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Ponder Over First reading — Genesis 18:1-10, explained: This is the story of Abraham and Sarah and their offering of hospitality to three strangers. Both the ancient Jews and the early Christians believed that the best way to show their dedication to God was to be dedicated to hospitality. Three visitors appeared unexpectedly before Abraham's tent. Abraham was wealthy enough to play the very generous host with the best of his contemporaries, and he was spiritually keen, sensing that his visitors were disguised angels. He and his wife, Sarah promptly started making preparations for a lavish meal with which to refresh their guests. Their generous hospitality was even more generously rewarded. God, speaking through the guests, promised that the aged couple would have a son within a year! The birth announcement was a sign of the fulfilment of God's promises of progeny, prosperity, and property, a homeland for Abraham. If we open our hearts and our homes to God, the impossible can happen – God's presence can overturn things. For the Israelites, this story was a sign of how God's plan of salvation would be carried out through them, and they waited for the promised Messiah from the offspring of Abraham and Sarah. Because of his exemplary hospitality, Abraham has been featured in rabbinic stories as the founder of inns for travellers and the inventor and teacher of grace after meals. He may have been the inspiration for the missionary host who insisted that his guests praise Israel's God for their room and board or pay cash for it! So keep on being hospitable, in all kinds of ways. People will be blessed by being in your modest home, or your tiny apartment, or in your house that has room to lodge ten more people. Let us love one another, and show hospitality without grumbling. And may God be glorified by our efforts. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:8-11

And Is Well Known For
Her Good Deeds, Such As
Bringing Up Children, Showing
Hospitality, Washing The Feet
Of The Saints, Helping Those
In Trouble And Devoting
Herself To All Kinds Of Good
Deeds.
1 Timothy 5-10

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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 21st JULY 2019
(Readings- Sundays: Cycle C, Weekdays: Cycle 1, Psalter Week 4)

This Sunday – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass 8.30am (Parishioners)

Mass 10.30am (Peter Helsby)

Monday - Mass 9.30am (Private Intention (TM)): St Mary Magdalene - Feast

Tuesday - Mass 9.30am (Peter Helsby): St Bridget – Feast (Day of Special Prayer for Europe)

Wednesday- Mass 7.30pm (Pat Butler)

Thursday – Mass 9.30am (Jack Turner): St James, Apostle - Feast

Friday – Mass 9.30am (Jack Turner): Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday - Mass 12noon (Pat Butler)

Next Sunday- SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass 8.30am (Tony & Sheila Murphy - Anniversary)

Mass 10.30am (Parishioners)

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

NO EVENING PRAYER THIS SUNDAY

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

CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY 11.00am - 11.45am and on request

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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 by Pro Life, next Sunday by Parent & Tots

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 7th September.

READING GROUP will meet on Wednesday July 24th at 8pm in the Parish Centre, to discuss 'Now We Shall Be Entirely Free' by Andrew Miller. All welcome. There is no meeting in August, but we will reconvene in September

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF PAT BUTLER will take place at St John The Baptist Church Meols on Thursday 1st of August at 10.30am. The celebration of Pat's life will continue after the service in St John's Church Hall, and you are warmly encouraged to join the family there for refreshments and to share memories. We request Family Flowers only. Any donations in lieu of flowers will be donated equally to MSA Support, Wirral Hospice St John, and Marie Curie Nurses

COASTAL WALK - £330 was raised for Cafod Syria & Yemen Appeal. Many thanks to Victoria Birrell for doing the coastal walk on behalf of the appeal, and to the sponsors who supported her.

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

SUNDAY OFFERING 14th July: £481.54 Sea Sunday - £224.25

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