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**“Our vision is to be a Catholic Parish living Christ’s command,
‘Love one another as I have loved you’.**

Saturday 1 July **11am Mass and the Sacrament of Confirmation**
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16; Ps 88; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42
6pm Mass Michael Wheatley RIP

Sunday 2 July
10am Mass Private Intention
4pm Rosary and Benediction

Monday 3 July **Feast of St Thomas, Apostle**
Ephesians 2:19-22; Ps 116; John 20:24-29
940am Rosary 10am Mass: Donor’s Intention

Tuesday 4 July **Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary**
Genesis 19:15-29; Ps 25; Matthew 8:23-27
940am Rosary 10am Mass Michael Meegan RIP

Wednesday 5 July **Memorial in Staffordshire of St Modwen**
Genesis 21:5, 8-20; Ps 33; Matthew 8:28-34
940am Rosary 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Thursday 6 July **Memorial of St Maria Goretti**
Genesis 22:1-19; Ps 114; Matthew 9:1-8
9.40am Rosary 10am Mass For you, the People of the Parish

Friday 7 July **Feria in Ordinary Time**
Please note change of time Genesis 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 105; Matthew 9:9-13
8.30am Mass Mary and Edward Szcotka RIP

Saturday 8 July 10am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Confessions
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Zechariah 9:9-10; Ps 114; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30
6pm Mass Richard Lynch RIP

Sunday 9 July
10am Mass Janusz Szura-Zwierski (Spec Int)
4pm Rosary and Benediction

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The Pope’s Prayer Intention for July For a Eucharistic life. We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life Can you set aside one day each month to pray for Vocations? If so, could you sign the list at the back of church, please.

Please pray for the sick John Balay, Jenny Kirkham, Moyra Chadwick, Chris Rea, Kathryn Higginbotham, Norman Syddall, Andrew Clifford, Janusz Szura
Due to data protection legislation, in order for a name to be printed in this newsletter, the consent of the person who is unwell needs to be given.

Please Pray for the Faithful Departed Please Pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Bernard Garratt.

Anniversaries for this week:, Eliza Malkin, Margaret Cusack, Mrs Emery, Norah O’Connor, Mary Sheen, Terence Simblett, Philip George Emery, John Patrick Finn, Kathleen Hazelwood, Eileen Winifred Pyssa, Angela Gandolfo, Gertrude Hughes, Sheila Joan O’Donnell, Ryszard Ochuke, Mrs Butler, Frank Kazywicki, Nigel Quinn, Evelyn Lily Sharpe, James Leslie Darling, William (Bill) Joyce. Percy Hambleton, Norman Talks, Sheila Mary Borg, Miss May McGlynn, Marguerita Clarke, James Stanmore, Anne Wagstaff, Ernest Bowyer, Joseph Rushton, Joseph Cichosz, John (Jack) Traynor, Kate Challinor, Eugeniusz Stirzanski, Clive William Owen.

Dear friends, this last week we had the uplifting celebration of Ss Peter and Paul. On Wednesday, at short notice, we had to change the venue for the Mass. Thank you for your understanding! We had an uplifting Mass in the School Hall. Not all the children were able to be in the hall for Mass but were able to join us with the school's internal live-stream. On Thursday, I spent the morning with the young people in Year 6 who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday (tomorrow). During the morning, we had a short penance liturgy. On Thursday afternoon, I went to Painsley for their Mass: a thousand young people at an open air Mass: it was terrific! Thursday evening's Parish Mass was a great occasion.

Let's continue to prioritise Mass on Holy Days of Obligation. The purpose of being at Mass on Holy Days is not to make life more demanding, but to show our devotion to the Lord. The next Holy Days of Obligation are:

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday 14 August 2pm Early Vigil Mass

Tuesday 15 August 7pm Mass

All Saints

Tuesday 31 October 2pm Early Vigil Mass

Wednesday 1 November 7pm Mass

Sacramental Preparation for 2024 The compulsory meeting for parents of those children in School Year 3 or School Year 6 at Saint Mary's Academy will take place at 4pm on Thursday 14 September and will take place in church. During this meeting, parents will be asked to provide details of their child's baptism by Friday 29 September, 2023.

During the next academic year children preparing for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation will have to attend Mass in church on Sundays in four blocks of six consecutive weeks. Each child will receive their own Mass attendance and activity card; there is one activity card for each of the four blocks of six Sundays; there will be a short activity to be completed. At the end of the task, the Mass attendance and activity card will have been stamped by the priest. The four blocks of six weeks will coincide with the school term; holiday time will not be affected. There will be more about this in the parents' meeting on Thursday 14 September.

Parents should be aware that Sacramental Preparation will take place in school on Thursdays beginning in January, 2024. Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation will take place during lunch time. Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion will take place after school. A register of attendance will be taken each week.

I would also like to inform parents of children who will be starting school Year 3 in September that the parents of children aged 7 years old and over wishing to be Baptised must attend a course of instruction. If your child was baptised in another Ecclesial Community ie the Church of England your child can only be admitted to the Sacraments if they are aged 7 years or over, attend an additional course of instruction with their parents, and attend Mass every Sunday. Parents are asked to contact Fr Martin and attend Mass.

Altar Servers I would like to invite those children in Year 3 who have recently made their First Holy Communion and any child in school Years 4 and above who have made their First Holy Communion to become Altar Servers. The ministry of the altar server helps both the priest and the people to take part in the celebration of Mass. To be an altar server requires being able to learn new skills, to adapt to new situations, to be part of a team and to give a good example to everyone in church. There are two meetings Saturday 15 July at 11am in church Monday 17 July at 4pm in church

Dates for your diary

Monday 3 July 630pm Bible Book Club

Thursday 6 July 10.30am SVP Meeting

Thursday 6 July 7pm Journey in Faith

Saturday 8 July Club Day

Friday 14 July 4pm Parish Finance Committee meeting

Saturday 15 July 11am New Altar Servers 6pm Family Mass

Monday 17 July 4pm New Altar Servers

Tuesday 18 July 7pm Deanery Visitation Closing Meeting at St Gregory's, Longton

Thursday 20 July 10am Mass of Thanksgiving at the end of the School Year

Sunday 23 July 10am Mass, Reception into Full Communion and Confirmation

Saturday 29 July 11am Sweep and Clean

Collections Today's Second Collection, traditionally taken following the celebration of Ss Peter and Paul is Peter's Pence. This collection is the financial support offered to the Pope as a sign of their sharing in the concern which he has for the many different needs of the Church and for relief of those in most need.

Next Sunday is also known as Sea Sunday. There is a second collection for the Stella Maris which is the largest ship-visiting network in the world. Their work includes improving the lives of seafarers and fishers through a network of chaplains and seafarer centres, expert information, advocacy, and spiritual support. If you have been on a cruise from a British port the Catholic chaplain on board would have been supported by Stella Maris: I shall have to apply!

Collection	Gift Aid £135.21	Non Gift Aid £107.57	Total £242.78
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Thank you for kind generosity!

Have a good week! With my prayers and best wishes, Fr Martin