

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him/her."

If we asked a Christian person "Do you love Jesus?" The answer would surely be "Yes of course I do" But if we said "Do you love your wife, or your husband, or your next door neighbour or your cantankerous parish priest" we might not be so ready to say a quick yes, we'd have to think about it. It's not easy to love others, especially when they drive us mad! But of course we do have to try, and maybe try and try again! Keep God's word in your heart and

HE will be close to you and love you !

POPE FRANCIS'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS 2019

May – Church in Africa

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for the continent. Further information can be found at www.apostleshipofprayer.org

MAY PROCESSION - Here at St Teresa's with Holy Rosary and May Crowning this **Sunday 26th May at 3pm**. All are welcome, especially parishioners from our Pastoral area of John Rigby. Don't worry if you have no rosary beads as we will be giving them out on the day to take home and pray.

YOUTH NEWS

The Connection meet for their next liturgy during Mass this Sunday **26th May** during 10am Mass.

Youth BBQ (combined Youth Group and Connection) is **Saturday 15th June**-more details soon.

Please pray for all our young people who are studying hard for GCSE's and A Levels.

TALENT SHOW: Bank Holiday Monday, **27th May, 12.30-4pm** at the Don Orione Garden Fete. All children up to the age of 17. Singers, dancers, poets, magicians – all ideas welcome. Please phone Mary Jakulis if you would like to take part on 07592 454979.

BOTTLES NEEDED - from Whisky, to water and even tomato ketchup. Phil Sandelands needs bottles for the tombola at the fete. These can be given directly to her, handed in to Fr or taken directly to Don Orione. She will also be selling raffle tickets for the Grand Draw after Mass.

EASTER GARDENS: The children are being encouraged to create their own Easter gardens at home and bring them in to show us on **Sunday 2nd June** (Hospitality) and on **Pentecost Sunday, 9th June**, in church. Do take a look at the children's liturgy garden on the altar. The growing flowers and cress remind us of new life and Jesus' commandment to love one another. We have added a beehive to our garden to symbolise cooperation and unity and to mark the anniversary of the Manchester arena bomb. For more details see the explanation on the prayer tree, the notice board at the back of church, or the website.

CALLING ALL CATECHISTS: **Thursday, 20th June, 6-9pm** at LACE, or **Saturday, 22nd June, 10-1pm** at St. Joseph's, Wrightington, WN6 9PN. An opportunity to share experiences and look to the future. See poster at back of church.

PARISH CELEBRATION DAY: A reminder that the date for this enjoyable day is **Sunday, 7th July**. Please make a note in your diary. 10am Start.

CAFOD have a collection slot available in the new black box at the back of church. Donations are always welcome and your generosity in the past has been great. Thank you so much.

A Word from our Pastoral Associate Jo Wallace:

Something a bit different for our final Sunday in May! Last year, I taught my home parish music group a song called 'Canticle of the Turning' by Rory Cooney, which is the 'Magnificat' adapted and set to the traditional Irish folk tune 'Star of the County Down'. Little did I know how much a group of 10 year olds would love singing it! So, I suggest you have a listen and have a good 'sing-a-long' yourself! <https://tinyurl.com/p2e7myn> And, as we look ahead to the Lourdes Pilgrimage in July, it seems only fitting to finish with a version of 'Immaculate Mary' (with some extra verses) too ... <https://tinyurl.com/y2n41p9t>

Synod 2020: Have your say

The next SYNOD listening meetings will be hosted by the school on **Friday 7th June at 9.15am** and **Monday 10th June at 6.30pm**. Please try to attend one of these meetings and complete a questionnaire.

Northern Scripture Festival: Saturday, 29th June, 9.30-

3.30pm The topic is "Peter and Paul: Chosen and Sent". Venue: Thornleigh Salesian College, Sharples Park, Bolton, BL1 6PQ. Prayer and worship with scripture reflections, small group conversations and creative plenary session. See poster at back of church for bookings and more information.

Celebrate the Child Mass: Our Annual Family Celebration Mass continues its pilgrimage around the diocese and, this year, will be held at Saints Peter & Paul College, Highfield Road, Widnes, W8 7DW, on **Sunday, 30th June at 3pm**. Fun activities will start at 1pm where children can participate in the preparations leading up to the Mass. The Main Celebrant will be Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP

Spiritual Care at the End of Life: Dr. Karen Groves, Medical Director of Queens Court Hospice, Southport, will speak about this vital topic at a Strawberry Cream Tea afternoon on **Wednesday, 17th July, 2-4pm** at LACE. Karen's sensitive and faith-filled presentation will be of interest to Funeral Ministers, Bereavement Team Members, Hospital visitors, Eucharistic Ministers and anyone who has experienced caring for those nearing the end of life. To book your place, please contact Pastoral Formation on 0151 522 104 or formation@rcaol.co.uk

SHALOM FAMILY GROUP: All are welcome to the events: **Sunday, 23rd June:** Beach Picnic at Formby Point.

Meet at the presbytery at 2pm.

Sunday, 14th July, 2pm: Inter family rounder's: Presbytery

Sunday, 18th August, 5pm: Mass at Farmhouse followed by campfire/ singing and meal

Friday, 20th September: Table tennis (tbc)

Friday, 8th November, 6.30pm: Fireworks/Bonfire, Presbytery

Sunday, 1st December 2-4pm Christmas crafts, Presbytery

Tuesday, 17th December 6pm: Christmas meal (The Mount)

Saturday, 18th January 2020 after Mass: Inter family group "It's a Knockout"

Forthcoming Events in Upholland

1st Friday every month: Friends of Don Orione Mass at the farmhouse at 7.30pm

2nd Friday every month: Dementia Friends at Cardinal Heenan House at 2.30pm

27th May: Don Orione Garden Fete, **12noon-4pm**.

Raffle tickets available from Don Orione or Fr. Stephen.

Garden Fete items direct to Don Orione please.

Best wishes and prayers as ever and thank you for your continued support.

MONEY MATTERS

Thank you for last week's offertory of £381.78 + S/O £270