

### SAINT BONAVENTURE'S MISSIONARY AREA

Serving the Parishes of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Sacred Heart & Saint Peter, Saint Hilda & Saint Aidan

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# Sunday 25th February - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Saturday 24th February	17:00 Saint Anthony	Winnie Doyle (Birthday Memories) Elizabeth Reilly RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anv)	
First Mass of Sunday	18:00 Saint Hilda	Stuart Robinson RIP	
	09:30 Saint Elizabeth	Bernadette Astley RIP (15th Anv)	
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	10:00 Saint Aidan	Margaret & John Hartigan (Anv)	
	11:00 Saint Anthony	Liz & Vinny Fahy	
	11:30 Sacred Heart	Reg Murtagh	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	09:00 Saint Anthony	Thanksgiving for my son's job and prayers for my family.	
<i>Feria</i>	12:00 Sacred Heart	Charlie Shiels RIP	
<u>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February</u> <i>Feria</i>	09:30 Sacred Heart	Ring & Murtagh families	
	09:00 Saint Anthony	For the soul of Quintina De Souza	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Feria	09:30 Sacred Heart	Carole & Ann Doherty	
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Thursday 29th February	09:00 Saint Anthony	Elsie Johnson RIP	
Feria	18:30 Saint Anthony	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March St David, Bishop	09:15 Saint Anthony	John Regan RIP	
	09:30 Sacred Heart	Pamela Gallagher (Bday Remembrance)	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	10:00 Saint Anthony	Private Intention	
Feria	12 Noon Sacred Heart	John Leo RIP	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March First Mass of Sunday	17:00 Saint Anthony	To lower the abortion time limit	
	18:00 Saint Hilda	Mary O'Connell (LD)	
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	09:30 Saint Elizabeth	Mary McPeake (Anv)	
	10:00 Saint Aidan	Jophin Jojo (Ints)	
	11:00 Saint Anthony	Our priests	
	11:30 Sacred Heart	Those having marriage counselling	

## Father Owen Writes:

Welcome to this week's newsletter. On this 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent we are presented with the Transfiguration. That great moment when the Lord was transfigured and His glory shone around. A glory that is still present today, even if we cannot see it. So, when we come into the presence of the Lord at Mass do we recognise it or do we just think we are present for a social event? Do we focus on Him in prayer and adoration or are we only here to catch up with the goings on in and around the parishes/local community?

Peter, James and John fell to their knees when the Lord Transfigured in His glory. They were gobsmacked; speechless! Oh, that today we could be that again. An air of silence befalls our churches and prayer rises again, true prayer and not the babbling of the pagans and non-believers. Lord open my eyes and close my mouth that I may worship you alone. That I may come closer to you alone. That I may conform to you alone.

1st Reading	The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.	Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18
Psalm	I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.	Psalm 115
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	God did not spare his own Son.	Romans 8:31-34
Gospel	This is my Son, the Beloved.	Mark 9:2-10

# Saturdays at Saint Anthony's 10:30am – 11:15am; Sacred Heart 11.00am – 11.45am

<u>GENTLE REMINDERS:</u> Priests do not have their diaries with them after Mass, if you would like to arrange appointments, please email the relevant Email address.

If you have flu like symptoms or are feeling unwell in any other way, please remember it is not just you that attends Church, and you could end up affecting others. We all must look out for each other so let's do that.

"STATION MASSES" THROUGHOUT LENT: There is an ancient Roman Tradition for Lent of Christians from across the city making a small pilgrimage each day and gathering together at a particular Church for the celebration of Mass. This Lent, our parishes, along with others in the Deanery, have agreed to come together each week during Lent for a 'Station Mass'. It starts at 6pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/ Confessions and a period of prayer, then at 7pm Mass. The travel to the different churches involved, and the gathering together with Catholic Christians from beyond our own parishes will form part of our Lenten practice this year. The schedule is as follows:

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – St. Joseph's, Sale Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March – St. Vincent's, Altrincham Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March – Sacred Heart & St. Peter's Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March – Holy Angels, Hale Barns

#### **COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND:**

The priests are looking to put together new lists of those who need communion visits around the three parishes. They are also looking for the names of those who carry out this very worthwhile ministry as well as those who would like to join up and help bring the Lord to others. Can you please contact the office at Sacred heart on the pastoral email address or the office phone number then we can get it all arranged and help those of our brothers and sisters who cannot get out of the house to attend Mass.

