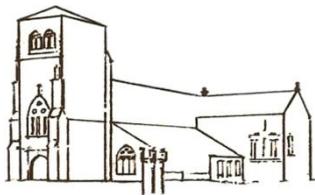


# Newsletter for the parish of St. Anne & St. Bernard.



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## Twenty First Sunday of the year 27.08.17

**Revolution in kindness.** Thought for this week (St. Paul)

*"Don't let the sun go down on your anger" - it may mean a phone call,*

In today's Gospel Jesus gives Peter the "keys of the Kingdom of Heaven". The first reading says that *the key* is a symbol of power and authority, but it is much more than that.



The scribes were described as holding the "keys" of knowledge because they had the task of explaining the Scriptures. They were condemned by Jesus as "blind guides" and accused of placing burdens on people's shoulders, of abusing their authority. What should have been for God's glory they used for exalting themselves.

Do what they tell you, Jesus said, but don't do what they do. The keys of the kingdom of heaven, Peter's keys, are to be liberating. As Jesus said "*you are not to be like them*" and pointed out that the leader is the servant of all, the one who washes the feet of the poor. See in this picture that Peter has the keys and the fishing net. The fish is the symbol of people who are to be drawn

into the realm of God, the work of the pastor. The key is to open the door of knowledge, of truth, and the door to holiness.

This interpretation of the symbol of the keys is far more attractive than the traditional emphasis that they are a symbol of authority, of binding and loosing. That idea is still there but the first mission of the Church is to liberate, to give truth and bring to holiness.

The mission of Peter, in his successor Pope Francis, is to open the door to the Holy Spirit to all people, to lead us to true knowledge and love of God through teaching, celebrating the Liturgy, immersing us in Scripture and leading us to true holiness of life.

The next **Co-Ordination meeting** will be on 23<sup>rd</sup>. September

The **Prayer Group** meets every Friday at 7.30 p.m. in the Sion Room

The **Men Group** will meet on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup>. August at 7.30 in St Bernard's. All welcome

**The next Justice and Peace** is Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup>. October, at 7.30 p.m. in St. Bernard's

The **Fair Trade stall** is open every Sunday after 10.30 a.m. Mass

Tea, coffee and biscuits served after Mass every Sunday. +

**Mass** this week is as follows -

Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Harry Oakes
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Edward and Norah Carr
Tuesday	12.00 noon	Parishioners
Wednesday	12.00	Jessie Clarke
Thursday	12.00	Peggy Greville
Friday	12.00	David Rogers
Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Agnes Shendon

Please keep **our sick friends** in your prayer – Kathie Elliot, Josie Burger, Flo Coffey, Sister Win, Annie Barton, Ann McMahan, Eddie Barrett, Bernie Connolly, Andy Murphy, Trish Riley. There are many other house bound people to whom we take Holy Communion weekly. We would like to know of anyone at all who is housebound. We also take Holy Communion to the Marmaduke Street Care Home ( Aaron Lodge), Arundel Park Nursing Home, Greenheys Lodge and the BIRT (Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust) on Upper Parliament Street. If you seek prayer for your sick family and friends please let us know.

There will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** on Saturday 4.15-5.15 p.m. and on Sunday 9.15-10.15 a.m.

**Confessions** are heard during the times of Exposition – and any other time you need

The **Journey to Faith** programme will be starting again at the end of September. We should now be inviting people to seek Baptism and Holy Communion. Those who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to join us. Journey to Faith programmes for Farsi and Kurdish speakers have already begun. Both groups meet on Wednesdays.

The **First Communion programme** will be starting soon. We need to order the booklets used. Any parent with a child in school other than St. Anne's, who wishes to be part of our 2018 first Holy Communion programme, please notify Deacon Francis.

**Money Report.** The collection last weekend was **£566.17**. Add on £624.80 from standing orders and tax returns to make a total of **£1,190.97 Thank you**

The **Catholic Truth Society**, CTS, has made many books available as ebooks. Please take an explanatory card from the back of the church. They are available on kindle, kobo and iBooks. Visit [www.ctsbooks.org/ebooks](http://www.ctsbooks.org/ebooks)

**St Wilfrid's 10<sup>th</sup> 'Living Christ' Retreat Friday/Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> January 2017**  
**Venue: Holy Trinity School, Banks Road, Garston**

The Retreat lasts from 7.15pm to 9.30pm on the Friday and continues from 9.15am to 5.00pm on the Saturday. Time to reflect on: Where have you have met Jesus in the past? How have you responded to him? How would you like to respond in the future? Lay parishioners lead the reflections. The heart of the Retreat lies in Gospel stories, but there's plenty of time for sharing personal memories, group discussions, communal prayer and private prayer. Maximum of 28 participants. No transport? No problem! Invitations at the back of Church. For further information, please telephone Stella or Maurus O'Donnell on 0151 427 3386.

