



## PARISH VISION

Illuminated by the light of Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, we St Teresa's Parish strive always to be a loving and welcoming community where all people are included and valued, and strangers are treated as friends. Fed and nurtured by scripture, prayer and the Sacraments, we journey together, seeking always to come closer to God, so that we can proclaim His love in our thoughts and words and by our actions in the world.

### FR. PHILIP'S REFLECTION

*Be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.*

Lord, you tell us to wait for your return. Help us to wait. As we await your return in glory, help us to find you in the Eucharist, help us to find you in those we love, in strangers we meet, in the poor and needy. Let us find you in our sleep, in our work and in our play. Let us look for you in our laughter and our tears, in the deep souls of everyone we meet every day, in the dusk and in the dark of night. Please knock, or rather, come right in. We are in need of you as our guest.

### POPE FRANCIS'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS 2019

#### August - Families

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".

Further information can be found at [www.apostleshipofprayer.org](http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org)

**CO-ORDINATORS MEAL:** Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm, in the Club Lounge. Please use the lounge entrance as there is an event on in the hall. We would love to see you all come along, so if you are able to attend, please let Eleanor know for catering purposes (this will be a cold buffet).

**MEN'S MEETING:** The next meeting for men of the parish is this Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm in the meeting room. This is an opportunity for men of the parish to come along and voice their opinion on any given subject – religious or topical – or just to sit and listen to the opinion of other men! An enjoyable, friendly evening to be had.

### A Word from our Pastoral Associate Jo Wallace

"Pray for own particular **INTESTINES?!??** After I had stopped laughing, I reminded my daughter that the word she was looking for is 'intentions'. I must admit this malapropism has amused me all week! But it got me thinking about how when we pray for our own particular intentions we do so in faith that God will hear our prayer. In our Second Reading, we are reminded of the faith of Abraham who 'set out without knowing where he was going' and Sarah who conceived in her old age 'because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it'. Faith is challenging and we may even feel it fading if we don't get what we pray for. However, I was once told that God never says 'no' to us: God answers us in one of 3 ways, 'Yes', 'not yet' or 'I have something better planned'. We just need to trust that God knows what is best for us.

What is faith? (3 min video) <https://tinyurl.com/y62tfb5l>

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT:** The REFOCCUS Marriage Enrichment Inventory is designed to help a couple focus on key topic areas and enrich their marriage through rediscovery of the depth of a couple's love and desire to continue to grow together.

Visit: <https://www.foccusinc.com/refoccus-inventory.aspx>

### FAMILY GROUP:

I'm sure you don't need a reminder about our next much anticipated Family Group event, our annual Mass at the Farmhouse on **Sunday 18th August at 5pm**. What you may need a reminder of is that this is a shared table and gifts of food would be most welcome (tea and coffee will be provided). As always, please feel free to invite anyone along to this event, regardless of their faith or circumstance; All are welcome.

### YOUTH NEWS

#### Faith in Action Awards

Anyone interested in doing Faith in Action from September, please let Jane know as soon as possible.

**GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE:** Hopefully by the end of summer there will be a headstone erected on the pebbled area next to the Garden of Remembrance. This will be a communal headstone for people who have loved ones whose ashes are buried in the garden (or in a family grave in the cemetery) to put the name on of their loved ones. If you would like to know more, then please contact Wayne at R. Banks, Hall Green branch, on 01695 622099. Wayne can also be contacted for all enquiries regarding the Ashes Sanctums which are on the central footpath.

### Upcoming Events for your Diary

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September:** Parish Barn Dance, St. Teresa's Club, 7.30-10.30pm. Live band and caller. Bar open. All welcome to join in this enjoyable evening – further details to follow soon.

**Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September:** The Parish Feast Mass Day, with a free buffet in the club afterwards – open to all parishioners.

### NUGENT

Be part of Strictly Nugent Charity Dance Event 2019 at Anfield! The fourth annual dance competition and gala fundraiser, 'Strictly Nugent 2019' takes place this year at Anfield Stadium, Liverpool, on **Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. We are looking for new dancers to take part and help us make Strictly Nugent 2019 THE glamorous ballroom fundraising event of the year. For more information on how you can get involved and support your local charity, Nugent, please visit <https://www.weare Nugent.org/news/be-part-of-strictly-2019/> or call Nugent's Fundraising Team on 0151 261 2000.

**Marriage Preparation Facilitators:** LACE are looking to recruit some additional marriage preparation facilitators to join their team. It is a great ministry and the commitment is only 2 days a year! If you think you would be interested in joining the team, there is a training course being held at the end of August. For further information, contact Maureen O'Brien at LACE on 0151 522 1044, or [m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk)

### MONEY MATTERS

**Thank you** for last week's offertory of £392.24 + S/O £270