



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 23rd March – Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday 22nd March <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	17:00 Saint Anthony	Joe Sherratt RIP
	18:00 Saint Hilda	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 23rd March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	09:30 Saint Elizabeth	Mary, Ellen, James & Tom Caron
	10:00 Saint Aidan	Jophin & Alphin
	11:00 Saint Anthony	Bill Lisgo (Anv)
	11:30 Sacred Heart	Mary Glover RIP
Monday 24th March <i>3rd week of Lent</i>	09:00 Saint Anthony	Jean McGarrigle RIP
Tuesday 25th March <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	09:00 Saint Anthony	Fr David (Ordination Anv)
	09:30 Sacred Heart	Rianna (Bday)
Wednesday 26th March <i>3rd week of Lent</i>	09:00 Saint Anthony	Eileen Murray
	09:30 Sacred Heart	Repose of the soul of Cath Fleming
	10:00 Sacred Heart	Adoration & Confessions
Thursday 27th March <i>3rd week of Lent</i>	09:00 Saint Anthony	Stephen Gallagher RIP
	18:30 Saint Anthony	Adoration & Confessions
Friday 28th March <i>3rd week of Lent</i>	09:15 Saint Anthony	The Gallagher family
	09:30 Sacred Heart	Fr Owen
	11.30 Saint Elizabeth	Funeral Service for the late John Murphy
Saturday 29th March <i>3rd week of Lent</i>	12:00 Sacred Heart	John Finnegan
Saturday 30th March <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	17:00 Saint Anthony	Valerie Alexis RIP (Bday & Anv)
	18:00 Saint Hilda	Teresa Heapy (Anv)
Sunday 31st March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Laetare Sunday</i>	09:30 Saint Elizabeth	Thanksgiving – Carole Doherty
	10:00 Saint Aidan	Aubrey Rhodes (critically ill)
	11:00 Saint Anthony	Ken Holt RIP
	11:30 Sacred Heart	Dominic Barbour RIP

Fr Owen Writes:

Welcome to this week's newsletter. In our first reading we have the encounter of Moses with God. And I'm always left wanting to finish the answer of God to the great questioner who are you? Who is He for you and me? Can you finish the answer? Gods answer is "I am who am"! What would we finish by saying- I AM

Over the last few weeks, I have personally changed my own answer. It used to be something weak like, I'm your friend. I've grown up recently to I Am here. I Am your rock. I Am all you need!

Where will Lent lead you in hope?

1st Reading	'I am' has sent me to you.	Exodus 3:1-8,13-15
Psalm	The Lord is compassionate and gracious.	Psalm 103
2nd Reading	The way of life of the people with Moses in the desert was written down for our instruction.	1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12
Gospel	Unless you repent you will all likewise perish.	Luke 13:1-9

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING LENT

Sacred Heart: Wednesdays 10am-11:45am & Saturdays 11am – 12:15pm

Saint Anthony: Thursdays 6:30pm & Saturdays 4pm – 4.45pm

FR OWEN: Wishes to express his gratitude and thanks to everyone for their prayers, Mass intentions, cards and love they have sent to him and his family. May God bless you all.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

During Lent

- Tuesday's 6pm St Elizabeth's
- Friday's 10am Sacred Heart
- Friday's 6.30pm St Aidan's
- Friday's 7pm St Anthony's

CHOIR PRACTISE: For singing during our Holy Week liturgies will take place on Tuesday 25th, 7pm – 8pm at St Anthony's in the Fr Michael Murray room. All are welcome to attend.

CASINO NIGHT: To raise funds for our young parishioners who hope to go to Lourdes this year. Please join us on **Saturday 5th April 7pm St Anthony's Club** for a night of fun gambling with fake money, raffle/auction, entertainment and food available to purchase. Come and meet our young Lourdes pilgrims who will be on hand to serve you and talk about their experience in Lourdes last year. Tickets on sale at the back of Church for £5 which can be exchanged on the night for your starter funny money, extra funny money will be available to purchase. You can also pay on the door. Everyone is welcome.

DONATIONS NEEDED: If anyone would like to donate a prize (vouchers, bottles, gifts etc) for our Lourdes fundraiser please drop it into the office at Sacred Heart or phone to arrange pick up. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

ST ANTHONY'S SVP (ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY): As a society we provide help and care person to person, visiting the housebound, sick, lonely and those in care. We also provide financial help for people and families in need. Since December we have given 14 families vouchers to help with

Christmas expenses, provided a carpet for a child's bedroom and supported a lady with her move to a new property with regular visits and a new settee. We have carried out 44 visits to the sick & housebound, 12 to those in care homes, 2 hospital visits, helping at the foodbank and assisting people with shopping. We have collected for the foodbank on a regular basis and visit our local primary schools to meet the children who belong to the Mini Vinnies.

Support from parishioners helps us to carry out this vital work. There will be a Lenten retiring collection at all Masses on 12/13th April (Palm Sunday).

If you know of anyone who would benefit from our work, please let us know.

Tel **07543 493140**

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH: Please join us on Sunday 30th March after Mass in Sacred Heart Parish centre for lunch. Hot & cold food, sweet treats and entertainment. Help us to raise funds for the youth of our parishes who are going on the Lourdes pilgrimage this year. Tickets now on sale, adults £5 children free.

PIETY STALLS:

- **St Anthony's** has Mother's Day gifts, Easter cards & Holy Communion gifts.
- **Sacred Heart** has Mother's Day gifts, Easter cards & Holy Communion cards
- **St Aidan's** has been restocked and has Holy Communion gifts.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: The new boxes of envelopes will be available to collect next week from each of our Churches.

