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Shrine Church of Ss Peter & Paul and St Philomena

Dome of Home



16th -23rd December 2018.
Gaudete Sunday

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Welcome to the Dome!

Please join us for refreshments and a chat after the 10.30am Mass. *All the refreshments are donated by parishioners.*

*This month's collection is for the **Wirral Ark for the homeless**. Last Sunday's donations - £36. Many thanks!*

Mass setting for Advent: Mass XVII page 81 of the New Mass book. Please do join in! The congregation should sing with the ladies. The aim is to sing sweetly with a soft ending to each phase! Gaudete!

Prepared for Christmas ?

Today the Church tells us to 'rejoice', Christmas is getting nearer. Have you made a good confession yet ? Don't leave it until the last minute. The priest will be glad to help you make a good one. When someone important comes to visit us, we tend to clean and tidy the house. There is no more important a visitor than Our Lord Jesus Christ, who wants to come to us at Christmas. So clean your spiritual house in good time. Make a brief, but good 'examination of conscience'. There should be one in your prayer book or missal. Ask God to enlighten your heart, and be conscious that, when you come to confession, you are speaking to Jesus, whom is all love and mercy, who wants to confess your sins, to express sorrow for them, to do penance for them, because He wants to forgive you. Don't put it off any longer, go to confession before Christmas. You will be giving Jesus a good birthday present by doing so.

Fr Gribbin

Ss Peter & Paul and St Philomena

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Faith Talk St Thomas Aquinas and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Heated Day Chapel! Tuesday 18th December at 6.30pm. All welcome

Church Cleaning Tuesday 18th Dec after the 9am Mass. Lets make the Church beautiful for Christmas. All volunteers welcome. Refreshments provided.

Church Heating As you are no doubt all aware, our church heating system needs replacing. Canon Montjean has engaged our new Architect, Mark Pearce for advice about a new system, and he has decided to tackle this as a separate project because it cannot be included as part of our Heritage Grant which is to restore the roofs. However, he realises that a cold church this winter is not good for our congregation so beginning this project to raise money for a brand new system is now urgent. Under Mark's supervision, Canon will engage a specialist heating engineer to carry out a feasibility study to design the most efficient system for our building, with detailed specification going out to competitive tender. Professional services like this cost money and we will somehow need to raise this either via donations or grant funding. If anyone has an experience in raising this kind of money or would like to help with this fundraising, please get in touch. And if not, a few prayers in this direction to ask Almighty God to provide wouldn't go amiss. Thank you

CATECHISM CLASS:

Next class on Sunday 20th Jan. Approx. 20mins after 10.30am Mass. Age 12-15.

contact: chn.montjean@icrsp.org

YOUTH GROUP Ages 14-25. Next meeting: in the new year - new members welcome.

Contact: newbrighton@icrsp.org

FAMILY FATIMA DAYS - **January 12th at 12 noon.** Talks for Parents and children, craft activities, rosary. **ALL WELCOME!**

EMBROIDERY & SEWING GROUP

The next sewing day will be **January 19th**

For details contact 07767 752 671.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Theme of the Year: introduction to St Thomas Aquinas and the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. One Tuesday every month.

Next talk: **Tuesday 22nd January at 6.30pm.**

All welcome.

DOMUS CHRISTIANI

Monthly faith formation for married couples.

Next meeting TBA.

Contact newbrighton@icrsp.org

PIETY SHOP

Opening times: Fri 8.45-10am Sat 11-12 noon. **Christmas cards and gifts selling fast!!**

Sun after both Masses.

New Mass books available £5 

Thank you for all your donations

I large and small to help others eat at Christmas.

Ronnie took 155kg last week.

GREGORIAN CHANT PRACTICE

Monday 7.30 pm (Canon Poucin will be teaching how to sing the chants authentically) Sunday from 10am in the Presbytery for the propers.

POLYPHONY CHOIR

Practice **Monday at 6pm** in the Presbytery. New members are most welcome - please have a chat with Clare or Christian after Mass.

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY:

Collection: £420.35 Boxes: £135.35

Standing Orders £230, Heating £169.45

Raffle £120.00

Donations: £210.00

Total: £1,285.15

Thank you for your generosity!

Shrine Restoration News

HLF Shrine Restoration Grant.

Have you filled in the survey? Available at the back of church or

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/domeofhome>

Or phone Rachel on 07770 266679. There is also a children's survey for all our school visitors and other children. This one doesn't ask for any contact details. Please follow this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/domeofhomeforchildren>

In order to qualify for the Shrine Restoration fund we need more people to respond to the Survey!

The main survey takes **7 minutes** to complete and will make all the difference to Ss Peter and Paul & Philomena.

Please complete the survey and get as many others to do so!!



Volunteers PLEASE Send Anne Your Hours!!

So far on the spreadsheet, volunteers have recorded £2830 worth of voluntary work towards a target of at least £8000 towards our match funding. I know there are many people who have not sent in their hours yet. We just need to have a **Very brief idea** of the task and the number of hours. Something like this would be fine: "3 hours cleaning the church on Nov 18" or "5 hours preparing and serving refreshments since Sept 18" with your name on an email to contactus@domeofhome.org

Friends of the Shrine is a new group of volunteers formed to co ordinate the new activities and fund raising for the next phase of the restoration. Interested in helping? We'd love you to come along!



Your Shrine needs YOU!

The AGM for the new 'Friends of the Shrine' will be Friday 25th January 2019 after the 7pm Mass 7:50pm for tea and coffee 8pm meeting. All welcome.