The **Nugent Care Charity Shop** on Allerton Road is in urgent need of stock consisting of clothing, books, bric-a-brac, shoes and handbags. If you have any unwanted items please consider donating them to our Charity Shop. These can be dropped off at Nugent Charity Shop, 73 Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 2DH from 9am – 5pm, Monday to Saturday. Thank you.  
They are also looking for a volunteer driver.

**Asylum Link Merseyside (ALM)** have agreed with the Archdiocese to take over a lease on St. Anne's House. It means that ALM will be completely independent of the parish, financially and in every official way. Obviously we will continue to help ALM in their work and projects as best we can. There will be a physical barrier between the church and the house. This will come into operation once the toilets, the first part of our own parish project, are completed. The Finance and Property group of our Parish Assembly have more or less agreed on a contractor, and we hope work will commence on our own project within the next few weeks. It will include the refurbishment of the cloister, the two parish rooms, a new kitchen and a new entrance into the cloister. There will be a new gate from the car park.

### **Syrian Resettlement Programme: Community Sponsorship Scheme**

The Community Sponsorship Scheme is a scheme whereby a church or community group can sponsor a family of Syrian refugees from one of the UNHCR refugee camps in Jordan or Lebanon, as part of the government's resettlement programme. At our recent parish assembly it was agreed that we would open discussions with neighbouring parishes to examine the feasibility of applying to sponsor a family. The idea is to give the family all the support they need which will include, for example, financial advice, helping them to get used to shopping in a strange country, helping them understand things we take for granted, for example about their children's school. The aim is for the family to become independent and settled in the community. *We need parishioners who feel they can give a little bit of practical help to volunteer to join a support group.*

### **Vocation Discernment Group**

To support those exploring Vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organised for the first Saturday of each month. These days will help men who feel called to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and meet others discerning a call to priesthood. There will be an opportunity to talk with and hear from priests who minister in the diocese, and also a time for prayer and discussion. The next day of recollection will take place on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** at St. Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool.

For further information, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, at frjamespreston@gmail.com or telephone: 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations

There is also a new project **Called Beyond**. This is a new initiative developed by the **National Office for Vocations**. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to celebrate the call of Christ in our lives. This Pastoral Area has been chosen to launch a pilot scheme which will take place in October of this year. It will explore the vocation of all of us from youth, young adults, married people as well as those called to religious life and the priesthood. More information will be given in due course.

**Care for our common world.** This week's **ECO tip** – so many things can be recycled. If it can't go in your bin it could go into your nearest re-cycling centre. Local supermarkets have special recycle bins.

**Our prayer** is asked for Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, the last Archbishop of Westminster who is very seriously ill.

### **LIVE SIMPLY, SO THAT OTHERS MAY SIMPLY LIVE**

This is the CAFOD campaign we have agreed to join!

To work towards the CAFOD Live Simply Award, we assess how we are already managing to 'Live Simply, Sustainably and in Solidarity with the Poor' and the guidance encourages us to find ways in which we can do even more.

**Live Simply** means not getting caught in an endless cycle of wanting more. It means taking time to be with people and listen to God's call. Our time of quiet reflection before the Saturday and Sunday Mass each week is a good example of this approach.

**Live Sustainably:** to do this we have to find ways of saving energy and resources, so that there is enough for people throughout the world, especially the poorest. In this way we may all hope for a good future. Some of these ways have already been suggested by the weekly tips in our newsletter.

**Live in Solidarity with the Poor:** the effects of our failure to Live Sustainably are seen in the poorest parts of our world. We have already become a **Fair Trade parish** as a sign of our desire to support aid projects which help poorer parts of the world to become self sufficient. We also campaign to try and tackle poverty here at home, in the lives of people who are homeless or who simply do not have enough to live on. The Credit Union has helped so many families out of debt and hardship.

*We are inviting anyone who is interested to join a working group which will plan how we can build on what we already do and make it even better. Please consider joining us!*

**Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester** *Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the blessings you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. O Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, follow you more nearly.*

**Little Mick's Spot.** (paws for thought). I was woken up last Tuesday by a noise I had been dreading. Heavy machinery being moved in my field next door. I went on my walk with TD and there was this big machine messing up my field. I stood on my back legs, my front paws on a bar in the fence and let them have it, the full power of my bark. I'm sure they were quaking in their boots. You can imagine my relief when the men told us they were only testing for drains. The building was not starting yet. But it will come. O dear! But we are hopeful that when the old parish club is pulled down I will get a small garden out of it. While the field is still there I have trained various people who attend meetings in my house to take me out with a ball. I know who they are so I don't give them any peace until we go out. My advice – don't start taking me. You'll won't be allowed to stop.