If you can't find your box, or would like to have a box, please contact Tony Sloan in the Office.

ST AIDAN'S FOODBANK: Please leave your donations in the box at the back Church. Thank you for your generosity.

HOPE PROJECT FOODBANK - LENT APPEAL 2025:
The Hope Project Foodbank

To donate money - There is a Crowdfunder Appeal during Lent:
<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/fundraiser-for-foodbank-supplies>
To donate suitable (non-perishable) food - Please drop off your donations at any of our Churches. Your donations will be most welcome.

JESUS MEALS: Lenten Healing Service at Hilda's Church Northenden on Saturday 29 March. Commences with 9 am Stations of the Cross. Adoration, Word of God, healing prayers, Holy Mass, celebrant Fr Isidore Madueke. All are welcome.

DEANERY LENT STATION MASSES:

6pm Adoration & Confessions, 7pm Celebration of Mass. On each evening refreshments will be served after Mass. Everyone is welcome.

- Wednesday 26th March, St Hugh & St John, Timperley
- Wednesday 2nd April, Sacred Heart & St Peter's, Wythenshawe
- Wednesday 9th April, St Vincent's, Altrincham

LENTEN EVENING SERIES:

Join us at St Joseph's Church, Sale, on the following Tuesday evenings: 25th March, and 1st April at 7pm. Each session will conclude with Benediction and Compline. The evenings will be delivered by Fr David Irwin, Curate in the Wythenshawe parishes, and Mrs Natalie Orefice, Director of the Diocesan Department of Evangelisation & Catechesis.

FUTURE PATHWAYS WORKSHOP: Attention all students interested in a career in law! On Saturday, March 29th, from 1 to 4 PM, Caritas Shrewsbury will host a free workshop to support those aspiring to become barristers or enter the legal profession. This event is suitable for students from Year 9 to Sixth Form (Year 9-11 and Sixth Form). If you are

interested email Sharon.Uche@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk for more details.

A DAY OF REFLECTION ON THE HOLY

EUCCHARIST: Saturday 5th April St Aidans Centre 10-4pm and there will be shared table. Phone 07525377995

YOUNG ADULTS 18-35: Join us on 29th March 5th April & 26th April at St Vincent's, Altrincham 5.30pm.

LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE: Wirral and Chester Across Groups are again travelling to Lourdes by Jumbulance in 2025. For further information, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or email tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk

LOURDES 2025: Brochures and Application

Forms are now available on the Diocesan website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk Or, are also available from the Parish Office. As this is a Jubilee Year the Bishop has asked that as many of us as possible make this pilgrimage in Hope & Love as pilgrims with our Blessed Mother. By air - Friday 25th July to Thursday 31st July. By coach - Thursday 24th July to Friday 1st August. Youth - Wednesday 23rd July to Friday 1st August.

50/50 WINNER ON 20/03/25: Alex wins £15.

BAPTISM: The next preparation meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th April 6.30pm at St Elizabeth's Church, Holliney Rd, M22 5JF. Please email pastoral@wythenshawerc.com to register.

ST JOSEPH'S CANDLE AT SAINT AIDAN'S: Burns this week for **Fr Owen and family.**

OUR LADY CANDLE AT SACRED HEART: Burns this week for **Stephen Gallagher RIP**

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: We pray for **Maria Barlow, Theresa Taylor, Ray Caldwell, Susan Marley, Pat Berry, Norah Quigley, Tom Finan, Audrey O'Donnell, Ann Usher, Fr Peter Burke, Fr Jim Allen, Bernard Murray, Teresa Doyle, Linda Vann, Grace Jose, Ann Ring, Duncan Moran, Peggy Logan, Susan Duffy, George Sutton, Hugh Cattigan, Brian Noone & Pope Francis.** May they know Christ's healing touch.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: We pray for the repose of the soul of **Brian Heap, Roseann Gourley, Margaret King, Catherine Fleming, Edward Hargreaves, Patrick Flynn, Stephen Gallagher, John Murphy, Michael Walsh & Jean McGarrigle.** May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

Saint Anthony's	Sacred Heart & St Peter's	Saint Aidan's
Collection: £287.88	Collection: £354.22	Collection: £315.61
Standing Orders: £95	Standing Orders: £195	Standing Order: £37
Card Machine: £55	Card Machine: £227	
Saint Elizabeth's		Saint Hilda's
Collection: £291.63	Apart from the collection all other amounts are weekly averages	Collection: £82.10
Standing Orders: £41		Standing Order £80

Clergy

Team Leader: Fr Owen Gallagher
Assistant Priests: Fr Robert Dykes
Fr David Irwin
Telephone: 0161 912 1470 (Sacred Heart Presbytery)
0161 498 0161 (Saint Anthony's Presbytery)

Our Lady Queen of Peace St Hilda and St Aidan Sacred Heart and St Peter's

OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Fri 9-3 - Sacred Heart & St Peter's
Telephone: 0161 503 2843

Parish Secretary: Amy Doyle
Finance Secretary: Tony Sloan
Pastoral Coordinator: Bernadette Hayward

Email: admin@wythenshawerc.com – Enquiries, Mass intentions, newsletter items.
finance@wythenshawerc.com – Finance
pastoral@wythenshawerc.com – Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, RCIA, Marriage & Funerals.

Catholic Social Action Wythenshawe

Telephone: 07907620891

SVP:

Telephone: 07543493140

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 Noella – 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 Moor 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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