Second collection for the heating of the Church & Presbytery NEXT Sunday (23rd December) Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Schedule: *The Shrine is open all day for prayer .*
Daily Services in the Day Chapel during cold weather

Sunday 16 th	Mon 17 th	Tues 18 th	Wed 19 th	Thurs 20 th	Fri 21 st	Sat 22 nd	Sunday 23 rd
8.30am Low Mass 9.45-10.15am Confessions	7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Rosary 8.45am Confessions 9am Mass	7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Rosary 8.45am Confessions 9am Mass	7.30am Lauds & Meditation 8.30am Rosary 8.45am Confessions 9am Mass <i>Rosary and short advent reflection</i>	7.45am Mass at Birkenhead Carmel 8.30am Rosary 8.45am Confessions 9am Mass	9.15am Mass (English / Parish Priest for donor's intention)	8.30am Adoration 9.30am Rosary 9.45am Confessions	8.30am Low Mass 9.45-10.15am Confession
10.30am Sung Mass		12 noon Mass	12 noon Mass	12 noon Mass	12 noon Mass	10am Mass followed by devotions to St Philomena	10.30am Sung Mass
5.30pm Vespers <i>Rosary and Benediction</i>	5.30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	5.30pm Adoration 6:30pm Faith Talk	5.30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	5.30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	5.30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Mass	5.30pm Vespers	5.30pm Vespers Rosary and Benediction

Mass Intentions:

Date	Ordo	Canon Montjean	Canon Poucin	Father Gribbin
Sun 16 th	3 rd Sunday of Advent - rose	Ron Bell RIP	Canon Montjean	Shelagh Richards RIP
Mon 17 th	Feria - violet	Lucy & Tom	Novena Holy Souls	The Grant Family
Tues 18 th	Feria - violet	Deceased members of Brady family	Novena Holy Souls	Caroline Harrison
Wed 19 th	Ember - violet	Deceased members of Highfield Family	Novena Holy Souls	Christopher Moor, RIP
Thurs 20 th	Feria - violet	Thomas Archer	Novena Holy Souls	For souls of Priests and religious RIP
Fri 21 st	St. Thomas, Apostle - red	Thanksgiving for Bill Merry	Novena Holy Souls	Holy Souls
Sat 22 nd	Ember Saturday - violet	Imelda Moore	Novena Holy Souls	Gemma Balcomb, sick
Sun 23 rd	4 th Sunday of Advent - violet	Michael Moore	Novena Holy Souls	UM Barnsdall RIP

24th Dec: Vigil of Christmas

5.30pm: 1st Vespers of the Nativity
7pm: Matins of the Nativity (*Gregorian chant*)
10.30pm: Traditional Christmas Carols (*Organ & Trumpet*)
11pm: Procession to the Crib and 'Midnight' High Mass
followed by mince pies and mulled wine

25th Dec: Christmas Day

8.30am: 'Dawn' Low Mass
10.30am: Sung 'Mass of the Day'
Followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Christmas Services at the Dome

26th Dec: Feast of St. Stephen

10am: Low Mass

27th Dec: Feast of St. John the

Evangelist

Blessing of wine in honour of St. John
after the 9am Mass

31st Dec: New Year's Eve

9pm: Adoration & Te Deum in thanksgiving
for the past year (*Plenary Indulgence*)
French onion soup afterwards!

1st January: New Year's Day

10am: Veni Creator (*Plenary Indulgence*)
followed by Sung Mass

And she brought forth her first-born Son.... LK 2:7

Why do the Evangelists call Jesus the 'first-born son' of Mary? (cf Mt 1:25; Lk 2:7)? These words are an enigma, for Blessed Mary is ever-virgin and has no other physical children, before or after conceiving Jesus. However, when we expound the text according to the mind of the Church and with the help of her Fathers, worry gives way to wonder. The first aid to understanding is provided by St. Jerome. Every only child is a firstborn; what you need to be firstborn is to lack siblings who precede you, not to possess siblings who succeed you. But why does the sacred author choose such a problematic term? Because in the mind of Israel it was not a problematic term but a profound title with many levels of meaning in the vocabulary of faith: the firstborn male, of men or cattle, belongs in a special way to God. 'Sanctify unto me every firstborn that openeth the womb among the children of Israel' (Ex 13:2) The unprecedented offspring is an object uniquely precious, a gift of God's goodness that deserves to be offered back in gratitude. This attitude is presupposed by the sacrifice of Isaac: the firstborn is a candidate for consecration, the sacred victim par excellence; but even that statement does not reach far enough into the mystery of the firstborn. Before the institution of the Aaronic priesthood, the eldest son of each family served as priest.

In the 'Jewish way of thinking then, to say 'firstborn' is to suggest dedication to God in a twofold sense, both the destiny of a victim and the dignity of a priest. When (Saint) Luke (...), carefully reproducing the Jewish way of thinking, tells us that our Lady 'brought forth her firstborn son', he is imparting one of the chief truths of Divine Revelation: the child of the Virgin, only born and therefore firstborn, is the fulfillment of all the worship of the Old Covenant. The only Son of God and Mary, is the definitive Priest and ultimate Victim.

According to St. Paul, the Lord Jesus is 'first - born' in a more than legal way: He is the 'first-born from the dead' (Apoc. 1:5), 'the first-born among many brethren (cf Col 1:18). He is the firstborn son of God, the Only-Begotten of the Father, Son by nature, who in the flesh He assumed is the first to be born to the new life of the Resurrection. Through our Baptism, we are His members and brethren and so become reborn sons of God, sons by grace with the hope of being sons in glory, in the Resurrection. St Bede quotes St. John, "But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God" (Jn1:12, and makes this comment: 'He is rightly called the "first-born" of these [adopted sons of God], because in dignity He comes before all the sons of adoption, even those who preceded by birth the time of His Incarnation.

Cradle of Redeeming Love by John Saward



Thank you Monica for organizing another lovely meal at the Grove Hotel last Tuesday!

