



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 10th March – 4th Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday

Saturday 9th March <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	17:00 Saint Anthony	Pat & Frank Stevens (Bday and Anv)
	18:00 Saint Hilda	Pat Berry (get well)
Sunday 10th March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Laetare Sunday</i>	09:30 Saint Elizabeth	Maria Barlow (sick)
	10:00 Saint Aidan	Dominic Swain
	11:00 Saint Anthony	Birthday Memories
	11:30 Sacred Heart	Mr Michael Moan RIP
Monday 11th March <i>Lent Feria</i>	09:00 Saint Anthony	Maria Filipa Fernandes RIP
	12:00 Sacred Heart	Private Intention
Tuesday 12th March <i>Lent Feria</i>	09:30 Sacred Heart	Sr. Leelamma Oonnukallel (Anv)
Wednesday 13th March <i>Lent Feria</i>	09:00 Saint Anthony	Marie & Herve Bertrand
	18:00 Sacred Heart	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	19:00 Sacred Heart	Virgilio Tangarorang RIP
Thursday 14th March <i>Lent Feria</i>	09:00 Saint Anthony	Joan McConville RIP
	10:00 Saint Hilda	Requiem for the late Margaret Mitchell
	18:30 Saint Anthony	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 15th March <i>Lent Feria</i>	09:15 Saint Anthony	William Johnson RIP
	09:30 Sacred Heart	For the protection of the unborn
	10:30 Saint Elizabeth	Requiem for the late Teresa Walton
Saturday 16th March <i>Lent Feria</i>	10:00 Saint Anthony	Marie Rosennie Bertrand & Herve Bertrand
	12 Noon Sacred Heart	For the soul of Paul John
Saturday 16th March <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	17:00 Saint Anthony	Helen Broderick
	18:00 Saint Hilda	Pat Berry (sick)
Sunday 17th March <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	09:30 Saint Elizabeth	Theresa Taylor (sick)
	10:00 Saint Aidan	Dominic Swain
	11:00 Saint Anthony	Anniversary of my Mum Valerie Alexis RIP
	11:30 Sacred Heart	For the souls of Guillermo Nacional & Anacleto Mapa

Father Owen Writes:

Welcome to this week's Newsletter. For God so loved the world is what we are told this weekend. Do we really believe that we are loved? Do we act as if we are loved? Do we act/ believe that anyone else is loved? The short answer to all is no we do not! Unfortunately, there is a selfish streak in the world around us that wants us to focus on our own base desires and so the joy of life is sucked out of us! And it is twisted around and put back in such a way as to mislead us when we hear the words – 'You're worth it!'

We are each of us worth it, but what is it we are worth it for? The answer is life and proclaiming life for all! We have a dignity that has been given to us by God that can only be taken away by selfish ideals and desires. Jesus came to save us! He came that we may have life and have it to the **full!** And there were never any exceptions put onto that gift. So why do we put restrictions on it?

1st Reading	God's wrath and mercy are revealed in the exile and release of his people.	2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23
Psalm	O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not.	Psalm 136
2nd Reading	You have been saved through grace.	Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel	God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.	John 3:14:1

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

FURTHER THREAT TO THE UNBORN OF ABORTION UP TO BIRTH:

In the next couple of weeks an attempt will be made to decriminalise abortion up to birth. The pro-abortion lobby is framing their proposal as an effort to save women from criminalisation and that is gaining support by blinding people to the full picture of what is at stake. **It means that a woman who induced her abortion at home using pills (or any other method) at any stage of pregnancy, including just before natural birth, would not commit a crime.**

We cannot overstate the seriousness of the threat to our society. This extreme amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill is being made by Diana Johnson MP and parliamentarians will be under pressure to support the amendment on grounds of compassion for mothers who seek to abort their unborn child beyond the legal limits. It is vitally important we make our voices heard in support of the unborn child. Please contact your MP to ask that they oppose the decriminalization of abortion up to birth, **Mike Kane MP, Civic Centre, Wythenshawe, Manchester.** email mike.kane.mp@parliament.uk

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children has helpful information under 'Resources.' The Right to Life website has details of an alternative amendment by Caroline Ansell MP to reduce the legal limit for abortion from 24 to 22 weeks based on the increased survival rates for babies being born at 22 and 23 weeks. Please support this using the postcards at the back of Church or send your own to or email **Mike Kane**.

LPA CHOIR: The choir will resume practice on Tuesday 12th March 7pm-8pm at Saint Anthony's Guild Room. All welcome.

UPDATE ON FR. PHIL MOOR: It is my pleasure to announce that Canon Phil is making a steady recovery and that he is resting comfortably. The family thanks everyone for their prayers and best wishes. Let us keep praying for Canon Phil, that he continues to make a good recovery.

