

## Civic Mass & Golden Jubilee

Yesterday, Archbishop Patrick Kelly celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. The main celebration will take place today at the Civic Mass in the Cathedral at 3.00pm, in the presence of the Lord Mayor of Liverpool and the Mayors and other representatives of the boroughs within the Archdiocese. Everyone is welcome to attend the celebrations, but please be aware, parking will be at a premium and it is possible that new traffic flow regulations will be in force by then around the Cathedral, so car sharing or the use of public transport is recommended. We wish him well and offer our warmest congratulations and prayers to him. Ad multos Annos.



## Archdiocesan Justice & Peace

On Ash Wednesday February 22nd Come to St Luke's, the Bombed-Out church at the top of Bold St, Liverpool, where there will be prayers for peace and the distribution of ashes. 1-00 -1.20 (For more info ring 0151 522 1080). Posters for the Ash Wednesday event are available on request from the J&P Office.

## Hightown Club

CEILIDH NIGHT at St. Stephens Church Hall on Saturday 17th March, St. Patrick's Night. 7.30 for 8pm start. £12.00 includes hot pot supper and pudding plus some energetic Irish Dancing.



## Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer takes place on Friday 2nd March and the local service takes place the Elbow Lane Methodist Church. The service is written by a different country each year and that country then becomes the focus of the world's prayers on the day itself, and this year the service has been written in Malaysia. Marie Yates has represented our parishes over the years and she would like the help of a reader for the service. If you are interested in attending the service and taking part, would you please let myself or Marie know.

## Ince Blundell Village Hall Mass

On Thursday morning at 11.00am we will resume the monthly Mass in the Village Hall at Ince Blundell, in the small meeting room. Everyone is welcome to attend.



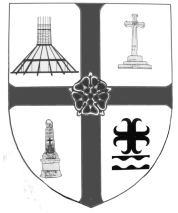
Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held each Thursday during Lent at 9.45am beginning at Our Lady of Victories this week. All are welcome.



## Our Lady of Victories Bonus Ball

11<sup>th</sup> February    Winning Number 06    Winner: The Parish

# The Parishes of Holy Family & Our Lady of Victories Newsletter



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7th Sunday of the Year (B)    19th February 2012

## A message from Father David...

"Don't worry it will never happen here!" is something that I have heard over the years when changes are mentioned within parishes. But changes have had to be made over the years.

It doesn't seem so long ago to me but when I started in Seminary back in 1984, there were over 70 students for Liverpool alone in Ushaw and priests were waiting over 20 years to become Parish Priests. Sadly as you know due to the shortage of students, Ushaw was closed last year and the handful of students we have have been transferred to other Seminaries around the UK. And the number of priests has declined too, with priests now only have to wait 4-5 years to become a Parish Priest. When you look at, what is now, our Pastoral Area, when I was in Ss. Peter & Paul, Crosby back in 1998, there were 13 priests serving the PA. Now there are 7 of us covering the same area and within the next 5 years, at least 3 will be retiring. In South Liverpool, my successor in Garston, is now covering 3 parishes and recently it has been announced that the Benedictine Community at St. Austin's will be leaving at Easter, with at least one more priest retiring in that area. Situations are changing all the time and we have to be ready to respond to the situation.

Please believe me when I say, at present, there are no plans for changes in our Pastoral Area, but if changes are needed and required, we have to be ready to face up to the future. With this in mind, Monsignor Furnival will be calling a meeting of the Pastoral Area Working Group (PAWG) for sometime in the near future. This group is made up of representatives of each parish, and the Group will have the important role of looking at the present plans and future plans for the organisation of pastoral care of our Area. Once the PAWG have met and come up with their plans and ideas, I will let you know and ask for your ideas and opinions on how we face up to the future.

But in the meantime, please keep the Pastoral Area, the PAWG, and the Archdiocese of Liverpool in your prayers, that we will ALL be open to the Holy Spirit, be prepared to listen to the Lord in how He is calling us to serve him and each other, and be ready to face the future whatever it holds for us.



