



SAINT BONAVENTURE'S MISSIONARY AREA

Serving the Parishes of Our Lady Queen of Peace,
Sacred Heart & Saint Peter, Saint Hilda & Saint Aidan
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Sunday 5th May – 6th Sunday of Easter

Saturday 4th May <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	17:00 Saint Anthony	Eileen Murphy
	18:00 Saint Hilda	Martine James (LD)
Sunday 5th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	09:30 Saint Elizabeth	Mike Gilbert (sick)
	10:00 Saint Aidan	Betty Pua (sick)
	11:00 Saint Anthony	Frank Ward
	11:30 Sacred Heart	Patrick Beechinor (Anv)
Monday 6th May <i>6th week of Eastertide</i>	09:00 Saint Anthony	Val Hudson RIP
	12:00 Sacred Heart	Dessie Keating RIP
Tuesday 7th May <i>6th week of Eastertide</i>	09:30 Sacred Heart	Donald Adamson (LD)
	12.30 Saint Hilda	Funeral service for the late Jean Partington
Wednesday 8th May <i>6th week of Eastertide</i>	09:00 Saint Anthony	Davina & Stacey (Recently married)
	09:30 Sacred Heart	John Flood (Anv)
	10:00 Sacred Heart	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	19:00 Saint Hilda	Vigil Mass for The Ascension of the Lord
Thursday 9th May <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	09:30 Saint Anthony	The Ascension of the Lord
	09:30 Sacred Heart	Thomas Walsh RIP
Friday 10th May <i>6th week of Eastertide</i>	09:15 Saint Anthony	Those who are grieving
Saturday 11th May <i>6th week of Eastertide</i>	10:00 Saint Anthony	The youth of our parishes
	10:00 Sacred Heart	First Holy Communion – St Peter's Primary School
Saturday 11th May <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>	17:00 Saint Anthony	Protection of the unborn
	18:00 Saint Hilda	Giovanni Cazalens
Sunday 12th May <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	09:30 Saint Elizabeth	Maria Barlow (sick)
	10:00 Saint Aidan	Benjamin
	11:00 Saint Anthony	For all our Priests
	11:30 Sacred Heart	Austin O'Malley RIP

Father Owen Writes:

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

While I was home recently I watched a TV programme in Irish which was bemoaning the state of the Church by priests and laity and how there should be changes made to what they felt and wanted to be changed. And it suddenly dawned on me that there are two types of Catholic – selfish Catholics and faith-filled Catholics. This ties in with our scriptures this weekend. The selfish Catholics are those who want things to change; not for the better but rather for how they want things to be and so they're replacing God and His plan with themselves; a dangerous route indeed! But then you have the faith-filled Catholics who want nothing more than to see the fulfilment of that line in the Our Father: 'Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done'.

Let us change our hearts today that we are more the faith-filled than the selfish! Sometimes we need to remember that we are in the great plan of God, who knows all, sees all and is all loving. His plan has purpose ours does not!

1st Reading	The pagans have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have.	Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
Psalm	The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.	Psalm 97
2nd Reading	Let us love one another since love comes from God.	1 John 4:7-10
Gospel	You are my friends if you do what I command you.	John 15:9-17

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays at St Anthony's 10:30am – 11:15am

PARISH CENSUS: The deadline has been extended to Sunday 19th May. Please remember to fill in the census form. You can pick them up from the back of all Churches, fill them in after Mass and leave them for collection or fill in at home then return to Church and hand in at the offertory or post through the letterbox at St Anthony's/ Sacred Heart presbytery or hand into the office at Sacred Heart. They are also available on the website, from the office, through our schools and via our social media platforms. You can request and return by email. We are also asking you to volunteer in our parishes. Please consider donating some time to our parishes to help Father Owen and the other priests keep us moving forward.

OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS, A MESSAGE FROM FATHER OWEN: At the moment we are unique in that we have 5 church buildings to maintain. This is a costly business. To help us do this I have taken of. Firstly, I am starting an optional second collection every week. The reason I am calling it optional is because of charity commission laws as well as other laws. If it is voluntary, then it does not count as one of our extra collections and so we can still support charities local and beyond. There will be baskets at the entrance of each church so that you can freely give and help us maintain the costs of our buildings. The second decision that I have made is obtaining a small charity gambling licence so that we can raise money that way as well. Further information at the end of May. Now we are looking at 2/ 3 big jobs in our churches. The first is Saint Anthony's where we are going to need to find a minimum of £250,000 and Sacred Heart

where we are going to need to find a minimum of £25,000. There is a third decision and that is in the next piece regarding Saint Anthony's.

SAINT ANTHONY'S ROOF: As you have read in the above piece, we need to find a minimum of £250,000 to fix the roof of Saint Anthony's for at least the next 60-100 years if not longer. And so, from the end of May we will be going back to our roots. It was the financial generosity of our forebearers that built this beautiful church. And so it is with your financial generosity that I am asking anyone with links to Saint Anthony's to donate a tile to the roof in memory of loved ones who have died or of families who were strongly linked and spent many hours worshipping in our beautiful church. The reason I am saying donate a tile is because we can claim back Gift Aid on your donation and so raise even more to help keep Saint Anthony's alive. Donation envelopes will be available from the end of May.

ST ELIZABETH'S COFFEE MORNING: After Mass this Sunday, 5th May. Everyone invited, it's a lovely 'Community Get Together'. Please come along and support us.

