

Home Mission Sunday

We have regular 'Mission' appeals – requests to support those working on the 'foreign missions'. Today we are asked to pray for the work of the Church here at home – to pray that every Catholic, every parish, will try to share their faith – that we will become 'missioners' here in our own backyard. There will be a second collection today to support the work of "mission" in England and Wales. (There is also an online donation facility at: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Donate>)

This year's theme focuses on two priorities for prayer and reflection: Firstly, PROCLAIM – that we may all take a new step to share our faith more joyfully and confidently, and secondly: the JOY OF LOVE – that following Jesus' command to love one another as he loved us, we may all consider afresh how we can witness to the joy of mutual love to others. A number of commemorative prayer cards are available at the back of church – free!

Sunday 18th September

9.30am John Shaw (A)
11.00am Mgr. Leo Alston (A)
6.30pm Frank Smith (A)

Weekday Masses

Mon. 8.30am Graham Gaskell
Tues. 8.30am Darren (St. Catherine's)
Wed. 8:30am Valerie Bretherton
Thurs. 8.30am Ken Brindle
Fri. 8.30am Tom Wilcock
Sat. 8.30am John Ashworth (LD)

Sunday 25th September

9.30am Alan West (LD)
11.00am Colette & Joe Finn (Silver Wedding)
6.30pm Frank Smith (A)

Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Kitty Ellison · Jayne Hodge · Kathleen Reynolds · Bridget Cain · Hazel Lee · Mary Patten · Agnes Martindale · Robert Stretton · Hilda Haworth · Mildred Bridge · Margaret Wood · Harold Sutton · Margaret Bower · Thomas Moss · Gerard Baker · Hugh Daly · Margaret Dearden · Maureen Jackson · Dorothy McDonald (Howarth) · Maureen McIver · Bill Burns · Lois Chiasson · Peter Molloy · Gerard McGuigan · Dorothy Scard · Renis Marshall · Moya Jones · Michael Rothwell

Sadly we said good bye to Canon Kevin Mullen last week, who died on 11th September at Ince Blundell, where he spent the last three years of his retirement. Canon Mullen was ordained in 1953 and served in 5 parishes of the Diocese, the longest period was as Dean at St. Mary's, from 1989 to 2004, where besides his priestly work at the service of parishioners he oversaw the extensive reordering and relighting of the church, the building of a new porch and Lady Shrine in the old one and also carried through improvements to the Parish Centre. For 12 years he served as a member of the Archbishop's council and a Trustee of the Archdiocese, and of course he spent 9 happy years in retirement in the Lodge at the bottom of the drive, still continuing to help around the deanery. Canon Mullen will be greatly missed by his family and his priest friends as much as his wider family: his many former parishioners. Requiescat in pace.

Youth Group

After the summer break the Youth Group are starting up their socials again to continue as before, meeting usually on the last Friday of the month, 7.00 to 9.00pm. Come along to the first meeting on 30th September – there is lots to do and discuss.

Reception into the Church

Today we welcome a new parishioner – Stephanie Louise Cameron, who will be received into the Church at the 11.00am Mass. This is a very joyful occasion for Stephanie and her family and we wish her and Michael and their son a lovely celebration and pray for them as they start on this new faith journey.

Baptism

We also welcome in Baptism Leo Maxwell Forshaw and remember him and his family in our prayer. May the Lord bless you all.

Collection

Thank you for last week's collection of £1049 and the special collection for the Catholic Education Services of £145.

Gift Aid Boxes

There are still some Gift Aid boxes of envelopes left in the sacristy, please collect them from there. Thank you.

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to the Cathedral

The Archbishop has invited all the diocesan deaneries to come to the Cathedral "on pilgrimage" to celebrate this Year of Mercy. The Chorley Deanery is invited to join him there on Saturday 8th October. It is intended that we arrive for 10.00am and enter the Cathedral through the "Holy Door". There will be a Reconciliation Service at 10.45am with Confessions. The Archbishop will celebrate Mass with us at 12.15pm. It is a three line whip for us priests – and I hope it will be so for all our parishioners. Coaches to leave from here at 8.30am.

There is a list at the back of the church, please put your name and contact details on it if you can come, we need to know how many coaches to order. £5 per adult, children free. Please join in celebrating God's loving mercy.

Ministering to the Assembly

Counters (19th September) Terence Donnelly and Bernard Kiley

Rotas (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 25th September)

S.A.S. Mary Wakeman & Liz Fowler
Dial a Ride Malc Scard & Terence Donnelly

Readers Andrew Nightingale

Sharon Hobin

Michael Rothwell

Ministers Christine Crossen

Sharon Hobin

Anthony Hooson

Margaret Scard

Clare Meredith