



St. Gabriel's

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4th Sunday of Lent
31st March 2019



Alsager Churches Together are supporting a Syrian Family to come to live in Alsager. This weekend Amanda Lovett, a former parent governor from St. Gabriel's School will speak on this project at all Masses, to help a Syrian family relocate to Alsager from this war-torn country. To help with their application through the Home Office and to resettle the family in Alsager from tent accommodation in the refugee camp, there will be a second collection to help this family find a new life in Alsager. For more information, please contact Amanda Lovett on 01270 882507 or email alsager_welcomes_refugees@yahoo.com The link for direct donations is <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/rwalsagercommunitysponsor/481986>

"The next SVP Social Afternoon for senior citizens will be on Tuesday, 9 April from 2pm to 4pm in the presbytery. Lisa Lowe from Cheshire East Council will talk about recycling. This will be more of a discussion and interactive rather than just a talk. She will even give out freebies and promotional goods."

LMA No 9 Trip to Hereford Saturday 13 July. This year, we have organised a free day-out to Hereford Cathedral and city on the River Wye where we shall celebrate Mass and take time to wander round the shops and sights of the old town. Coaches will leave at 8.30am. There will be an organised guided tour of the Cathedral at 12pm. This will take about 45 minutes. (cost £5). Our parish priests will then concelebrate Mass in the Lady Chapel at 1.15pm. If you are interested in the visit, there is a sign-up list at the back of the church. Coach returns @ 7.30 pm at St Gabriel's.

Confirmation 2019. Bishop Mark will be confirming candidates from our Parish of St. Gabriel's and St. Winefride's on Wednesday 9th October at 7pm in St. Gabriel's Church. If you have a child currently in Year 8, who would like to be confirmed, please give their name, date and copy of baptism certificate, and contact details to Father Tony or Deacon Eddie. The Confirmation preparation sessions will begin in June after May half-term, and will be every Tuesday evening, 6.30pm to 8pm during Term-Time only in St. Gabriel's School hall. There will also be a retreat on Saturday 5 October in Freshfields, Liverpool.

Experience Faith, Fun & Family in beautiful surroundings. St Cassians Centre, Kintbury, Berkshire is a retreat centre for young people. Schools such as St Joseph's and St Margaret Ward Stoke visit regularly. Once a year they open the doors of their beautiful centre and its grounds to people of all ages at their Family Weekend on 31 May to 2 June. Costs for board & the retreat is £100 for adults (£70 ages 4-8). Cathie and Tony Smith have personal experience of the retreats at Kintbury if anyone wants to chat to them. They are planning to go this year. For more information go to www.thekintburyexperience.com or email office@cassians.co.uk / nickajsmith@hotmail.co.uk

Help for The Parish to gain extra funds. If you are a UK tax payer and you give money at the offertory (however much) if you give through the "Gift Aid Scheme," it is worth an extra 25% to the Parish. All you need to do is give your name and address, tick whether you would like to use the envelopes, or to give by standing order, on a Gift Aid Form at the back of Church. Then either hand it to Fr Tony or Deacon Eddie. Please consider Gift Aid. Many thanks to all who contribute so generously each week. For more information please contact Sue Edge, Gift Aid organiser on 01270 876090.

If you wish to order Fairtrade milk chocolate Easter eggs, please put your name and the quantity of eggs you require on the list in the porch. Eggs cost £3.99 each and include a copy of the Easter story. Cathie and Tony Smith will be delivering them after Mass on 6 and 7 April. Please bring cash to pay for them.

Migrante International will be visiting St Thomas More High School in Crewe on Mon 8 April to share the advocacy work on Migrante and the current socio-economic conditions in the Philippines. Jeppe Mejia, one of their public information officers, will give us a valuable insight about their campaigns. If you would like to join us on this day, please contact mrs.hogg@st-thomasmore.cheshire.sch.uk or 01270 568014 for more details.

The next 'Adult Catholics Together Spiritually' (ACTS)' Day of Reflection is taking place on Sat 13 April 2019 at Shrewsbury Cathedral. Open to all ages, the theme will focus on the 'Divinity of Christ'. Fr Tom Cunnah will lead the day which starts with Mass at 9.30am and finishes at 3.30pm. The address is: 11 Belmont, Shrewsbury SY1 1TE (the Cathedral is about a 10 minute walk from Shrewsbury train station). Payment by anonymous donation (suggested cost £10). Please contact Siobhan Cartwright for further details (siobhanbc@gmail.com / tel: 0161 477 2783 / 07761138947).