ROSARY IN MAY: Please join us for evening prayer and the rosary at the grotto of Mary at St Aidans during the month of May 6.30pm everyday day apart from Sunday. On Sundays the rosary will be said before mass at 9.45am.

SPRING PLANT SWAP & GARDENERS MORNING: Peel Hall Park Saturday 11th

May 10.30am Park main entrance across the road from St Elizabeth's M22 5JF

JESUS' MEALS ROSARY PROCESSION:

Saturday 25 May at St Hildas in celebration of the devotion of the month of May, and thanksgiving for 11 years of Jesus' Meals service in Wythenshawe. Mass at 10.30 am followed by Rosary procession in Northenden starting at 11:15 am with recitation of the mysteries of the Holy Rosary and ending with prayers of intercession to Our Lady, Adoration and prayers. ALL ARE WELCOME.

HOLY HOUR FOR PENTECOST: You Are welcome to join us for a time of prayer with music and scripture readings in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at Christ Church, Heald Green on Sunday 19th May 7.30 – 8.30pm followed by refreshments in the hall.

AN EVENING OF IRISH MUSIC: St Bonaventure's are proud to present Pat Jordan of **Finian's Rainbow**, performing at the Sacred Heart Club, on 17th May. All proceeds will go towards sponsoring pupils from St Paul's on the Parish Pilgrimage to Poland, and for a Parish Pilgrim to go to Medjugorje. Tickets £5 each, and available at the back of Church, or pay at the door on the night. Doors open at 7-30pm, and the music starts at 8-00pm till late.

A JULY SUNDAY FAMILY AFTERNOON: St Bonaventure's are planning a family afternoon event at Walton Hall & Gardens, Warrington, in July. Come in your car (Car park fee £4). The gardens and children's zoo are free to enter. Meet up in the park, and bring a picnic, some garden chairs etc and enjoy socialising with friends and parishioners you don't know! Check out the full facilities available on the website and make this an afternoon to remember.
<https://waltonhallgardens.co.uk/visit/> Look out for full details to come in the newsletter.

STOP ABORTION UP TO BIRTH:

Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have tabled amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that would make extreme

changes to our abortion laws. Both amendments would make it more likely that babies are aborted at home for any reason, up to birth.

Act: To oppose the abortion up to birth amendments, email your MP via this easy-to-use link: www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth

YEAR OF PRAYER: Pope Francis has designated 2024 a Year of Prayer. He urges us to embrace prayer as 'the royal road to holiness'. As part of your journey to deepen your prayer life we invite you to access a workshop entitled **Growth in Holiness: Prayer and the Spiritual Life**, offered to you freely by the Diocese of Shrewsbury in conjunction with the Franciscan Catechetical Institute. If you wish to know more or how to sign up please contact:
jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or stephen.yates@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

ST AIDAN'S FOODBANK: There is a basket at the back of St Aidan's Church for donations to the foodbank.

LOURDES YOUTH 2024: There will be a meeting for the young people who have already signed up for Lourdes on Wednesday 8th May 7pm at Sacred Heart Church. To discuss fundraising etc.

SAINT JOSEPH'S CANDLE AT SAINT AIDANS: Burns this week for **Patsy Gallagher**. If you wish to have the candle burn for your intention, please contact Joby or Jeanette.

OUR LADY CANDLE AT SACRED HEART: Burns this week for **the Anjorin family**. If you wish to have the candle burn for your intention, please contact the office.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: We pray for **Bernard Murray, Maria Barlow, Theresa Taylor, Ray Caldwell, Susan Marley, Leroy Walcott, Pat Berry, Norah Quigley, Tom Finan & Maureen Madeley**.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: We pray for the repose of the soul of **William Fishwick, Sharon Nevin, Brian Perkins, Marjorie Trimble, James McQuigg, John Hampson, Jean Partington, John McDonald, Sarah Strapp & Val Hudson**.

WEEKLY COLLECTION: Last week's collections are below. Thank you for your ongoing support of our work in Wythenshawe.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish	Sacred Heart & Saint Peter's Parish	Saint Hilda & Saint Aidan's Parish
Saint Anthony's £ 193.20	£320.45	Saint Hilda's £ n/a
Saint Elizabeth's £ 163.53		Saint Aidan's £ 359.40

Clergy

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 Father David Irwin
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**Our Lady Queen of Peace
 Saint Hilda and Saint Aidan
 Sacred Heart and Saint Peters**

OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Fri 9-3 - Sacred Heart & St Peter's

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Catholic Social Action Wythenshawe

Telephone: 07907 620 891

Wythenshawe Hospital Chaplaincy

Telephone: **0161 291 2297** Please ring this number if you need a visit from a chaplaincy team member whilst in hospital.

Parish Sisters

Sr Damien – 0161 437 8772
 Sr Maura – 0161 428 7572

Our Church locations:

<p>Sacred Heart & Saint Peter's RC Church Floatshall Road Baguley, Wythenshawe, Manchester M23 1HP</p> <p>OFFICE LOCATION</p>	<p>Saint Hilda's RC Kenworthy Lane, Northenden, Wythenshawe, Manchester M22 4EF</p>	<p>Saint Aidan's RC 230 Wythenshawe Road, Northern Mo Wythenshawe, Manchester M23 0PH</p>	<p>Saint Anthony's RC Church (Our Lady Queen of Peace) Portway, Woodhouse Park, Wythenshawe, Manchester M22 0WR</p>	<p>Saint Elizabeth's RC Church (Our Lady Queen of Peace) Holliney Road Peel Hall, Wythenshawe, Manchester M22 5JF</p>
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