

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

For whoever is not against us is for us.

Who is for us? Those who give welcome to those left out and invite them in, those who shelter the homeless or help them to find shelter, whoever cares for the beautiful planet earth, whoever feeds the hungry, teaches the ignorant, stands up for justice, or gives a drop of water in HIS name. Jesus, all we want is to be on your side. We need you on ours too.

POPE FRANCIS'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS 2018

October: Evangelization: The Mission of Religious

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalised, and those who have no voice. Further information can be found at: www.apostleshipofprayer.org

PARISH FEAST DAY: Sunday, 30th September. All are very welcome to come along and enjoy a friendly get together with a free buffet in the Club after Mass to celebrate St. Teresa's Feast Day. **CAFOD** will also be holding their coffee morning and fund raiser in the Club also with games, fancy goods, books, crafts, etc.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE: The next course is due to start this **Sunday, 30th September**, after 10am mass. We will be holding another series of courses which is due to start in January 2019. If you are interested in attending, please contact Eleanor in the office.

FOCUS TEAM: The Focus Team will meet on **Monday, 1st October, 7pm** in the office.

YOUTH NEWS:

Lourdes 2019 Applications are available to download early this year on **Monday, 1st October** – open to young people aged **15-22**. Let Jane know as soon as possible if you would like to apply and join in with our parish fund raising.

RCIA (ASK Group): The ASK Group commenced on Monday, 17th September, with seven new members. People are still welcome to come and join in with us at the next session on **Monday, 1st October at 7.30pm** prompt.

CO-ORDINATORS MEAL: May I take this opportunity to thank you all on behalf of St. Teresa's parish for all the work you and your teams do throughout the year to keep our parish running so well. It's autumn and usually at this time we invite you all and your partners or spouses to come and have a hotpot supper and a glass of wine together. It's the parish's way of saying a little thank you. It will be a chance for us all to chat together and give any feedback or suggestions to help us in the coming year. So I do hope I will see you all, and I keep you all in my prayers as I hope you keep me in yours. The Hotpot supper is on **Thursday, 4th October, 7pm** in the Club Lounge. Please let Eleanor in the office know if you can attend and if you have any special requirements.

HARVEST FESTIVAL: We will be having our Harvest Festival during **10am Mass on Sunday, 7th October**. The school will bring items that they have collected and parishioners are very welcome to bring in items also. All items received will be donated to the Food Bank.

VOLUNTEERS: We desperately require volunteers to help clean the Church – just one morning a month would be great. Please let Eleanor in the office know if you are able to help.

SHALOM FAMILY GROUP: **Friday, 12th October, 6pm**, are holding a ghost/bat walk, with tea and coffee in the meeting room afterwards. All are invited to come and join in for a fun and friendly evening.

FIRM ROOTS CANCER SUPPORT started in Bristol in 2012 as a Christian organisation offering prayer and spiritual support, as well as practical and emotional support to people affected by cancer and their families. The motto of Firm Roots is 'Strength for Today; Hope for Tomorrow' and the aim of the organisation is to walk alongside people and support them with God's love as they go through cancer. We would like to invite you to come along and find out more at our 1st Firm Roots National Conference on **Saturday, 13th October, 10-4pm** at Kirkheaton Parish Church, Church Lane, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield. HD5 0BH. Booking form and poster with more information at back of church.

Wigan Infirmary Chaplain Visits: If you would like a member of the Catholic Chaplaincy Team to visit a loved one or yourself in hospital, please text Paul on 07525 399 769, who would be delighted to arrange a visit.

Are you Interested in Becoming a Catholic Chaplaincy volunteer?

Eucharistic Ministers: the Catholic Chaplaincy Team at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh are looking for Eucharistic Ministers to take the Blessed Sacrament to patients on Sunday mornings on a rota basis (i.e. not every week).

Ward Visitors: The Lay Chaplain is looking for volunteers with spare time on Mondays and Saturdays to help in this important ministry. You will be accompanying current volunteers and/or the Lay Chaplain, visiting patients to offer support, a friendly ear and spiritual support where appropriate.

*These roles are subject to DBS, and hospital volunteer recruitment checks. For more information contact Paul Moores on 07525 399 769, or paul.moores@cantab.net

LACE: Initial Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Saturday, 6th October, Irenaeus Centre, L22 1RD, 9.30-4.30pm. £20 pp including lunch, plus a copy of the booklet for taking Holy Communion to the Sick. Further details from Maureen Knight on 0151 522 1046 or m.knight@rcaol.co.uk

War and Peace: Saturday, 6th October, 7.30pm at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Spread over 250 years are the responses of composers to War and Peace. The concert includes works by Haydn, Schubert, Mendelssohn, the Cantata Choir and more. Tickets £10, concessions £7, under 25s £3. See poster at back of church.

NORTHERN SCRIPTURE FESTIVAL: "Joy, the Surprise of the Gospel" – a day for Christians to experience the Bible afresh through informative and inspiring talks, workshops and worship. **Saturday, 6th October, 10-5pm**, Salford Cathedral and Cathedral Centre. Book early at www.scripturefestival.org See poster at back of church.

FAMILY FUN EVENING: Upholland Methodist Church, Alma Hill, **Saturday, 20th October, 7pm**. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a Sing-a-long, Chocolate Bingo, Play Your Cards Right, and much more. Tickets £5 including buffet. Tel: 01695 622414 to book.

MONEY MATTERS

Thank you for last week's offertory of £477.22 + S/O £270.

Thank you for further donation of £13 to Home Missions.