	<u>Our Lady of Victories</u>	<u>Holy Family</u>
Sun 19	9.00am	Mary Billington & Parishioners
	11.15am	Eric & May Wilson
Mon 20	9.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues 21	9.00am	Fred Crawley
Wed 22	9.00am	Reconciliation
	7.30pm	Parishioners
Thurs 23	9.00am	Tom Quinn
	11.00am	Joan Ellison
Fri 24	7.15pm	Tom Nicholson
Sat 25	12.00noon	Jack Tutty
Sun 26	9.00am	Thomas Tickle
	11.15am	Jack McDermott & Parishioners

## *Please remember in your Prayers*

**SICK & ELDERLY:** Agnes Brown, Dorothy Lane, Mark Cheminais, Fr Gerard Britt, Reg Tinsley, Margaret Smith, Peter Gallagher, Jean Riley, James Scales, Peter Kelly, Richard Brown, Nicholas Metcalfe, The Hickey Family, Paul Kennedy, Fr Alan Devanney, Marie Keown, Irene Desmet, Peter Ward, John Hogan, Garry Schubert, Alf Parry, Winifred Formby, Tony Morley, Gerard Morrissey, James Pendleton, Gerard Swarbrick, Philip Grove, Abby Green, Sandra Lenagan, Kath McCambridge, Dcn John Crooks, Ann Crooks, Amy Whittington, Paul McElheron, Marrick Jones, Tom & Emily Morley, Tom Brown, Felix & Maureen McAleese, Rachel Ashton, Nessa Cartwright, Geoff Ennis, Pauline Irvine, Michael Cusack, Geoff Ellis, Brian Parle, Dcn Bill Parr, Andy Brooks, Barrie Edwards, Rose Middleman, Marie Smythe, , Elizabeth Pritchard, Pat Sugden, Elizabeth Francis, Mgr. Stephen Loudon, Therese Bibby

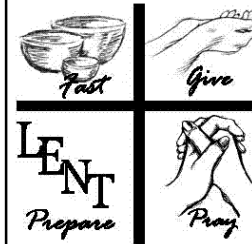
### **LATELY DEAD:**

**IN MEMORIUM OF :** Francis Nolan, Agnes Ashton, Frederick Barrett, Magdalene Billing, William Dolan, Louise Topham, Winnie Hoare, John Hoare, Martin Larsen, Tom Billington, Revv. Denis Harvey, Raymond Walker, Thomas Cummins, Conor Hannon, Charles Lynch,

*Eternal Rest, grant to them O Lord*

## Weekly Events

Sun Little Church Holy Family 9.00am; Little Church OLOV 11.15am  
 Mon Padre Pio Prayer Group and Rosary OLOV 9.30am  
 Tue Morning Prayer 8.40am OLOV  
 Wed Morning Prayer 8.40am OLOV  
 Thurs Morning Prayer 8.40am OLOV  
 Fri Stations of the Cross & Mass 7.15pm OLOV  
 Sat Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00am—11.55am OLOV  
 Confessions 11.30am —11.55am OLOV



## LENT 2012

Lent begins this Wednesday, and is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. On Ash Wednesday there will be Mass with the distribution of ashes at 9.00am Holy Family and 7.30pm at Our Lady of Victories. As we have done in the past during Lent there will be evening Mass and Stations of the Cross each Tuesday at 7.15pm in Holy Family and on Friday evenings at 7.15pm in Our Lady of Victories.

### **Other events during Lent:**

The Passover of Jesus - Father Tom Cullinan will be giving a series of 5 talks on the Gospel accounts of Jesus' journey to the Cross. The talks on Saturday mornings at 10.00am in St. Helens Crosby begin on 25th February with "The Last Week". For more details please see the poster on the notice boards.

Not Lent again! LENTEN SERIES at The Prayer Centre, St. Joseph's, Freshfield, Formby. We will explore some of the themes associated with our traditional Lenten celebrations. The evening begins with a simple supper of soup and a roll at 6.30pm. The first session is this Thursday 23 February.

Please do try and do something extra during Lent.



## Cafod

Cafod's Family Fast Day is on Friday 2nd March, and we are asked to give up some food that day and make a donation to Cafod's work. Gift Aid envelopes are

available at the back of Church.

This year Cafod celebrates its 50th anniversary, 50 years of making a difference in the lives of millions who have needed and still need our help. Work supported by parishioners who donate money and offer prayer as well as working for the needy. To acknowledge this work, and to celebrate its Golden Jubilee, Mass will be celebrated at SS. Peter & Paul, Crosby on Friday 2nd March at 7.30pm and all are welcome to attend. Tea and Coffee will be served after Mass.