"STATION MASSES" THROUGHOUT LENT: We will be hosting the Station Mass this week at Sacred Heart & St Peter's. All parishes are invited as part of our Lenten observances and to join as a community with other Catholics from the Deanery. It starts at 6pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/ Confessions and a period of prayer, then 7pm Mass.

Wed 13th March – Sacred Heart & St. Peter's
Wed 20th March – Holy Angels, Hale Barns

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

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

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND: We are compiling new lists of those who need communion visits around the three parishes. We also need 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 then we can arrange rotas and help those of our brothers and sisters who cannot get out of the house to attend Mass.

ST AIDAN'S FOODBANK: There is a basket at the back of Church for donations to the food bank. Also, the foodbank at St Aidan's are low on stock of the following items; Cereal (cornflakes etc), tinned soup, tinned tomatoes, tinned carrots, tinned corn, tinned potatoes, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, tea bags (bags of 40, 80, 160), Jars of coffee, long-life juice, pot pasta/cup-a-soup, rice, sugar (500g and 1kg), bars of chocolate, shampoo (for male and female), hair conditioner, shower gel, tooth paste, bars of soap & toilet rolls. **Please bring your donations to the food bank. The bank is open on a Wednesday between 12 noon and 2pm at St. Aidan's parish centre, Wythenshawe Road, Northern Moor. Please come to the first door on Wythenshawe Road and ring the bell. PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR DONATIONS ON ANY OTHER DAY AS OTHER GROUPS USE THE CENTRE.**

ST ELIZABETH'S MISSION BOXES: These will be emptied during March. so could boxholders please bring them to church and hand them to either Pauline Brealey or Margaret Allen. If preferred boxholders may empty their own boxes and bring the contents to church in an envelope with their name and address on. Thank you.

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 2nd century and is founded on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: Would like to welcome all parishioners to our Easter-themed afternoon tea on Wednesday 20th March at 1.45pm. Our wonderful Mini Vinnies will be on hand to serve finger sandwiches and cakes and the choir will once again put on a beautiful performance. To reserve your place, please phone the school office on 0161 437 3029.

VACANCY: Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Interested – jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

VACANCY: For a Housekeeper/Cook 8 hours per week @ £12.50 per hour at St Chad's, Stockport. Letter of application and CV should be sent to Victoria Holmes stchadsheadle@gmail.com <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSHINGHAM ON FOOT:

Joby Thomas will be undertaking the English Camino pilgrimage walking approximately 25 miles a day. He will begin his journey on 16th of March from St Joseph's, 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.

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 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/fundraiser-for-foodbank-supplies> to donate suitable non-

perishable 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. Entry is **FREE** with a retiring collection for charity. For further details, follow this link <http://cantoresoec.org/>

MEDJUGORJE 2024: Anyone joining the Medjugorje pilgrimage this June should have the remainder of their balance paid by end of March. Any questions, please contact Pauline Nazir.

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 newly married couples are invited. Please send your details to the parish office if you wish to attend.

LOURDES 2024: Applications are now open for pilgrims and volunteers please see <https://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk/> for information.

SAINT JOSEPH'S CANDLE AT SAINT AIDANS: Burns this week for **Pope Francis**. 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 **Fr Anthony Cogliolo**. 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, Barbara McIlwaine & Fr Anthony Cogliolo**.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: We pray for the repose of the soul of **Patrick Ruane, Margaret Mitchell, Florence Dee, Hannah Sanders, Teresa Walton, Martine James & Peter Hart**.



WEEKLY COLLECTION: 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 £537.85	£264.16	Saint Hilda's £157.70
Saint Elizabeth's £228.31		Saint Aidan's £433.81

Clergy

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Our Lady Queen of Peace Saint Hilda and Saint Aidan Sacred Heart and Saint Peters

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finance@wythenshawerc.com – Finance
pastoral@wythenshawerc.com – Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, RCIA, Marriage & Funerals.

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 Peter's RC Church Floatshall Road Baguley, Wythenshawe, Manchester M23 1HP OFFICE LOCATION	Saint Hilda's RC Church Kenworthy Lane, Northenden, Wythenshawe, Manchester M22 4EF	Saint Aidan's RC Church 230 Wythenshawe Road, Northern Mo Wythenshawe, Manchester M23 0PH	Saint Anthony's RC Church (Our Lady Queen of Peace) Portway, Woodhouse Park, Wythenshawe, Manchester M22 0WR	Saint Elizabeth's RC Church (Our Lady Queen of Peace) Holliney Road Peel Hall, Wythenshawe, Manchester M22 5JF
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