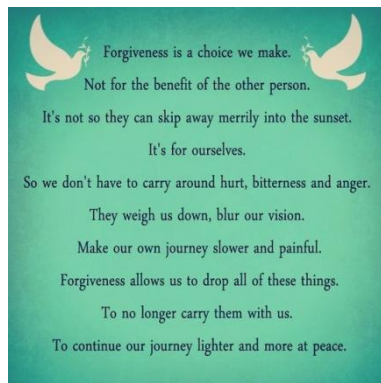


**Ponder Over** ..... *Forgiveness heals*

*A girl was being treated for several months for anaemia but without any success. So her doctor decided to send her to a sanatorium faraway. The first thing she got there was a thorough physical examination. But the examining doctor found her blood count to be completely normal. The referring doctor double-checked it and could not believe his eyes. So he called in the girl and asked her, "has anything out of the ordinary happened in your life since your last visit? Yes, she admitted. Suddenly I was able to forgive someone against whom I had borne a nasty grudge all my life. At that moment, I felt completely changed inside. Now the doctor knew the answer. Her mental attitude had changed, and the very state of her blood had changed along with it. - William Barclay. Speaking of mercy Shakespeare says: "It is twice blest. It blesseth him who gives, and him that takes;" Anger, on the other hand, does just the opposite, it hurts both the giver and the taker. Being angry at someone can sometimes even be very stupid, because the other person might not even be aware of it. In such an eventuality, the only one being harmed is oneself. How horrible! By forgiving, we open our heart so that God's mercy comes in and he pardons us. Because all of us have to ask for forgiveness, all of us," . "Let us forgive and we will be forgiven. We show mercy to others and we will feel that mercy of God who when he forgives, forgets." - Pope Francis*



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**WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019**  
**(Readings- Sundays: Cycle C, Weekdays: Cycle 1, Psalter Week 1)**

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

**Mass 8.30am (Tony and Sheila Murphy - Anniversary)**

**Mass 10.30am (Parishioners)**

**Monday - Mass 9.30am (Norman Hall): St Martha**

**Tuesday - Mass 9.30am (Jo and Joe Lyons)**

**Wednesday- Mass 7.30pm (Pat Butler)**

**Thursday – Mass 9.30am (Peter Helsby): St Alphonsus Liguori**

**Friday – Mass 9.30am (Pat Butler)**

**Saturday - Mass 12noon (Private Intention - Audrey): St Oswald**

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

**Mass 8.30am (George Boulist)**

**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**

## *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 Parents & Tots, next Sunday by Cleaners.

**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.

**"AFTERNOON TEA AND SINGING"** fundraiser will be held in the Parish Centre on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2pm - 4pm. Sandwiches, Cakes & Tea/Coffee will be served. Singing by the Bluebird Community Choir will perform songs you can sing along to. Monies raised from this event will go to the "Bucket and Spade Project". Entrance is £4 on the door.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Sister Silvana Gianota who made her final commitment on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

**A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF PAT BUTLER** will take place at St John The Baptist Church Meols this coming 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](http://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bucketspade)

**SUNDAY OFFERING 21<sup>st</sup> July: £450.84**

## *DIOCESAN NEWS*

**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.