

PRIESTS IN RETIREMENT Our retired priests responded to the call to be priests, they devoted their lives and their all to serving God and God's people. Whilst they 'retire' at the age of 75, they are still priests for life. Many continue in ministry leading active lives – celebrating Mass, serving as chaplains, counselling people in need, supporting parish life and praying for us all. The priests' retirement fund, known as the George Andrew Fund, ensures that our retired priests enjoy a dignified retirement. It supports independent living, providing them with a suitable home alongside other services. Above all, it makes sure that their social and healthcare needs are met. Our priests rely on this support after devoting their lives to the Church's mission and bringing people closer to Christ. Over the next ten years, approximately one third of our diocesan priests will reach retirement age, and the cost of care will rise significantly as a result. With your help, we can continue to offer our gratitude and support to our retired priests. Please remember our sick and retired priests in your prayers. There is a basket at the back of church for your donations. Thank you.

PARISH EVENTS SUGGESTIONS Thanks to those who have already put their name down on the poster on the parish events noticeboard. If you haven't yet, please put your name under a suggestion, or add a suggestion of your own. We already have a late summer barbeque arranged (see below). It would be great to arrange some other events as well!

SUMMER WALK Ormskirk Catenians are organising a 5 mile Summer Circular Walk on **Thursday 25th July** starting at 10:00am from The Saracen's Head in Halsall, followed by an optional lunch, If you are interested, please phone Ian Robinson on (01257) 462100 or email i.i.robinson60@btinternet.com

FINANCE AND FABRIC COMMITTEE MEETING This took place last Wednesday. Amongst other items, grant applications were discussed, and we appeal to parishioners for assistance with this. Please, if anyone has experience or is able to help in any way, contact the office (01257) 463248. There are plenty of grants available to us, but we really need some help with applications. Many thanks.

MESSAGE FROM DOUGLAS VALLEY OUTREACH Thank you for your continued generosity. There are a number of ways to donate: Single donation or standing order to Douglas Valley Outreach - Coop bank, sort code 08 92 99, account no. 65872309 (reference your name); contactless card machine or QR code stating DVO Giving. Please consider gift aiding Further information please contact Matthew Cook, Treasurer. £5 donation x 2 can buy fruit for 20 asylum seekers at the Drop-in Centre or a food parcel for someone destitute.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY **Parish Barbeque** on The Priory lawn after Mass on **Sunday 1st September**: details to follow nearer the time. **Deanery Novena 5th to 13th September** **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**: Weekday Masses will only be celebrated in one parish in the Deanery each day. However, Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses will be celebrated as normal in each parish. Please see poster on porch noticeboard for venues and dates.

SCAN THE QR CODE using your smart phone or device to make your weekly offering, give a donation, or make a payment. Please **add your name if you are a gift aider**. Many thanks. We rely on your generous donations.



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

21st July, 2024

Celebration of Holy Mass

21 st Sunday	16th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10:30 am John Haydock Finch
22 nd Monday	ST MARY MAGDALENE	7:00 pm John Lumb (Ro)
23 rd Tuesday	ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN	7:00 pm Private Intention (M)
24 th Wednesday	St Sharbel Makhluf, Priest	7:00 pm Walter Bennett (R)
25 th Thursday	ST JAMES, Apostle	11:30 am Patricia Dawber
26 th Friday	Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents Our Lady	9:30 am Jim and Nicola Lyon
28 th Sunday	17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10:30 am John R Simpson CBE

CONFESSIONS Held from 6:30pm, before Monday and Tuesday evening Mass.

ROSARY The Rosary will be prayed after Mass on a Monday evening and before Mass, from 6:35pm on a Tuesday evening in Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Sheila Jennings, Richard D'Alton, Denise Fletcher, Sandra Marston,

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY Loose £164.70, Envelopes £76.50, SOs £530.00 and Contactless payments £25.00. Thank you for your donations.

SECOND COLLECTION PRIESTS IN RETIREMENT There is a basket at the back of church for your donations. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION THANK YOU The appeal from Douglas Valley Outreach on 30th June raised £239.00. Thank you for your generosity.