

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Monday 27 July

1900 Our Lady and All Saints
Jack and Marie Perry

Tuesday 28 July

1900 Our Lady and All Saints
John Robert Simpson CBE

Wednesday 29 July—Ss Mary, Martha and Lazarus

1900 Our Lady and All Saints
Freda Skillicorn

Thursday 30 July—St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor

1000 St Mary, Queen of Apostles
The Parish

Friday 31 July—St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest and Religious

1900 Our Lady and All Saints
Florence McDonald

Saturday 1 August—St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor

1000 St Mary, Queen of Apostles
The Parish

Sunday 2 August—18 SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME (A)

1000 St Mary, Queen of Apostles
The Parish

*Please take this Newsletter home with you
A Parish in the Upholland Pastoral Area of the Archdiocese of Liverpool*

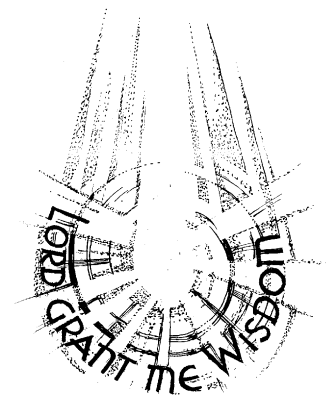
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Notre Dame Convent ☎ 01257 465069**

**PLEASE CHECK THE COVID 19 SECTION OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS WEBSITE
FOR ANY UPDATES TO PRACTISES IN OUR PARISH DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS
AND PRAYER RESOURCES**



**Sunday 26 July 2020
17 Sunday Ordinary Time**

**SUNDAY 1000 The Parish
St Mary, Queen of Apostles, Skelmersdale
Sunday Obligation has not yet been re-instated**

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Father Gordon, George Jennings
Cynthia Ashley, Freda Skillicorn

Those who have died recently:

Those whose anniversaries are this week:

Pauline Polding, Dorothy Eccles

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY

Loose	£172.00
Envelopes	£51.00
Standing orders (est)	£329.00

MONTHLY SECOND COLLECTION

Next month's Second Collection for World Communications, will take place next week. If you wish to donate, please leave your offering in the Collection baskets at Mass, or post through the Priory letter box. Thank you

NO SUNDAY OBLIGATION

There is still no obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Attending Mass during the week will fulfil this.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you to those who have been saving up their loose offertory donations and brought them to Mass this week.

MASS ATTENDANCES THIS WEEK

You may be interested to know that these were: (last) Friday 12, Monday 26, Tuesday 16, Wednesday 25.

We will have a **limited number of places** for each Mass due to social distancing. There is room for a few more, whilst still allowing for more than adequate social distancing.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Neil and Ann-Marie Fallon, whose baby daughter, Frances Bree will be baptised at Our Lady and All Saints Church this Sunday. (Private baptism).

THANK YOU STEWARDS

Thanks to the 19 parishioners who have so generously volunteered as stewards since we re-opened.

Without them, we wouldn't be able to hold public Mass.

HEALTHY AND SAFETY INSPECTION

Following our annual inspection, we received 100% on our Risk rating score. Thanks go to our site manager and groundsmen for their care and maintenance.

Thanks also to Peter Roberts, who has volunteered as our new Parish Health and Safety rep.

CHURCH ELECTRICS

Major works have taken place this week following a five year review, ensuring our systems are up to date.

ATTENDING MASS AT OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS

See 'Cautious re-opening of Churches: what to expect', on the OLAS website under COVID-19 updates.

Also a very good short video on the Archdiocesan website: liverpoolcatholic.org.uk.

If you do attend Mass, please **bring a facemask**, enter by the Minor Porch and use the hand sanitiser inside. Stewards will direct you to a seat.

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52
Treasures New and Old

Matthew presents us this week with three final pictures from his collection of Jesus' images about the Christian community.

Matthew likes pairs of parables: the dragnet pairs with last week's darning-parable, the treasure pairs with the pearl.

The Kingdom is an exciting and unexpected treasure which can change our whole life; it's like winning the pools or the lottery – except that God's gifts change us only for the good, and fill our lives with meaning and joy.

Of course we know that God's call is demanding: you've got to pay a price for the field in which the treasure lies, or for the genuine pearl found in a junk-shop!

The very last picture - the householder bringing down different food-packets, pots and jars off the shelf - is encouraging too: some are old favourites (perhaps like the Christian values and prayers which we inherited from our families), but some add new flavours too, which we have discovered or been taught ourselves.

If we listen, the Spirit is always there to show us new ways of living out our Christian calling, revealing to us an opportunity for prayer or help or service.

This 'householder' is often thought to be Matthew's secret signature for himself: he brings out old and new in the Christian message.

How can we learn new ways of living out our Christian calling?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

This reflection is taken from "The Wednesday Word". and more can be downloaded at: www.wednesdayword.org/parish

Fr Henry is a monk of Ampleforth Abbey and a world renowned biblical scholar.

He was General Editor of the New Jerusalem Bible. Fr Henry recently prepared the CTS Catholic Bible in which he has written an introductory article to each book of the Bible, and has prepared footnotes on the text.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

'Let us adore forever the most Holy Sacrament'

then say:

**Our Father,
Hail Mary and Glory Be
three times each**

then say:

'Let us adore forever the most Holy Sacrament'

then say:

'I wish, my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervour of the Saints.'