

# St Marie's & St Patrick's

## On a Journey of Faith



First Sunday of Lent 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Year B

### FOOD AND DRINK FOR THE JOURNEY

Today we celebrate the first Sunday of Lent and we are reminded of the triumph of Jesus over the devil in the desert. As Jesus resisted temptation in the desert, we too are called to resist the temptations that we may come across in our daily lives. No matter how many Lents we've lived through, the call for us to be reconciled to God is as important today as it ever was. God always forgives us. He never tires of this. It's we who get tired of asking for forgiveness. Over the next few weeks, we will have many opportunities..... through prayer.... through fasting.... through forgiving others and not bearing grudges..... through donating from our surplus to help those in need, we will be well prepared to celebrate Easter. Our aim is to become the goodness of God. In today's first reading God gives Noah the rainbow as a reassuring sign of His goodness. There is something very special in the appearance of a rainbow against the dark rain clouds - a sign that the sun can play with the raindrops and transform them into an arch of colour. We know the legend about the treasure that lies at the end of a rainbow - but perhaps a greater treasure and the real truth is that when we see a rainbow, we remember God's love for humanity and His everlasting covenant with us. Praise Him!



MISSION STATEMENT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL "Taking to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus, we will go into the world to proclaim the Good News to the whole of Creation"

## ACKNOWLEDGED WITH THANKS

### **ST MARIE'S**

Offertory: £819.29 (plus over £200 Standing Order)

This Week's Retiring Collection: SVP

Next Week's Retiring Collection: Church Development

Marian-Care: £400, £300, £50, £20, £10, £5

Pennies for Africa: £20, £10, £5,

### **ST PATRICK'S**

Offertory: £858.18 (plus Standing Order)

This Week's Retiring Collection: SVP

Next Week's Retiring Collection: Church Development



*We hold in prayer all who are sick in body,  
mind or spirit and those who care for them,  
also those who have died recently .....**Murial  
Parham.. ....Pauline Quane..Mick  
Heneghan.....Barbara Evans.....Wyn  
Coughlan..** May those who grieve their  
passing come to experience the peace of the  
Risen Christ.*

## LITURGICAL WEEK

Today - First Sunday of Lent

Thursday – Feast of the See of St Peter the Apostle

Sunday – Second Sunday of Lent

Thank you  
from the  
bottom  
of my  
heart

Thank you very much to Fr John and parishioners of St Patrick's for the prayers, visits gifts and cards given to me after my accident. May God bless you all.

Bernie Coyle

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Thank You

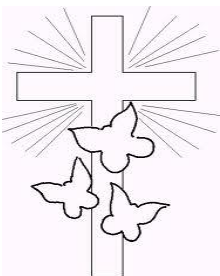
Many thanks are due to everyone who attended the Houghton Weavers concert last week. It was highly successful, and enjoyable occasion, thanks to all who helped. Due to the generosity of so many people the sum of £712.00 was made. This amount will be shared between "Light for Life" and the CAFOD fund for Syrian children. Thank you again!

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### **NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH**

10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> March in St Joseph's Church, Maidenhead and Herbert House Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Please write to Fr Liam Cummins, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Rd, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT, or email [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com)

## ST MARIE'S BEREAVEMENT FRIENDSHIP GROUP



The next Bereavement Friendship Group meeting will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 10.30 – 11.55am in the Marian Centre. We look forward to sharing conversation and refreshments with you, and meeting new and old friends.

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### DAYS OF REFLECTION

St Joseph's Prayer Centre: Blundell Avenue, Formby. L37  
1PH 01704 875850 / 07712178670

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: "Into the Wilderness with Jesus" Day of Retreat for Lent led by Donna Worthington. 10.30 – 3.30pm (Mass @ 10.00) Donation £20 includes lunch

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> "Spirituality for the Autumn of Life" An inspiring DVD course for the over sixties.  
10.30 - (Mass @ 10.00) Refreshments provided/ bring own lunch. Any donation welcome.

Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> "JESUS – A Revolution of Tenderness and Love." Led by Fr. Eamonn Mulcahy CSSP  
10.30 – 3.30pm ( Mass @3pm) £20 Includes lunch

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March "Introduction to the Divine Will" led by Tony Hickey 10.00 Mass – 4.30 pm ( Refreshments provided – bring packed lunch Donation £18 )

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*We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures...  
we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our  
real capacity to become the image of his Son." Pope  
John Paul II*



**Meetings for Lay Ministers of Word, Eucharist, Funeral, Sacristy and for our Catechists**

February 22<sup>nd</sup> St Patrick's and 1<sup>st</sup> March St Marie's, both 7-8p.m. A

powerful brief time together to strengthen and support each other in our ministries. If you can't get to

the Parish where you normally minister please do your best to get to the other meeting - and if you can't do that please send apologies, as the ministry and presence of each one of us is invaluable

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**CHURCH CHUCKLES**

A preacher was winding up his sermon with great fervour, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." And the congregation cried, "Amen!"

"And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it in the river. "And the congregation cried, "Amen!"

"And if I had all the whiskey and demon rum in the world, I'd take it all and throw it in the river." And the congregation cried, Alleluia!

The preacher sat down.

The choir leader stood up very tentatively and announced, For our closing song, let us sing hymn number 365, "Shall we gather at the river."

# St Marie's Mass Times and Intentions

Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> February

Sunday	8.30am 10.00am	Marie Cusani Elaine's mum
Monday	12 Noon	Service of The Word & Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>REQUIEM Muriel Parham</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>REQUIEM Pauline Quane</b>
Thursday	12 Noon	Patricia Fitzgerald
Friday	12 Noon	Paddy & Joan Coughlan
Saturday	12 Noon	Kathleen Carty
Sunday	8.30am 10.00am	Tom Kean Margaret Cowan

## Tea/Coffee in the Marian Centre after the 10am Mass

Mass in Polish – is celebrated at St Marie's on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday's of the month at 3pm.

Mass in Indian – last Thursday of each month 6p.m.

The Rosary will be prayed on Mon after the Service of The Word & Holy Communion Tues - Sat after 12 00 Noon Mass

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Tues - Sat 11.30 to 12.00 noon (or by appointment with Father John)

### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Monday to Saturday 11.30 to 12.00 noon  
Service of The Word & Holy Communion Mon 12 Noon  
Followed by the Rosary

*Marian Centre for Evangelisation – this wonderful resource of our parish is behind the Church. For more info.*

*Tel: 07544768483 email: [contact@mariancentre.org.uk](mailto:contact@mariancentre.org.uk),  
website: [www.mariancentre.org.uk](http://www.mariancentre.org.uk)*

*The Parish House is open from 10.00am to 12.00 noon and from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm Mon- Fri for general enquiries, e.g. Mass Cards, and to feed the homeless and those in need.*



# St Patrick's Mass Times and Intentions

Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> February

Saturday 6pm	Tess Adamson
Sunday 11.30am	Bridget Taylor & Family
Tuesday 9.15am	<b>Fr Tom Leigh</b>
<b>Thursday 10am</b>	<b>REQUIEM Barbara Evans</b>
Saturday 6pm	Kieran Smyth
Sunday 11.30am	Godfrey Hand

Mass for the people of our Parishes and St Patrick's Guild will be celebrated on Fr John's day-off

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 5.30pm – 6pm  
(or by appointment with Fr John)

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Tuesday & Thursday 8.45 -9.15am

The Parish Office is open as often as possible on weekdays for general enquiries, The Parish Office – 01704 228943  
The Parish Centre Tel: 01704 507165



The Sanctuary Lamps this week will burn for .....

	<b>ST MARIE'S</b>	<b>ST PATRICK'S</b>
Sun	David, Charlotte, Matthew & Leo	Tess Adamson. Nina Marsh & Michael Cunningham
Mon	Thomas Joseph Mullan	Ivan Parkinson
Tues	Pauline Quane	Pat Orton Family and Friends
Wed	Tony Green	South Africa
Thur	Matt Broe & Elaine	Victims of shootings in the USA
Fri	Margaret Watmough	A Fruitful Lent
Sat	Molly Halsall	Mick Heneghan
Sun	Emily Spofforth	Wyn Coughlan



## ST PATRICK'S BAPTISMS

We welcome into God's family,  
Jack Mark Abraham who will  
receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

We hold this little child of light and his  
family in our love and prayer.

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## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Women's World Day of Prayer 2018 is  
on Friday March 2nd at 11:00a.m. at St  
Patrick's Church. All are welcome.

