



Our Lady of Lourdes
St Joseph & St Teresa

TOGETHER

BIRKDALE CATHOLICS

✚ 18 February 2018 ✚ First Sunday of Lent ✚

Masses	Our Lady of Lourdes	St Joseph	St Teresa
Sat Vigil Masses	5.30pm Brigid Breeze (Sick)	7pm Deceased members of the Knights of St Columba	
Sunday	11am Jeff Prescott (LD)	9.30am Ann North (A) 3.30pm Evening prayer & Benediction	9.45am Jim Blinkhorn (A) 6pm Parishioners
Mon		10am Colin Berry (RIP)	
Tue	10am Mike Cooper (A)		7pm Stations of the Cross
Wed		10am NO MASS	9.10am A sick person
Thurs <i>See of St Peter</i>	10am Mary & Frank Mackey (A)		
Fri		9.30am Stations of the Cross 10am Joseph Murphy & family	
Sat Vigil Masses	5.30pm Gregory Fripp (LD)	7pm Anthony Clayton (B'day Rem)	10am Martin Burrows (B'day Rem)
Sunday	11am Billy Howard (RIP)	9.30am Alice & Robert Clarke (A) 3.30pm Evening prayer & Benediction	9.45am Parishioners 6pm George & Agnes Bignell

DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross every Friday 9.30am at St Joseph.

Tuesdays 7pm at St Teresa (this week Lough Derg Stations).

Evening Prayer & Benediction Sundays 3.30pm at St Joseph.

Putting the Bible into Action A house group Fridays from 23 February to 23 March inclusive. 6, The Swallows, 42 York Road Contact Hilary and David Barton 562868. Bring a Bible.

Joint Penance Service at Our Lady of Lourdes **Wednesday 21 March at 7pm.**



The Government will **double all donations** to CAFOD this Lent, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. **Please support the Lent Fast Day this Friday 23 February.** By eating simply that day we can help people in the developing world through the work of CAFOD. Next weekend we take a retiring collection for CAFOD and the collection will be open during Lent.

Fast, pray and give

Walsingham Pilgrimage 18th – 21st June 2018. All inclusive £200. Further details from Ann Davies on 01704v573974 or 0771 456 2921.

Rite of Election at the Cathedral. Michael Lewtas, from Our Lady of Lourdes, who will be baptised at Easter is going to the Cathedral **3pm this Sunday** for the Rite of Election. This service is led by Archbishop Malcolm as he welcomes those who will be baptised or received into full communion during the Easter Vigil in the various parishes. Please remember Michael in your prayers as he prepares for receiving Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. All are welcome to attend the ceremony at the Cathedral this Sunday.

We Pray for the Sick

Canon Bert Shaw, Fr Peter Kelly, Jack Rogan, Kathleen Jenkinson, Jack Shaw, Anita Meadows, Muriel Appleton, Joyce Mounford, Mike Finnan, Anne Dodgson, Margaret Swift, Joe Miller, Emma Whittaker, May and Henry Kennedy-Skipton, Kathleen Jenkinson, Margaret Dufield, Michael & Dorothy Brady, Jemima Jenkins, Grace Fernando (14 yrs old seriously ill)

Please contact the parish office if you would like a name adding to the sick list.

The Lately Dead

Colin Berry, Frank Baker, Monica Furnival, Patricia Hodge, Pauline Tierney, Edward Roberts, Ellen Quirk

Anniversaries

Jim Blinkhorn, Ann North, Mike Cooper, Mary & Frank Mackey, Alice & Robert Clarke

Funerals next week:

The funeral service for the late **Edward Roberts** will be held in St Teresa's Church on Monday 26 February at 2pm.

The Requiem Mass for the late **Pauline Tierney** will be held in St Teresa's Church on Tuesday 27 February at 1.15pm.

Women's World Day of Prayer: 'All God's Creation is very good.' Friday 2 March, 11am St Patrick's Church, Marshside Road.

Thanks! The CAFOD Coffee Morning last Thursday raised £242!

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Other Catholic Churches in Southport

St John Stone & Sacred Heart Tel. 577722

St Marie & St Patrick Tel. 531229

Holy Family Tel. 532613

This Week

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Little Church this Sunday morning at St Teresa, St Joseph and Our Lady of Lourdes.

Coffee after Mass this Sunday at St Teresa and Our Lady

Church Cleaning

Our Lady Thursday 9am

St Joseph Friday 10.30am

St Teresa Wednesdays 9.30am

Could you lend a helping hand weekly, monthly, occasionally?

Rosary St Joseph 9.40am Monday, Wednesday

Confessions

St Joseph Fri 10.30am

LOL Sat 5pm-5.25pm

St Teresa Sat 10.30am

Other times upon request.

Silent Meditation 10-10.30am Saturdays at St Joseph.

Tuesday Bridge Club at LOL 1.30pm-4.30pm, Eve Houghton tel. 538579.

Art Group meets Thursdays 1-3pm in the meeting rooms. Marie Simonds tel. 550706.

Chair Exercises with Jenny Thurs 11am -12 noon. Cost £4 per session. Contact: 07814834065

To hire the Meeting Rooms call Sheila Ball 567788

Collection last Sunday

Envelopes £ 1,342.79

Loose plate £ 698.72

Total £ 2,041.51

Received with thanks!

Second Collection next Weekend: CAFOD Lenten Fast Day

To receive the **bulletin by email each week** send an email saying: "bulletin" to birkdalecatholics@gmail.com

You can download **Wednesday Word** @ wednesdayword.org



Praying with the Pope in February

<http://thepopevideo.org>

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

First Holy Communion Sessions are on the following dates:

St Teresa: 25 Feb, 11 Mar, 15 Apr and 6 May.

Our Lady of Lourdes: 25 Feb, 11 Mar, 22 Apr and 13 May.

The sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated with you:

Saturday 3rd March 11am at Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday 17th March 11am at St Teresa.

Bereavement Care Training Day 20 February at St Joseph, Birkdale. The Pastoral Formation Department of the Archdiocese will be running a basic training course to help us set up a bereavement care team. This one day course will cover the stages of grief, listening skills and how to get started. If this ministry interests you contact the parish office for to book a place or for further information.

Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Archbishop Malcolm McMahon invites you to join him Sunday 11th March at 11.00am at the Metropolitan Cathedral. All welcome to attend.

Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 20 – 27 July 2018. By air from Liverpool with Joe Walsh Tours. See poster for further details.

Please reserve this day: Sunday 22nd April at 3pm! Open Parish Meeting in St Teresa's School Hall to look at how our three parishes can work and grow together. A calendar of events for the year ahead will be presented. We welcome ideas new and old for activities, prayer, formation, faith sharing, fundraising and social events. Light refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting.

Pilgrimage Group Quiz Night 7.45pm 22nd February St Teresa School Hall. £3 adults, £2 students including refreshments. All are welcome!



Lent Made Simple!

Something to think and pray about this week

The Camino always challenged me: What would happen that day? Whom would I meet? Would I find openness in myself and others? Would I find life and consolation? For Ignatius it was about being sensitive to the divine, speaking in and through the ordinary events of the day. For me, it was often only after the event, reflecting back on it, that I could clearly see God working to take care of me, challenging me and leading me in very concrete ways.

Being a pilgrim strips away protective insulation and accentuates the sense of trusting dependency, stepping out into the unknown. Every day is an act of trust, believing that all will be resolved on the road.

Redemption Road by Brendan McManus, SJ

Two Classics: *Gravity always gets me down.*

The Big Bang Theory: God Spoke and BANG! it happened.

