

PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

29th January 2023

Celebration of Holy Mass

29 th Sunday	4th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10:30 am Basil, Betty & Kitty Eccles
30 th Monday	Feria	7:00 pm Patrick & Patricia Corkery
31 st Tuesday	St John Bosco, Priest	7:00 pm Fred Johnston
1 st Wednesday	Feria	7:00 pm Peter Osbaldeston
2 nd Thursday	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	11:30 am Sick of the parish
3 rd Friday	St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr	9:30 am John McDonnell
5 th Sunday	5th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10:30 am Pro populo

ROSARY The Rosary will be prayed from 6.35pm on Tuesday in Church, before Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Sheila Jennings, Sandra Marston, Denise Fletcher, Richard D'Alton, Chloe Harrison, Susan Jones

ANNIVERSARIES Paul Scully, Peter Osbaldeston, Kathleen Baron, Jessie Killoran

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION Loose £169.50 Envelopes £120.50 and SOs £444.00. Thank you for your offerings.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK There will be an SVP meeting at 2.00pm on Wednesday in the Priory.

COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS This will restart next month, in the Priory on a monthly basis. Thank you to those who have already volunteered; however, we still need a couple more to 'spread the load'. If you can help, please let the parish office know on ☎ 463248 or email parbold@hotmail.com. Commitment would only be two or three times a year. Many thanks.

FINANCE AND FABRIC MEETING This was held last week and the current financial position of the parish discussed, particularly in relation to energy costs. As we have previously reported, the (ancient!) central heating system needs to be switched on for a lengthy period before any heat can be felt in the church. The decision was made to increase the length of time the heating is on in church, as a way of redressing the cold temperature of the building fabric. Although this will increase costs, the comfort of the congregation is a concern, as is the condition of the fabric of the building. Other matters discussed included the ongoing church building maintenance programme. Over the next few months, a short



section of the low level guttering will be replaced, as it is leaking badly. However, the style of guttering is dictated by the Historic Churches Commission, and will result in a cost of around £10,000. As a result of a survey of the roof, conducted before Christmas to try and find the cause of the flaking paint high on the interior walls, a number of repairs are needed to the exterior of each gable. This will also be extremely costly and could only be tackled as part of a staggered programme; we are waiting for estimates. I'm sure everyone appreciates the work of the Buildings Manager, and the Finance and Fabric committee. The Buildings Manager, a volunteer, checks the church on a weekly basis and liaises with contractors to undertake any work required. This can range from scaffolding needed for light bulb replacement, to serious and costly building maintenance. The Finance and Fabric committee meet regularly during the year and have

important decisions to consider and advise the parish priest on. They have worked very hard since lockdown to reverse the decline in our income by encouraging an increase in offertory contributions and exploring other income streams. I thank both the Buildings Manager and Finance and Fabric Committee on your behalf, for their commitment to the parish and the work they do. If anyone has a specialisation in such matters, or is simply interested in being part of the team, please let the office know on ☎ 463248 or email parbold@hotmail.com. You would be very welcome. Our year end financial position will be displayed on the internal noticeboard from next weekend.

THE PARISH ROOM The parish room, is located in the Priory (formerly the parish priest's study). It is available for use by groups relating to spirituality or other parish business. It is very comfortable and whilst it is already used by a number of groups for meetings, there is still plenty of availability. If interested, please let office know on ☎ 463248 or email parbold@hotmail.com

PARISH ACTIVITIES Since July 2020 when OLAS re-opened, there has been a gradual progression towards a new normal. Whilst many of the parish's former activities have resumed, there may be a new activity you'd like to see take place. Have you an idea or project that you'd like to suggest or undertake – don't be shy! Please suggest personally to Fr Daley after any Mass, or by contacting the office: ☎ 463248 or parbold@hotmail.com. It would be great to start doing some social events, prayer/spirituality initiatives, group projects, more children's Masses, parish outings again. Young or not so young - your ideas are welcome!

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