



***Newsletter for the Parishes of  
St Catherine of Siena & All Saints  
and St Lewis.***



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We usually associate Jesus more with peace than division; the birth of Jesus was greeted with the angels singing ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour’ and the first words He speaks to His disciples after the resurrection are ‘Peace be with you’ but today it is all about division. Surely Jesus didn’t really want to split families up!



At the time that Luke was writing the Gospel, the early Christian community was experiencing division... households were indeed divided over whether to believe in this new Good News... so it is not that Jesus is in favour of division rather that not everyone was ready to accept his teachings and to acknowledge him.

Powerful words are used; ‘I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already!’ Words which remind us that he wants the flame of faith to burn strong and to spread across the earth... Perhaps He would say the same today... how I wish they were blazing today... how I wish you were so on fire with the Good News that the flame would pass on to those you meet. It is a call to us all to pass on the flame of faith... the flame may burn bright... or burn out... or the embers kept gently glowing for future reference... all we can do is try and pass it on.

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Serving the Catholic Community of Golborne, Lowton, Culcheth & Croft.*

## This Week's News.

### **Marriage Enrichment** - The REFOCCUS

Marriage Enrichment Inventory is designed to help a couple focus on key topic areas and enrich their marriage through rediscovery of the depth of a couple's love and desire to continue to grow



together. Please visit [www.foccusinc.com/refocces-inventory.aspx](http://www.foccusinc.com/refocces-inventory.aspx) or see the poster on the noticeboard to view dates and times of the Marriage Enrichment programme.



**Afternoon Tea.** A big thank you to Josie Tatlock for hosting the event, all the helpers on the day, those who contributed prizes and cakes, and everyone who came to celebrate the annual Afternoon Tea on Thursday 8th August. The raffle

raised some £387 whilst the total raised was a magnificent £1061.49 towards Parish Funds. We have one prize from the raffle that has still to be claimed. It is: White ticket 472. Please could the winners produce their tickets to Father Gordon in order to receive their prize.

**The Queen Anne Group** has it's next lunch Thursday 22nd August at 12.30pm. To book a place ring Anne 01942 718192.

**Tuesday Afternoon Club**— The Afternoon Club will next meet Tuesday 20th August, at 2.00 pm in the Benedict Room at All Saints Church.

### **Parish Discussion Group.**

The next meeting of St. Lewis' Parish Discussion Group will take place on Monday 26th August at 7.30 pm at 10 Culcheth Hall Farm Barns, Culcheth WA3 4AN. We will be looking at a series of DVDs about "The Astonishing Secret" by Daniel O'Leary. Well worth looking at and plenty to discuss. Everyone is welcome. For more information and directions etc. please call 07766 465668.

**Parish Register.** Will parishioners who have not yet filled in a Parish register card, please take a blank one from the porch and complete it, so that we know who you are (or I do at least!) Thank you Fr Gordon.

## **A Fresh Start for our Pastoral Area.**

Here are the new arrangements for how the priests and deacons of our pastoral area will organise their ministry in the new situation that faces us from 1<sup>st</sup> September and the new Mass Schedule which will begin at the same time. The creation in 2011 of the two large parishes in Leigh, served jointly by four priests, was intended as a step towards them becoming one parish at some time in the future but the addition last year of Croft, Lowton, Golborne and Hindley Green to the pastoral area and the removal this summer of one priest means that a different arrangement is now needed. After much consultation, prayer and reflection, a final meeting this week of priests, deacons and lay people with representatives of the Archdiocese has agreed a new way forward.

The pastoral area will be divided into four units of roughly equal size, each having its own parish priest and a deacon serving two churches, three schools and three or four former parish communities:

The existing parishes of St Catherine and All Saints, Golborne and St Lewis, Croft served by Fr Gordon Abbs and Deacon Derek Morris.

The existing parish of St Edmund Arrowsmith served by Fr Kieran O'Grady and Deacon Dennis Vint.

The part of the existing parish of St Margaret Clitherow (keeping that name) which comprises the former communities of Holy Family, Boothstown, St Gabriel's, Higher Fold and St Ambrose Barlow, Astley, served by Fr Paul Grady and Deacon Bob Hewertson.

A new parish is proposed to be created combining Sacred Heart, Hindley Green with the former communities of St Richard, Atherton and Sacred Heart, Hindsford (currently part of St Margaret Clitherow parish), served by Fr Paul Seddon and Deacon Ken Holding. There will be a consultation about the name of this proposed new parish.

The priests and deacons are committed to working together to support each other in serving the whole pastoral area. The priests will meet monthly and will be joined by the deacons at alternate meetings.

To continue to build up the collaboration in ministry which is needed to enliven and develop our communities, three new consultative structures will be created: a Parish Council in each unit, a Pastoral Area Council which will meet termly and an annual Open Meeting for the whole pastoral area.

The new Mass Schedule which will begin on the weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> August/1<sup>st</sup> September has been designed to provide three weekend Masses for each of the four units and to reduce the need for supply priests when one of the priests is away, allowing time for priests to get from one church to another when covering for each other. There will be a reduced schedule for the summer holidays next year and the whole schedule will be reviewed before next September.

# *Services, Mass Times and Intentions*

*Sunday 18th August — Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

<i>Sat 5.00 pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Michael Costello &amp; Chris Yates.</i>
<i>Sun 8.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Ruth Mangold</i>
<i>Sun 10.00 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Mary Dalton</i>

*Monday 19th August —*

<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>James and Catherine Farrell</i>
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*Tuesday 20th August - Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor*

<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Fr Michael Hopkins</i>
<i>After Mass</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	

*Wednesday 21st August - Memorial of St Pius X, Pope*

<i>7.00 pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Jackie Kelly</i>
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*Thursday 22nd August — Memorial of the Queenship of Mary*

<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>LISCF</i>
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*Friday 23rd August—*

<i>9.30</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Kathleen Davies</i>
<i>After Mass</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	

*Saturday 24th August - Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle*

<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Tom Hemmingway</i>
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*Sunday 25th August - Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time*

<i>Sat 5.00 pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Stephen Fenerty</i>
<i>Sun 8.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Christine Sherif</i>
<i>Sun 10.00 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Graham Leonard</i>

Why do French people like to eat snails? They can't stand fast food....



***The Sanctuary Lamp at All Saints will be lit on  
18th August— 24th August for Margaret Ruxton.***