

**DOUGLAS VALLEY OUTREACH AGM** - Thankyou to all those who attended our AGM this week. The annual report and review of the year were presented and if anyone would like a copy please ask. Jocelyn Owens brought 3 refugee guests, exhibited a display "A Slice of Working Life" and talked to us about how Family Forge supports asylum seekers and refugees to reach their potential and contribute to society in a practical and spiritual way. Thank you to those who support us throughout the year making our work possible.

**AN EVENING OF RECOLLECTION FOR MEN** Unfortunately this evening had to be cancelled. Apologies to those who we were not able to contact in advance and had to be turned away. It will be rearranged at a convenient time.

**SPRING CLEAN OF CHURCH** Thank you for those who have offered to help clean. There are a few slots left – please add your name to the list on the radiator cover – many hands make light work! The cleaning has been broken down into smaller tasks which can be done any time up to Wednesday of Holy Week. Any queries, please phone (01257) 462568. The cleaning materials will be behind the high altar.

**SOUP LUNCHES DURING LENT** Please join us for a soup lunch between 12:00 noon and 1:30pm every Friday during Lent, at the Priory. Donations will be taken for Lenten charities.

**EASTER CARDS** A selection of packs and singles are on sale at the back of church. They include cards supplied by the Carmelite sisters at Quidenham, and a selection of exquisite hand made cards. There are also some Easter candles available.

**LENTEN TALK BY DAVID MCLOUGHLIN** Emeritus Fellow of Christian Theology at Newman University, David McLoughlin is a widely sought engaging and inspirational speaker. He will be giving a talk ‘Jesus’ Passion for the Kingdom of God. Walking with Him to the Cross’ at St Anne’s Parish Centre, Ormskirk L39 4GT 7:00- 8:00pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. In this talk, David will explore the key events, clashes, and challenges that led to Jesus’ death in St Mark’s Gospel and re-examine the meaning of that death.

**CATHOLIC PIC** Please take a free copy of this month’s edition.

**OUR LADY’S STATUE** We have had a number of enquiries from villagers as well as parishioners about the whereabouts of Our Lady’s statue, which has been missing from its spot in the church grounds since last October. Sculpted out of existing tree remains, the statue had to be taken down and stored over the winter to dry out. It will then be remounted on a stone plinth, which will entail removing the existing stump, preparing the ground, constructing the plinth and then attaching the statue. While this is all perfectly possible, it requires specialist knowledge and skills and will take time. However, be reassured that the statue will be back in its place – it would be lovely to have it back for May – the month of Mary!

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS** Please see Events notice board for End of Year Accounts 2023. You will notice there is a **deficit** on unrestricted income and expenditure of £8536.00. This is in part due to the increase in gas, electricity and property (building) costs, and a reduction in church income.

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2024

**Celebration of Holy Mass**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	10:30 am	Sephton and Hollins fams
4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Feria	7:00 pm	Steve Kane (R)
5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Feria	7:00 pm	Ruth Cornwell
6 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Feria	7:00 pm	B. Lowerson
7 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs	11:30 am	Steve Kane (S)
8 <sup>th</sup> Friday	St John of God Stations of the Cross	9:30 am	Steve Kane (W)
9 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Benediction and Exposition St Frances of Rome, Religious	10:00 am	
10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	10:30 am	Sick of the Parish Pro populo

**CONFESSIONS** All welcome to celebrate this important sacrament before Monday and Tuesday evening Mass.

**ROSARY** Prayed at 7:30pm after Mass on a Monday, and 6:35pm before Mass on a Tuesday.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Sheila Jennings, Sandra Marston, Richard D’Alton, Susan Jones, Denise Fletcher, Walter Bennett, Nataliaia and Bodhan Dmytruk and Family.

**LAST WEEK’S OFFERTORY** Loose £156.88, Envelopes £133.50, SOs £530.00. Thank you.

**LENTEN ALMS** There is a box at the back of church, which will remain until Holy Week. The money donated this Lent will be for the children of Gaza and the Holy Land.

**TEA AND COFFEE** After Mass in the Priory. All welcome!