**<u>NEW PHONE NUMBER:</u>** Our phone in the office has been upgraded and we have been given

a new number. **0161 503 2843.** Apologies for any inconvenience in recent weeks.

<u>SECOND COLLECTION:</u> This weekend 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> for Father Stephen in thanksgiving of his time with us.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS ST ELIZABETH'S:** Every Tuesday during Lent 6:00pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ST AIDAN'S: Every Friday during lent 6:30pm

<u>KANANAYA COMMUNITY STATIONS OF THE</u>
<u>CROSS:</u> Every Friday during Lent 6.30pm at St Hilda's. All are welcome.

**PRAYER GROUP:** Every Monday St Hilda's 7pm – 8pm for those who are looking for a quiet hour away from the hustle and bustle of life. It is contemplative prayer dating from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century and is founded on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

WELCOMERS NEEDED: Saint Anthony's 11am Mass on Sundays. Welcomers stand in the back of the church and welcome people to our Sunday Masses. They greet them with a smile and pass them a copy of our newsletter. If a person is new to or visiting our parish, they will help them providing key information as required. Welcomers are the first point of contact in our community and we need you to be part of a team at Saint Anthony's. If you would like to volunteer speak to the current welcomers at the back of church.

<u>FILM NIGHT:</u> The Passion of Christ. St Aidan's Centre Friday 1st March 7pm.

WORLD DAY OR PRAYER 2024: A service for everyone on Friday 1st March 2pm at Brownley Green Baptist Church, M22 9TB. All Welcome.

<u>ST HILDA'S RAMBLERS:</u> Next walk is on Saturday 2nd March. We will meet at St Hilda's car park

at 10am. We will be walking along the river to Fletcher Moss in Didsbury.

<u>ST ELIZABETH'S COFFEE MORNING:</u> Everyone is invited to come along after Mass Sunday, 3rd March, raising money for a village in Ethiopia with medical supplies and baby care which Rosaleen McLeish has been supporting for many years.

<u>DAY OF PRAYER:</u> St Aidan's Centre Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 10am-4pm. Growing in our relationship with Jesus. Come and experience the tremendous love God has for you and rekindle your lukewarm spirit. Everyone is welcome, please do not miss this opportunity.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE 2024: The annual Marriage Mass will take place on Saturday June 8th, 12 noon at Saint Columba's Church Chester and will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Couples who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year: Silver, Pearl, Ruby, Golden, Diamond or Platinum and also newly married couples are invited. Please send your details to the parish office if you wish to attend.

#### **PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM ON FOOT:**

Joby Thomas will be undertaking the English Camino pilgrimage walking approximately 25 miles a day. Alongside a group of men, he will begin his journey on 16th of March from St Joseph's R.C. Church, Stockport to Our Lady's Shrine in Walshingham. Please support Joby with your prayers.

If anyone has any prayer intentions for Our Lady, please place them in an envelope and give it to Joby and he will place it at the Shrine. If anyone would like to sponsor him the money will go towards funds for the youth of our parish going to Lourdes.

PLEASE SUPPORT US: 5 parishioners from St Elizabeth's are running 1000km during lent to support a village in Ethiopia with medical supplies and baby care. If anyone would like to donate, please follow the link to our go fund me page <a href="https://gofund.me/3629d85b">https://gofund.me/3629d85b</a>
Photos and updates from very unfit ladies to follow. We've put the hospital on standby. If you see us around Wythenshawe, feel free to give us a wave.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK: Support an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can now survive outside the womb, leaving a contradiction in our abortion law. Collect a

postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP urgently in support of this amendment.

