

**SUNDAY
10th SEPTEMBER
2017: TWENTY-
THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
(YEAR A)
SERVICE TIMES,
INTENTIONS
& MASS READINGS**



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SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2017: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)
Ezekiel 33, 7-9, 7-9; Psalm 94; Romans 13, 8-10; Matthew 18, 15-20

Saturday 6.00 pm: Rowton Methodists: Bernadette Booth (L.D.)

Sunday 9.00 am: St Werburgh's: Michael Hayward (Birthday Remembrance)

Sunday 10.45 am: St Werburgh's: Catherine Smyth (50th Anniversary)

Sunday 12.30 pm: St Werburgh's: Baptism of Nnamdi Jaden Nwaneri

Sunday 6.00 pm: St Werburgh's: People of the Parish

Monday 11th September: Ferial: Colossians 1,24 - 2,3; Psalm 61; Luke 6, 6-11

12.15 pm: St Werburgh's: Janine Walsh

1.05 pm: University Chapel: University Mass - All Welcome!

Tuesday 12th September: Ferial: Colossians 2, 6-15; Psalm 144; Luke 6, 12-19

8.00 am: Poor Clares Hawarden: Special Intention

10.00 am: Primary School: Start of Year Mass

12.15 pm: St Werburgh's: Michael and Helen Gibbons Golden Wedding Thanksgiving

Wednesday 13th September: St John Chrysostom: Colossians 3, 1-11; Psalm 144; Luke 6, 20-26

12.15 pm: St Werburgh's: Intentions of Noreen and Shirley Flynn (Waterford)

7.00 - 8.30 pm: St Werburgh's: Confirmation Class Two

Thursday 14th September: Triumph of the Cross (Exaltation of the Holy Cross):

Numbers 21, 4-9; Psalm 77; Philippians 2, 6-11; John 3, 13-17

12.15 pm: St Werburgh's: Alex Barnes

Friday 15th September: Our Lady of Sorrows: Hebrews 5, 7-9; Psalm 30; John 19, 25-27

8.00 am: St Werburgh's: People of the Parish

9.45 am, 11.00 am and 12.00 noon: Catholic High School: Start of Year Masses

Saturday 16th September: SS Cornelius and Cyprian: I Timothy 1, 15-17; Psalm 112; Luke 6, 43-49

10.30 - 12.00 noon: St Werburgh's: Confessions

1.00 pm: St Werburgh's: Wedding Service for Sam Hodson and Lucy Cattell

6.00 pm: Rowton Methodists: Bernadette Booth (L.D.)

SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2017: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)
Ecclesiasticus 27,30 - 28,7; Psalm 102; Romans 14, 7-9; Matthew 18, 21-35

Saturday 6.00 pm: Rowton Methodists: Bernadette Booth (L.D.)

Sunday 9.00 am: St Werburgh's: Intentions of Gillian and Mike Rogers

Sunday 10.45 am: St Werburgh's: Steve and Doreen Kelly

Sunday 1.00 pm: St Werburgh's: Baptism of Nina Halpern

Sunday 6.00 pm: St Werburgh's: Mick Fields

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Your prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Iris Philp, James Donovan, Garth Stocking, Ann McGowan-Scanlan, Mary Lyons, Kevin Maguire, Christine Davies, Michael Morton; and for all the sick of the Parish; and for those who have died recently, especially Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, Janice Cartwright, Norman Haggart; and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Cooper, Phyllis Dean, Margaret Yardley, Hannah Connolly, Marie De Monte, Doreen Bartley, Edgar Griffin, Thomas Hudson, Dot Carr, Michael Power, Beryl Dean and Vida Barbet. May They All Rest in Peace.

First Holy Communion Parish Group

List now closed. These are the names to date: Ellie Anderson; Matthew Cartmill; Dominic Egan; Philippa Egan; Enya Gough; Olivia Hughes; Joshua Jones; Matilda Kehoe; Ted Marks; Freddie Newbrook; Oisín O'Malley. Apologies if you have submitted a name and it is not on the list above: we receive names through so many different routes and over a period of twelve months, there is always the possibility you have submitted one and it isn't included. If so, please accept our apologies and submit it again asap!
Launch Meeting: Tuesday 3rd October 6.30 pm

Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday

12th Sept 7.00 pm, Parish House. Please submit any items to any member of the council or to FP.

