

## **SACRED HEART CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A), 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**TODAY is Home Mission Sunday when we are asked to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales and for the evangelical initiatives promoted by the Home Mission Office which supplies resources for the work of evangelisation undertaken within individual parishes, as is the case here at Sacred Heart.**

### **MASS TIMES THIS WEEK :**

**Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> September : Eucharistic Service 12 noon**

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September : St Januarius NO MASS**

**Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. : Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & companions 12 noon**

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September : St Matthew, Apostle 12 noon**

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September : (Exposition from 11 a.m.) 12 noon**

**Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September : St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) 12 noon & 6.15 p.m.**

**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> September : 10.30 a.m.**

### **FEASTS OF THE WEEK :**

**St Januarius (Tuesday) : Bishop of Benevento in Italy who together with his companions suffered martyrdom during the persecution under Emperor Diocletian in 305. He is still greatly venerated in Naples where a relic of his blood is reported to liquefy on his feast-day.**

**Ss. AndrewS Kim Tae-gon & companions (Wednesday) : Andrew, Paul Chong Hasang and 101 other Korean martyrs were canonised in 1994, as representatives of the 10,000 Catholics (of all ages and social status) who were martyred in Korea before 1882. Andrew, born in 1821, was the first native Korean priest to be martyred. Paul Chong, a lay catechist, pre-deceased him, crucified in 1839.**

**St Matthew (Thursday) :** Born at Capernaum, he was a tax-collector when called by Jesus. Matthew wrote his Gospel in the Hebrew language and tradition tells us that after the Ascension he preached the Faith in the East.

**St Pius of Pietrelcina /Padre Pio (Saturday) :** He was born on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1887 and at the age of sixteen entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars, being ordained priest in 1910. His ministry displays a remarkable devotion to prayer and the sacraments, particularly confession. Bearing the wounds of Christ's passion on his body (the *stigmata*), he was revered for his spiritual direction and for the miracles believed to have been wrought through his intercession. He committed himself to relieving the pain of many families, chiefly through his foundation of the 'House for the Relief of Suffering' near his friary. Despite his popularity with ordinary people, Padre Pio, as he was affectionately known, faced opposition even from Church authorities. He died in 1968 and was canonised in 2002.

**ANNIVERSARIES :** Please remember in your prayers all whose anniversaries occur about this time including : Mary Park, Mary Clough, Walter Ashton, Jack Clarkson, John Earls, Robert Gregson, Pauline Kennedy, Bill Wood, Gwilym V. Walder, Jimmy O'Malley. May they rest in peace.

**AMALGAMATION OF SACRED HEART & ST. ANNE'S PARISHES :** A productive meeting with a gathering of parishioners was held in the Parish Room a fortnight ago and there will be a joint meeting with St Anne's parishioners on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October. Although really major changes are not expected, there will be centralisation of the respective parish finances and a joint newsletter is also likely. Further details of the next meeting will be provided next weekend.

**DR ROWAN WILLIAMS :** The former Archbishop of Canterbury will be giving a talk about his life and ministry in St Silas' Church on Tuesday evening this week at 7.30. Tickets are £10 including refreshments afterwards.

**600 CLUB DRAW :** The September draw, the last one of the current year's membership, was made on Sunday morning. The prizewinners were : £100, Margaret Fullalove; £20, Denis Townsley; £10, Stella Birtwistle; £10, ....

Many thanks to all members for their support over the past twelve months. Annual membership (just £12) can be renewed at the table at the back of the church at any time over the next three weekends. Obviously your continued support will be greatly appreciated – and if anyone who is not already a member would like to join, now is the time.

**PARISH LUNCH** : Thursday's menu of chicken casserole followed by a delicious light dessert of raspberry tiramisu was enjoyed by some 35 diners. Many thanks as always to our hard-working catering team.

#### **FORTHCOMING PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS** :

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October – Tapas Night Canal Cruise from Riley Green Marina. We already have the basis of a private party on board the well-appointed vessel 'Romance' but there is room for a few more if you would like to join the group. Full details and booking via the notice-board.

'Guys & Dolls' : Banish the early January blues with a trip to Manchester's iconic Royal Exchange Theatre on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January to see this spectacular musical production. Full details are on the notice-board.

KNIT 'N' NATTER group invite you to join them for afternoon tea at Waddow Hall, Clitheroe on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The cost is £8.50. Please add your name to the list on the notice-board if you wish to go. Depart from the car park at 2 p.m. All welcome. Before that, the group will meet tomorrow afternoon as scheduled in the Parish Room from 2 p.m.

**NO MOTHERS' PRAYERS** meeting for the next two weeks.

**THE INIMITABLE LOMAX BROTHERS**, Aaron and Guy, will be performing at St Silas' on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> October. Full details are on the notice-board. If you haven't seen them before here at Sacred Heart, they are an act not to be missed!

**HARVEST FAMILY-FAST DAY** is coming up soon on Friday 6th October.

**BINGO** as usual in the Parish Room on Thursday evening at 7.45.