

Notices

Blessing and Dedication of Grotto: This weekend will see the climax of our May Devotions. After the 10:00 a.m. Mass we will process, with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, to the garden opposite the Presbytery. There we will bless and dedicate the Grotto, and consecrate our Parish community to the powerful and unfailing protection of Our Blessed Lady.

Many thanks to God for all those individuals who contributed their time and talents to bring this to reality. Special thanks to Arthur Jones who built the structure.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD: *Holy Day of Obligation.* There will be three Masses, the first Mass will be the 6:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Wednesday evening; the second and third Masses will be on Thursday at 9:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. respectively. Please make every effort to attend.

Confirmation Group - Fundraising Stall: A big thank you to everyone who kindly supported our fundraising event last weekend. We raised the grand sum of £329.50.

Congratulations to Arthur & Margaret Jones who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last week.

May Devotions: Throughout the month of May, there will be **Rosary and Adoration** after all the weekday Masses.

Marian Anthem at 8:00 a.m. Mass: As part of our Marian Devotion we will sing the *Lourdes Anthem (Immaculate Mary)* this week, before the final blessing. **Hymn no: 365 (Verses 5-8)**

Columbarium in the Crypt: Niches are now available. If you are interested in reserving a niche, it is important that you contact the Parish Office as soon as possible as there has already been a great deal of interest.

Sick & Housebound Parishioners NOT on The Sick List: Canon Benedict will make a personal visit to any sick and housebound parishioner to take Holy Communion and to hear Confession. Please, therefore, be sure to inform Canon of any family member or friend who would appreciate a visit. Thank you.

Truth Project: Bishop Tom Burns has decided to set aside time for the purpose of meeting with victims and survivors of clerical, child sexual abuse who live in Menevia.

This will be done in co-operation with the Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator, who will assist the Bishop in responding in the best possible way to those who speak to him in his pastoral role as their Bishop, to let him know of their pain, hurt and anger.

If you have suffered clerical, child sexual abuse, no matter how long ago, or even if it was outside of the Diocese, please call the Truth Line on 07598 966956.

Your calls will be taken in the strictest confidence and maintained as such throughout the project.

Newsletter: Please kindly take it home with you and re-read it at your leisure.

Your last week's offerings: **£973.98**

(Including Standing orders and 2nd Collection)

PLEASE REMEMBER THE PARISH IN YOUR WILL

** Gift Aid returns will reduce the weekly deficit, but will not make up the shortfall. If you are a tax payer and you are not already signed up to the Gift Aid giving system, please consider doing so, it will not cost you any extra, but the Church will get the benefit of tax relief.*

A warm welcome to those who have recently made the Cathedral their regular place of worship. It is a good idea to let your Parish Priest know your name and address so that he will know who, and where, you are. Furthermore, if you are already an Altar Server, Reader etc. and would be prepared to exercise your Ministry here, please speak to the Parish Priest.

Mass Intentions Received: George Brain (RIP); Pauline Sterl (RIP); Michael Cura (RIP); De Marco Family^{x2}; Pamela De Marco^{x2}

Sanctuary Lamp Requests:

Hymns for Sunday Liturgy

Opening Song	Hail Queen of Heaven	356
Preparation of Gifts	Love Divine	801
Communion	This is my Body	627
Closing	As I kneel before you	360

Choir Practice: New members always welcome. Please see Andrew after the 10:00 a.m. Mass or contact the Office.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: The Bishops' Conference of England & Wales has decreed the following changes to the observance from 2018:- The Epiphany, currently kept on the first Sunday after New Year, will be celebrated on 6th January (or on the nearest Sunday if the 6th falls on Saturday or Monday); The Ascension, currently kept on the Sunday before Pentecost, will be celebrated on the Thursday after the 6th Sunday of Easter, that is, 40 days after Easter Sunday.

Business Matters: Canon Benedict is very happy to have informal chats with everyone after weekend Masses, however, **ALL official matters are to be discussed during office hours, by appointment only.** Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment. Thank you.

Baptism Programme for parents: The Baptism Programme runs three times each year: September-October, January-February, and May-June, actual dates to be set near the time. 'Baptismal Request' forms may be found in the purple file in the Cathedral porch. Please take one, complete it and return it to Joyce or Pat. **IMPORTANT:** Please kindly read the 'Guidelines for Infant Baptism in the Parish'. These are available on the parish website or, alternatively, you may pick up a copy from the porch. Please note, we comply strictly with these guidelines.