Heritage Open Days - September

As usual St Werburgh's opens its doors to visitors between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th September. Many thanks to everyone who's acted as Steward over this weekend!

Parish Diaries 2017-2018: Take Yours Today!

Containing as many Parish and area events over the next twelve months that we have been able to collect together. It means everyone has maximum notice of what's going on, and that there are no "clashes" between two different Parish Events. Huge thanks to Syd and Denise for the lion's share of the work here.

Children's Liturgy Today

Starts up again today, Sunday 10th September. We'd like to recruit a few more Leaders - if you're interested, please see Caroline or FP.

First Friday Recitals

Friday 6th October, we welcome back our old friend Paul Carr for one of his first-rate Organ Recitals. It's a fascinating and imaginative programme: William Patrick Gowers - An Occasional Trumpet Voluntary; William Harris - Sonata in A minor; Gabriel Fauré - Sicilienne, from Pelléas et Mélisande; Camille Saint-Saëns - Allegro Giocoso, from Seven Improvisations; Oskar Fredrik Lindberg - Alla Sarabanda & Finale, from Sonata in G minor. See you all there!

Minor Works Projects this Autumn

Thursday and Friday last week we had the Hot Water Tank replaced - the old one was dangerously corroded. Apologies to everyone for the disruption in water supplies! Next will be the Roofing and Guttering repairs.

University Freshers Fairs - Any Volunteers?

Friday 29th September 10.00 am - 3.00 pm. Could you spare an hour or two to give out flyers and welcome Catholic Students to Chester?

St Werburgh's Mental Health Support Group

Next meeting: Tuesday 19th September. If you came to either of the two previous meetings or not, you are very welcome to come along on Tuesday 19th, 7.00 pm in the Parish House, as we continue to seek ways of supporting each other in this new Parish Venture.

Great War Memorial Planning Group

Delighted to receive an Invitation to go down to Sandhurst to see their many Modern Memorials! Please continue to look out for other examples and let us know if you spot any.

Photo of the Week: Infant School Opening 1968

Margaret Tudor has sent in the following very helpful clarification on our schools in this period. "The Infant School did indeed open in 1968 but remained for infants only until 1984 not just for two years as stated in the Newsletter. The Juniors were accommodated in what was previously Love Street School in Forest Street in the interim between Queen Street school closing in 1968 and 1984 when the Juniors moved to the Lightfoot Street site, a move which involved extensive alterations and a lot of hard work by the late Cyril Baxter." Thanks, Margaret!

Reformation Talks in October: 1517-2017

Friday 13th - Chester's Two Martyrs; Friday 20th - Why was John Fisher the only Bishop who refused to Sign? Friday 27th - How Catholic Was Shakespeare? All here in Church, 7.30 pm

"Catholics at University" Website

www.catholicsatuniversity.org.uk gives details of Catholic Chaplaincies and CathSocs at all English and Welsh Universities. Great for freshers!

Confirmation - 28th November 2017

Very good Opening Meeting last Wednesday: Session Two is this coming Wednesday, 13th September 7.00-8.30 pm. See you all there!

Retreat House, Chester

Team members from St Beuno's will be leading a day here in Chester on Saturday 16th September, in the Cathedral. St Beuno's is known worldwide for its silence and Ignatian spirituality, which finds God in our experience. Our own former parishioner Ged Johnson will be one of those leading the day. 10.30-3.00. £25 with coffee (please bring or buy lunch). Full info on www.retreathousechester.co.uk, and booking with Cathedral (500959).

SVP Mass for the Housebound and Elderly

Sunday 24th September 2.30 pm. at our Primary School. All welcome to join us for Mass and tea. For further information and transport, please email svpchester@gmail.com or contact Fran Waldie on email fran.waldie@gmail.com