HOPE PROJECT FOODBANK LENTEN APPEAL: The Hope Foodbank project is running an appeal for money and food during Lent, to enable the foodbanks to help anyone who is strugaling

foodbanks to help anyone who is struggling with food poverty. The Hope Project's aim is to provide a supply of three meals a day for three days to those in need.:

https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/fundraiserfor-foodbank-supplies to donate suitable nonperishable food please drop off your donations to any of our five churches.

CANTORES OEUMENICA: Are Presenting 'Olivet to Calvary' on Palm Sunday 24th March 2024 at 4pm in Holy Angels RC Church, Hale Barns. The Soloists both have a background of Glyndebourne Opera, and all are accompanied by the International Organist Jonathan Scott. Entry is FREE with a retiring collection for charity. ALL donations will go to the named charities. For further details, follow this link http://cantoresoec.org/

LOURDES YOUTH 2024: There will be a meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at Sacred Heart Church for those of our youth who are interested or have already registered. Age 16-22. Cost £725. Funding and fundraising support is available.

<u>WELCOME TO:</u> Olivia, Daniel & Elliot who have joined the family of God through the blessed sacrament of Baptism. May God bless you now and always.

<u>BAPTISM:</u> Our nest preparation meeting is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm at St Elizabeth's Church, Holliney Rd, M22 5JF

#### SAINT JOSEPH'S CANDLE AT SAINT AIDANS:

Burns this week for **Kaitlyn.** If you wish to have the candle burn for your intention, please contact Joby or Jeanette.

**OUR LADY CANDLE AT SACRED HEART:** Burns this week for **Carole & Ann Doherty.** If you wish to have the candle burn for your intention, please contact the office.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: We pray for Bernard Murray, Maria Barlow, Theresa Taylor, Chloe Logan, Ray Caldwell, Susan Marley, Leroy Walcott, Canon Phil Moor & Pat Berry.

<u>FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:</u> We pray for the repose of the soul of **Gemma Abdilla**, **Stephen Murray**, **Lillian Ferguson**, **Peter Good**, **Catherine Hoban**, **Margaret Taylor & Patrick Ruane** 



<u>WEEKLY COLLECTION:</u> Last week's collections are below. Thank you for your ongoing support of our work in Wythenshawe.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish	Sacred Heart & Saint Peter's Parish	Saint Hilda & Saint Aidan's Parish
Saint Anthony's £448.73	£315.27	Saint Hilda's £73.00
Saint Elizabeth's £263.30		Saint Aidan's £188.44

#### Clergy

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Father David Irwin

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#### Catholic Social Action Wythenshawe

Telephone: 07907 620 891

#### Wythenshawe Hospital Chaplaincy

Telephone: **0161 291 2297** Please ring this number if you need a visit from a chaplaincy team member whilst in hospital.

#### **Parish Sisters**

Sr Damien – 0161 437 8772 Sr Maura – 0161 428 7572

Our Church locations:							
Sacred Heart & Saint	Saint Hilda's RC	Saint Aidan's RC	Saint Anthony's	Saint Elizabeth's RC			
Peter's RC Church	Kenworthy	230 Wythenshawe	RC Church	Church			
Floatshall Road	Lane,	Road,	(Our Lady Queen	(Our Lady Queen of			
Baguley,	Northenden,	Northern Mo	of Peace)	Peace)			
Wythenshawe,	Wythenshawe,	Wythenshawe,	Portway,	Holliney Road Peel			
Manchester	Manchester	Manchester	Woodhouse Park,	Hall, Wythenshawe,			
M23 1HP	M22 4EF	M23 0PH	Wythenshawe,	Manchester			
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OFFICE LOCATION			M22 OWR				
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