Sacred Heart & St William R.C Church Uppermill

Newsletter 32ndSunday in Ordinary time Newsletter for week beginning 12th November 2023

Masses for the coming week

Monday - NO MASS
Tuesday - 10am Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday - 10am Mass
Thursday - 10am Liturgy of the Word
Friday - 10am MASS
WEEKEND MASSES

Sat Vigil - 12.15pm – Mossley Sat Vigil 6pm –Uppermill Sunday – 9.30am Uppermill Sunday 11.00am – Mossley

Masses received this week Please pray for the following....

Lately Dead

Christine Day Terry Parker, Christine Lamb, Michael Walsh Mrs. Kage, James McIntyre, Annie McIntyre

Anniversary

Beverly Wright, Joseph Carr, Edith Hunt, Michael Doran, Harold Huston, Christopher & Ellen Murphy, Janet Heaton, George F. Ridgeway, Aiden Edge, Florence Parsons, Winifred Ash, Mary Smith, Margaret Dalby

Special intention

Mick Farmer (S), Kathleen Broe (Bir mem) Jim Barrow

CHURCH CHARITY SHOP

The shop is holding 2 days of selling Christmas goods on the 14th and 15th November.

Please help if you can by donating suitable Christmas gifts. These two days will replace the "Christmas Fair".
Please help with your support!

YOU DID IT! A huge 'Thank you' from CAFOD.

During the early part of last summer members of this parish added their signature to a letter from Salina, a small-holder farmer from Bangladesh. The letter was eventually signed by over 70,000 Catholics from almost a third of parishes in England and Wales and was addressed to the World Bank. It called upon the Bank to guarantee the rights of small farmers to use, save and share their own seeds and to resist pressure being placed on them to buy seeds from multinational companies.

On Wednesday 11 October, almost simultaneously in London and Morocco, the letter was handed to senior World Bank staff. The CAFOD delegation reports that they were very well received by officials, who agreed to meet and discuss the issue. We must now wait and see what positive steps are taken as a result of this meeting. In the meantime, thank you for your wonderful support. We will keep you informed.

Receiving the Eucharist under both kinds.

We will be re-introducing the Eucharist under both kinds on the first Sunday of Advent. Receiving from the chalice is optional, as it always has been. At the beginning there will only be a small amount of wine consecrated, so if the minister walks away, do not feel offended; as more people begin to receive, more will be consecrated, to facilitate the numbers. At weekday masses there will be one chalice on the left of the sanctuary, at weekend masses there will be two ministers one on either side of the sanctuary. All ministers will continue to sanitize their hands, and this will be a permanent act, to keep things as clean as possible.

<u>A word about Intinction</u>. – This is the act of dipping the consecrated host into the chalice. Although this is not recommended, as Jesus said, "take and eat", and at the end of the supper he said, "take and drink", two distinctive acts and two distinctive commands, it has been the practice some priests have adopted through the time of the pandemic. It is still not recommended that we do this now, as the serious time of infection has passed. The reintroduction of Eucharist under both kinds has been deemed "safe" by the Church, the choice is yours.

"CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal. Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need.

Thank you for your prayers."

Offertories Last Week

1st collection £331.30; 2nd collection £95.95 Shop £236.36 Sing for Pleasure Choir £210.00 Direct debits: - July £579.70, August £515.70 September £395.70 Thank you

Peace be with you - THIS WEEK

A whole day retreat on the 14th November at Theodore House, Stonyhurst.

See Mary Farmer for more details.

CAN YOU HELP IN ANY WAY?...... Dear Fr Jim

I, together with a number of business contacts and friends are due to travel to Ukraine on 26 November 2023 to deliver Christmas presents and humanitarian aid to children who are disadvantaged and displaced by war currently housed across 3 orphanages and over 23 shelters in and around Chernivtsi. Ukraine.

A link to the Just Giving page detailing the appeal and our proposed trip is below.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ChildrenofUkraineChristmasAppeal?utm_term=NEGDrJP9Nhe

You will note from the appeal that we are seeking not only cash donations but:

- School supplies to include stationery, notepads, art and drawing materials etc.;
- School backpacks;
- Sports equipment to include balls, nets, tables tennis equipment etc;
- Children's games (including a special request for large lego or duplo blocks for the learning-disabled children);
- Hygiene products to include nappies, sanitary products, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, shower gel, toothbrushes etc;
- Winter coats we have been specifically asked NOT to bring clothing other than winter coats;
- 20 30 tents and associated camping equipment such as sleeping bags, sleeping mats/airbeds, lamps etc. so they can be used for summer camps to take the children away from the orphanages/shelters for a much-needed break.
- An off-grid solar power system to be installed at the remote summer camp the Charity has currently been gifted the use of.

I am approaching clients and businesses to establish whether they can donate any of the items we seek or have clients/contacts that may be in a position to assist.

In addition to the above, any support that you may be able to offer out appeal through increasing awareness would also be very welcome.

Please let me know if you have any queries. I'll be happy to take a call at your convenience. Many thanks and kind regards - **CHRIS KEANE**

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 15th November 7pm in the church hall. Any items for the agenda to Susan as soon as possible please.