

Ponder over..... Seeing with the Eyes of Faith. Paul prayed a powerful prayer for the Ephesian Christians : I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling...and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe (Ephesians 1: 18-19). When we see things through the eyes of faith, God always is bigger than our problems. Fear, anxiety, and hopelessness melt away in the light of His glory. The eyes of faith are moved only by God's Word, not by what we see through our human eyes. This is shown in the story of the king of Aram sending "horses and chariots and a great army" to surround the city where the prophet Elisha was (2 Kings 6:11-19). Elisha's servant was terrified by the spectacle of this mighty force, intent on taking Elisha captive. "Alas, my master!" he said in alarm. "What shall we do?" . Based on human understanding, it was a perfectly logical question. They were clearly outnumbered. Yet Elisha saw an entirely different picture — made possible by the eyes of faith. "Do not fear," he told his servant, "for those who are with us are more than those who are with them". Elisha and his servant were standing right next to each other, but they saw two different realities. Yet that was about to change: Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the LORD opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. Perhaps we feel like we are surrounded by difficulties today. Maybe the enemy's armies seem to have an overwhelming advantage over us. What's the solution at such times? Just like Elisha's servant, we simply must have our eyes opened to the all-surpassing greatness of God's power available on our behalf. So don't be blinded by our natural circumstances. Our primary problem today is that we cannot see the way we should. Our physical eyes work, but our spiritual eyes are underdeveloped because of neglect. The Scripture says we must walk by faith and not by sight, yet most of us walk by sight and not by faith. Whatever it was, it may well mark the place where we stopped trusting God and started seeing our problems with our natural eyes instead of our spiritual ones. When we worry about something, we allow it to put stress on your emotions and physical body. We are walking by sight. The problem is that when we fail to see a situation through God's eyes, we focus on the problem rather than on the answer. Turn our walk around. Walk by faith, not by sight. Let us begin to see our world through God's eyes, not through our physical eyes.



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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 28th OCTOBER 2018

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

This Sunday – THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass 8.30am (Brian Dunning)

Mass 10.30am (People of the Parish)

Monday - Mass 9.30am (Brian Dunning)

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Wednesday- Mass 7.30pm (Ann Cronin)

Thursday – All Saints: Holiday of Obligation. Solemnity

Mass 9.30am (Lionel & Sheelagh Bishop)

Mass 7.30pm

Friday – Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Mass 9.30am (Private Intention)

Mass 7.30pm

Saturday - Mass 12.00 noon (Dick Clitheroe): St Winefride - Feast

Next Sunday – THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass 8.30am (People of the Parish)

Mass 10.30am (Ann Abraham)

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

NO EVENING PRAYER THIS SUNDAY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Tuesday 10.00 – 11.00am

NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS THURSDAY

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. 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.

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.

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.

CHILDREN FROM OUR SCHOOL will be attending the Mass at 9.30am on Thursday, All Saints Day.

COFFEE served after 10.30 Mass today by Friends of the Holy Land, next Sunday by OLOP Mums.

THE SANCTITY OF LIFE SERVICE, organised by the Pro-Life Group will take place this afternoon at 2.30pm. It is an ecumenical service of prayer and music to give thanks for the gift of life. All are welcome.

FIRST SACRAMENTS – parents of children in Year 3 or above are invited to complete a registration form for their child to be considered for First Sacraments at St Catherine's. Registration forms are available at the back of church. Please return forms, in a sealed envelope, to the box at the back of church or to the presbytery. If you have any queries, please email at: st.catherines.hoylake@talktalk.net

CARITAS. Autumn collection now due. Please place donations in collection, marked with your name or hand to Fr Tom, Frank or Angela. Enquiries to Angela on 07787424740

AUTUMN FAIR – Sunday 18th November in Church Hall, following 10.30am Mass. We need donations for the following stalls please: bottle stall; children's tombola i.e. unused toys and games; books for both children and adults. Please leave donations at the back of church in labelled boxes. Also want cakes on the day. Anyone wishing to run a stall please contact Phil Collins on 632 4825. Free admission.

SVP QUIZ will take place in the Parish Hall on Friday 30th November at 7.30pm. £5 donation per person, nibbles provided, bring your own tippie. 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 24th 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 St Catherine's Church Hall, Birkenhead Road, Hoylake Wirral CH47 5AF. 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 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

CARITAS, the social action arm of the Catholic Church, have opened a centre in Seacombe (one of the most deprived areas of the country). They have several projects that they are about to launch and are urgently seeking volunteers to assist their members of staff to be a general support at sessions, eg helping with registration or making drinks etc. Projects like this can only run if they are supported by volunteers. The purpose of the centre is primarily to support children and families but volunteers from all backgrounds are needed. If you have any of the following skills please could you consider giving a few hours of your time; administrative or accountancy skills (sage user particularly needed), artistic skills, counselling, fund raising or running special events for families at Christmas or Easter time. They also need family support volunteers to work with professional family support workers and clients in a school or home situation. Training for all roles will be provided. If you think you can help or would like to know more please e mail or phone Rachel Hughes Volunteer Co-Ordinator. Rachel.Hughes@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk or 07938 377 689

SUNDAY OFFERING 21st October: £592.05 World Mission Sunday £284.75

DIOCESAN NEWS

SOCIAL CLUB MANAGER, WIRRAL BASED. SDCC are looking to recruit a capable and enthusiastic individual to efficiently manage and develop a club operation within the Wirral Peninsula. Further details can be found at <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>. CV's should be sent to Pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Friday 26 October.

CARITAS SHREWSBURY CURRENTLY HAVE 2 VACANCIES: Family Support Social Worker and Refugee Project Worker. Both positions are part-time, and a great opportunity for the right person. 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

ADOREMUS REVISITED – Saturday 17 November at St Hugh and St John, Timperley and Saturday 1 December at St Winefride's School Hall, Shrewsbury. For details and registration, please see: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/catholic-faith/the-new-evangelisation/registration

CATHOLIC SINGLES is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498