

ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH
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Ponder Over..... Narrow door to successful living: Thousands upon thousands of young boys grow up bouncing basketballs and dreaming of a life in the National Basketball Association – the professional ranks. But only a handful are chosen each year. Woe to the young man or young woman who is talented at sports but neglects his or her education! Thousands upon thousands of new businesses are started each year, but only a small number of people in our society become super-successful in material terms. The higher you go up the scale, the smaller the numbers become. The door to any kind of successful living is a narrow one. Successful living requires making hard choices. It requires dedication and sacrifice. How can Christian Faith demand any less? **The narrow gate of great**

musicians: Someone once said to Paderewski, the great pianist, "Sir, you are a genius." He replied, "Madam, before I was a genius, I was a drudge." He continued: "If I missed practice one day, I noticed it; if I missed practice two days, the critics noticed it; if I missed three days, my family noticed it; if I missed four days, my audience noticed it. It is reported that after one of Fritz Kreisler's concerts a young woman said to him, "I would give my life to be able to play like that." He replied, "That's what I gave." The door is narrow. Why should we think we can "drift" into the Kingdom of God? The Christian life is a constant striving to do the will of God as Jesus revealed it. We need to strive because there are forces of evil within us and around us, trying to pull us down.

Self-discipline: Many years ago, an editorial in the magazine, War Cry put it like this: "A loose wire gives out no musical note; but fasten the ends, and the piano, the harp or the violin is born. Free steam drives no machine. But hamper and confine it with piston and turbine and you have the great world of machinery made possible. The unhampered river drives no dynamos but dam it up and we get power sufficient to light a great city. So, our lives must be disciplined if we are to be of any real service in this world." If you are going to walk with Jesus, there are some things you will need to leave behind.



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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 25th AUGUST 2019

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

This Sunday – TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass 8.30am (Marie Blackburn)

Mass 10.30am (Parishioners)

Monday - Mass 12 noon (Eddie Swinscoe) Bank Holiday

Tuesday - Mass 9.30am : St Monica

Wednesday- Mass 7.30pm : St Augustine

Thursday – Mass 9.30am : The Passion of St John the Baptist

**Friday – Mass 9.30am : Ss Margaret Ward, Margaret Clitherow & Anne
Line**

Saturday - Mass 12.00 noon

Next Sunday- TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation)

Mass 8.30am (Parishioners)

Mass 10.30am

MORNING PRAYER: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 9.15am

NO EVENING PRAYER THIS SUNDAY

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

CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY: 11.00 – 11.45 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.

COFFEE will be served today OLOP Mums, next Sunday by Saturday Club.

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.

NEW MASS TIMES FROM FATHER DAVID - I would like to thank all those who shared their thoughts regarding the proposed changes to the Mass schedule. I was particularly reassured by the understanding and support that many of you expressed. A number of the letters recognised the limited options available and that it would not be possible to reach a solution that satisfied every parishioner. Having considered carefully your comments, the most satisfactory arrangement seems to be the proposal outlined in my recent letter

Ss. Catherine & Martina

Sunday: 9.00am

Weekday Masses: Tues 9.15; Thurs 9.15

St. Agnes

(Sat 5.30pm), Sun 10.30am

Weekday Masses: Mon 9.15; Wed 9.15; Fri 9.15

These Mass times will commence from 7th/8th September 2019. Thank you again for your understanding

READERS' LIST - there is a new readers' list which will apply from Sunday 8th September - individual copies are available for all readers - they are at the back of church. Thank you for your support

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 18th August: £462.04

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 for details or see website 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