**NO COFFEE** served today after 10.30 Mass as we have the Autumn Fair, next Sunday by Parents / Tots.

**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.

**ST ANSELM'S COLLEGE 6TH FORM OPEN EVENING** Thu 22nd Nov 6.30-9pm for admission September 2019.

**AUTUMN FAIR & PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH** will take place today after 10.30 Mass. All welcome

**SVP QUIZ** will take place in the Parish Hall on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. £5 donation per person, nibbles provided, bring your own tipple. Donations for raffle prizes would be most welcome.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY :** Fr Denis McBride CSsR, a Redemptorist priest is visiting St Agnes, West Kirby for a Day of Reflection on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 4pm. All welcome.

**LOURDES FUND RAISER FOR ACROSS.** There is a fund raising event on Saturday 24th November, starting at 7.30 in the church hall. Price £10 includes excellent food and some live musical entertainment. Proceeds will go to the Liverpool and Chester Across Groups. For tickets please ring Sheila on 07802551639 or email [murphy.slaw@live.co.uk](mailto:murphy.slaw@live.co.uk) or speak to Tony, Wendy or Tess. If you would like to find out more about the local pilgrimages to Lourdes by Jumbulance, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or email [tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk)

**OUR LADY OF PITY SCHOOL'S CHRISTMAS FAIR ON SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER .** There's going to be an appearance from Santa, plus the Greasby Ukes will be playing in the main hall from 12-1pm. Stalls include Name A Teddy, Santa's surprise sacks, a chocolate tombola, toys, Christmas decorations, face painting, lucky dips plus many more. There is also going to be a fantastically festive Christmas Craft room and the Fairylights cafe will be selling hot food and drinks along with homemade cakes. It is free entry and everyone is welcome.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** now available at the back of Church. Please put an offering in the CAFOD box.

**CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION.** This weekend the annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund will be held. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends. Special Envelopes are available for you to use. A Leaflet about the Fund is also available which explains how to make a regular donation to the Fund by Standing Order, or how you can make your donation either Online or by Cheque. It also explains how to take advantage of Gift Aid for your donations to the Fund. If you prefer, you can donate Online via Paypal to the Fund at [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund) where you can also take advantage of Gift Aid.

**SUNDAY OFFERING 11<sup>th</sup> November:** £509.12