

**SUNDAY
8th OCTOBER 2017:
TWENTY-SEVENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
(YEAR A)
SERVICE TIMES,
INTENTIONS
& MASS READINGS**



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Isaiah 5, 1-7; Psalm 79; Philippians 4, 6-9; Matthew 21, 33-43

Saturday 6.00 pm: Rowton Methodists: Thanksgiving for Prayer Answered - Cooper/Rushton Family

Sunday 9.00 am: St Werburgh's: James Murphy (Anniversary 1989)

Sunday 10.45 am: St Werburgh's: Austin and Pat Tighe Golden Wedding Thanksgiving

Sunday 12.30 pm: St Werburgh's: Baptism of Lex Leo Christopher Matthew Simons

Sunday 6.00 pm: St Werburgh's: Thanksgiving (SF)

Monday 9th October: Ferial: Jonah 1,1 - 2,1; Psalm Jonah 2; Luke 10, 25-37

11.00 am: St Werburgh's: Wedding Service for James Howorth and Emma Jopson

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

Tuesday 10th October: Ferial: Jonah 3, 1-10; Psalm 129; Luke 10, 38-42

8.00 am: Poor Clares Hawarden: Special Intention

9.15 am: St Werburgh's: Kathleen Mayers (Anniversary and Birthday Remembrance)

Wednesday 11th October: Ferial: Jonah 4, 1-11; Psalm 85; Luke 11, 1-4

12.15 pm: St Werburgh's: Intentions of Philip McCabe

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

Thursday 12th October: Ferial: Malachi 3, 13-20; Psalm 1; Luke 11, 5-13

12.15 pm: St Werburgh's: Alex Barnes

Friday 13th October: Ferial: Joel 1,13 - 2,2; Psalm 9; Luke 11, 15-26

12.15 pm: St Werburgh's: Gerard Melia (100th Birthday Remembrance)

Saturday 14th October: Ferial: Joel 4, 12-21; Psalm 96; Luke 11, 27-28

9.00 am - 10.00 am: St Werburgh's: Confessions

11.00 am: Nuptial Mass for Charles Madzima and Kudzai Gozho

6.00 pm: Rowton Methodists: Intentions of Marcelle Niemira's Son

SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER 2017: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Isaiah 25, 6-10; Psalm 22; Philippians 4, 12-20; Matthew 22, 1-14

Saturday 6.00 pm: Rowton Methodists: Intentions of Marcelle Niemira's Son

Sunday 9.00 am: St Werburgh's: George Ward (1st Anniversary)

Sunday 10.45 am: St Werburgh's: Margaret Healy (Anniversary)

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

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 Bro James Kimpton, William Pegna (Trish Pollard's father) and Valerie Cummings; and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Pauline Collins, Eric Peckham, Gilda Mansutti, Jean Gill, Gertrude Whorral, Ann Williams, Andrew Emmett, Edmund Dowling, Margaret Reddy, Joseph Adams, James Barlow, Annie Jones, Patricia Maddock, Francis McFarlane, Jack Woods and Eric Fenton.

May They All Rest in Peace.

Annual Mission Appeal - 21/22 October

Sister Pennie MacInnes is coming to us on this weekend to preach the Annual Mission Appeal, and will be speaking at all Masses. Can anyone please offer her accommodation for the Saturday and Sunday nights?

Pantomime at Theatr Clwyd: Booking Opening...

50 excellent seats have been secured for the 7.00 pm performance of the Rock 'n Roll version of "Sleeping Beauty" on Thursday 28th December. Booking will open **next Sunday 15th October**. First come first served with priority for St. Werburgh's Parishioners. £25.00 for Adults and £20.00 for 16's and Under. Altar Servers go free!

Reformation Talks in St Werburgh's

The first of the three talks is this coming Friday, 13th October at 7.30 pm. This will look at Chester two Martyrs - George Marsh and John Plessington - and try to put their lives and deaths into the political context of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries in Britain. All welcome!

Building Works in Church and Parish House

Monday, we hope to start the new lights in the Church Porch, and we're also meeting our Architect again to discuss the plans for the outside front of the church. It's all happening!

First Friday Recitals: October 6th

Super organ recital last Friday: thanks, Paul, for playing, and thanks, James, for arranging it.

Diocesan Safeguarding Day - Tuesday

I shall be at a Diocesan Meeting on Tuesday at Warrington, 10.30 am - 4.30 pm, bringing us all up to date with latest developments. Also, we are in process here in the Parish of appointing new Parish Reps, so watch this space!

One Week Left for Old £1 Coins!

Any unspent £1 coins after 11:59 on 15th October can be traded in at banks, but this is only a temporary option - so it is a good idea to spend or exchange the coins this coming week.

Upton Hall School Mass Saturday 4th November

11.00 am at Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool, to celebrate Catholic Education and pray for members of our present school community. Everyone warmly welcome.

Brother James Kimpton RIP

We were all very sorry to hear news from India that Bro James died on Thursday 5th October at 8.30 pm, after a period of ill health. Many of you support his great *Reaching the Unreached* Charity, and Bro James, of course, was Carmel's brother-in-law. We extend our sympathies to all the family, and will arrange a Memorial Mass for Bro James at St Werburgh's in the near future.

School Admissions for our Primary School

If you have a child born between 1st Sept 2013 and 31st Aug 2014, you need to apply for a school place for Sept 2018. You can do this online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions
The closing date is **15th Jan 2018**. Also, if your child is due to transfer from Primary to Secondary School in Sept 2018, you need to apply at the email address above and the closing date is **31st Oct 2017**. The Open Mornings for new children/parents at St. Werburgh's and St. Columba's Catholic Primary is Tuesday 10th Oct at 9.30 am and Saturday 18th Nov at 11.30 am. For further information call school on 981228.

Next meeting of the Readers' Group

Monday October 16th at 7.00 pm for about an hour in the Presbytery to look at and study the Sunday readings for the next month. All readers are very welcome - and non-readers too!

Music Group - Sunday 15th October

Playing at 10.45 am Mass next Sunday. Usual practice in Church, Monday 9th Oct at 6.45 pm.

October Mass Count Continues Today

Church Students - Second Collection

One last chance to make a donation today.

Annual Diocesan Mass for Grandparents

St Columba's, Saturday 14th October 11.00 am.

Bible in a Day - Thursday 9th November

Most of the Churches and Schools of Chester are taking part, with 20-minute slots each. Ours is "The Beginning of the Passion", from 6.00 pm to 6.20 pm. Who'd like to be part of this venture?

Deanery Conference Here at St Werburgh's

Good to welcome all the Priests of Chester and Ellesmere Port to St Werburgh's on Thursday for Deanery Conference, and a tip-top lunch afterwards. Thanks, Bernice and Gillian!

MacMillan Coffee Morning: Friday 29th Sept

We're close to our £500 target, folks...

Some Worrying Statistics?

Latest figures from the Office for National Statistics show that suicides among university students have risen by 50% over the past ten years, to 144 in 2016. Universities are reporting a 50% rise in demand for their mental health services, while the number of students who abandon degrees due to mental illness has more than doubled to almost 1,200 in just five years. Meanwhile, a survey in April by The Student Room, the world's largest online student community, revealed that on average one in four students in the UK said they suffered severe anxiety, with more than a third of those saying they had suicidal thoughts.