Prayer websites for daily meditation. Please log on to access, <http://ln54.blogspot.co.uk>
<http://livingspace.sacredspace.ie> missio.org.uk <http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/home/>
 universalis.com <http://en.radiovaticana.va> <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk>

HUMAN DIGNITY AT THE HEART OF HEALTHCARE: CONFERENCE and DINNER Saturday 11 May, 2.45 pm onwards, Thornycroft Hall, Macclesfield. What are the core values which should guide healthcare when money is tight and new ways of working threaten Christian norms? The next Thornycroft Conference is especially aimed at anyone who is concerned about the direction of modern medicine, but especially at those who work in the field. It will look at what it means to be a Human Person, and then at practical issues and how they can be managed. The conference will end with a full dinner, to network and continue discussion. Price £20 + £30 for dinner. Discounts for medical students. Full details at: <http://www.thornycrofthall.org.uk/node/19>.

Paid weekend placements in kitchen skills, waitressing and events preparation. Girls aged 16+. Thornycroft Hall is offering paid placements (minimum 3 weekends) which also teach teamwork, time management and organisation. There is a certificate on completion, and opportunities for continuing paid summer/weekend jobs at Thornycroft or Lakefield Hospitality College, London. Thornycroft is an Opus Dei conference centre just outside Macclesfield (<http://www.thornycrofthall.org.uk/>). It gives a friendly and secure environment for a first paid job and to learn useful life skills. For more information: Tel: 01260 224219 or email: thornycrofthall@gmail.com.

REST IN PEACE; Emma Blair, Ken Phillips, John Dennehy, Denis Maguire, Jane Galea, Phyllis Woodley, Sophia Taguma, Agnes Williams, Florence Ellsmore, Alan Davies, Arthur Winkley, Rita Barry, Ray Chidlow, & those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Stefan Ficzek, Kathleen O'Toole, Carol Cliffe, Joy Jones, Ray Chidlow, Samuel Bagshaw, Norah Bailey, Stella Lyons, Theresa Kerr, Karen Bastiman. **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Especially for Julia Lloyd, Elsie Turnock, Margaret Pearson, Rebecca Moseley, Peter McAlister, John Monks, Terry Orford, Catherine Bevan, Fr. Pat Munroe, John Conway, Brian Woolf, Jackie Roberts, Pat Merrigan, Harry Moody, Deacon Peter Bravey, Ana Izurzu, Bernard Dockery, Eamon Dooley, Marie Whelan, Rebecca Dajani, John Boote, Dorothy Eccles, Joanne Graham, Sheila Gibson, Anna Fedima Gray, Ricky Masterson, Kay Charlesworth, Margaret McGreevy, Peter Pulford, Betty Bostwick, Joan Phillips, Ben Thomas, Denise Nolan, James Byrne, Tom Simpson, Margaret Slater, Norman Tams, Christine Clapham, Baby Hunter, Gerard Davey, Doreen Turner and all in our hospitals & nursing homes.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 31 MARCH 2019

Saturday 30th March British Summer Time Clocks go forward one hour tonight Sunday 31st March Fourth Sunday in Lent Mother's Day	5.30-6.15 pm 6.30 pm Mass 11.30 am Mass	Sacrament of Reconciliation Colin Edwards RIP (SVP District President) Fr. Pat Munroe (sick) & Emma Blair RIP For all mothers, living & deceased & Intentions of Carol and Cumberlidge & Scott families & Tom Cairns (Sick) & Terry Orford (sick)
Monday 1st April	7pm 7.30pm 8pm	Holy Hour Theresa Kerr (Anniv) & Kathleen O'Toole (Anniv), Jacque Motte (sick) & Baby Rover Broekeart (sick) & Julia Lloyd (sick) SVP Meeting
Tues 2nd April St. Francis of Paola	10am 7pm	Celebration of Word & Communion Parish Lenten Penitential Service
Wed 3rd April	10am 10.30am	Celebration of Word & Communion Lectio Divina
Thurs 4th April St. Isidore	10am	Celebration of Word & Communion
Friday 5th April	10am 10.30am	Thanksgiving and Holy Souls Holy Rosary
Saturday 6th April Sunday 7th April Fifth Sunday in Lent	3pm 5.30-6.15pm 6.30 pm Mass 11.30 am Mass	Baptism of Wilfrid Daniel Marsh Sacrament of Reconciliation Emma Blair RIP Karen Bastiman (3 rd Anniv)
Saturday 6th April Sunday 7th April	6.30 pm	11.30 am
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Mary Atkinson Ceri Bugg	Francis Insaidoo Mark Howitt
READERS	Michael Slattery Jacqueline Lowery	Nicola Hassall Paul Hassall

Collection, 24 March, £620.16p

Thank you for your continued generosity. Please gift-aid if possible.

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