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## REFLECTION AT ST PATRICK'S

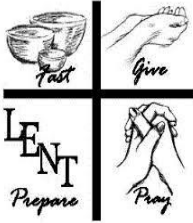
*Fr Richard will lead us in a Lenten reflection on the  
Passion on Fridays 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of  
March in the Church Hall 1-2p.m.....pencil these  
dates in your diary and treat yourself to some special  
time! There will be soup and buns from 12.30pm with  
all donations going to the Third World Group.*

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*Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us  
from our lethargy."*

*Pope Francis*





## LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Our theme given to us by Pope Francis is  
*'Come back to the lord with all your heart'*

- ❖ **Stations of the Cross** – St Patrick's Thursday 9.50a.m. and St Marie's Saturday 12.35p.m. (blest as we are to have our Churches open so much you are welcome to pray the Stations on your own if you wish)
- ❖ **Sacrament of Reconciliation** –communal celebration of the Sacrament for the 3 Parishes of St Marie, St Patrick and Holy Family at St Marie's on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7p.m.
- ❖ **All other Mass-times** etc. as normal up to the Wednesday of Holy Week.....then we will have one celebration for both Parishes in one Church:-

### **EASTER TRIDUUM**

- ❖ **Holy Thursday** – Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7.30p.m. at St Marie's (followed by 'Watching' for those who wish/can, concluding with Night Prayer at 9.50 p.m.)
- ❖ **Good Friday** – Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3p.m. at St Marie's (with Evening Meditation at St Patrick's 7.30p.m.)
- ❖ **Holy Saturday** – Easter Vigil – 9p.m. at St Patrick's with the full initiation into the Church of several people (and including a special blessing of the Paschal Candle for St Marie's)
- ❖ **Easter Sunday** – 9.30a.m. Mass at St Marie's and 11a.m. Mass at St Patrick's

*I dearly hope that you will make these united celebrations truly memorable by your presence and prayerful participation in this most powerful time of the Church's year.....thank you so much for your understanding and support!* Fr John



## R.C.I.A

This afternoon at the Cathedral those being received into the Catholic Church at Easter will be accompanied by their catechists and sponsors to the Rite of Election when the Archbishop will choose them to become fully part of our One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

*John.... Ivy.... Mark...you are in our prayer as you walk the Journey of Faith. We also hold in our prayer Ellie Rose and Melanie who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation.*

We keep them in prayer as this period of purification and enlightenment opens before them. *We meet again on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 7pm in the Parish House to explore 'Lent and Eastertide'*

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## ST MARIE'S EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

The new rota is available for collection from the Sacristy.

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*Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life.*

Pope Benedict XVI

## *What's on at St Patrick's*

<i>Sunday Tea/Coffee before 11.30am Mass</i>	
<i>Prayer Group</i>	<i>Sunday 7.30pm</i>
<i>Strength and Balance</i>	<i>Monday 1.30pm - 2.30pm</i>
<i>Tai Chi</i>	<i>Monday 3pm - 4pm</i>
<i>Mums &amp; Tots</i>	<i>Tuesday 9.15am - 11.15am</i>
<i>Keep Fit</i>	<i>Tuesday 11.30am - 12.30pm</i>
<i>Luncheon Club</i>	<i>Wednesday 11.30am - 12.30pm</i>
<i>Over 55's</i>	<i>Wednesday 2pm - 4pm</i>
<i>Scripture Group</i>	<i>Thursday 2pm - 4pm</i>
<i>Art Class</i>	<i>Friday 10am - 12 Noon</i>

## *What's on at St Marie's*

<i>Monday U3A 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday</i>	<i>10am - 12 Noon</i>
<i>Craft Group 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday</i>	<i>1.30pm - 3.30pm</i>
<i>Thursday Tea Dance</i>	<i>2pm - 4pm</i>
<i>Friday Mothers Prayers</i>	<i>1.30pm</i>
<i>Saturday Gospel Joy</i>	<i>1pm</i>
<i>Sunday Parish Tea/Coffee after 10am Mass</i>	

## PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS - FEBRUARY INTENTION

### **Say "No" to Corruption**

That those who have material, political or spiritual  
power may resist any lure of corruption.

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*What I love about being a Catholic is.....*

*Lent - to prepare us for Easter*

# The Pastoral Area of Southport

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