

**ST. JAMES' & ST. JOSEPH'S**

**ST. JAMES' PRESBYTERY, ST. JAMES' ROAD, ORRELL, WIGAN WN5 7AA**

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**5th Sunday of the year (Year C) Day for the Unemployed 7th February 2016**

**Fishers of Men**

Last week we read about the beginning of Jeremiah's life as a prophet; this week's first reading tells the story of how Isaiah, too, became a spokesman for God. The incident relates how unworthy he felt in the presence of God, and how his sense of sinfulness was taken away by burning coals that purified him. Simon Peter, too was aware of his sinfulness when Jesus worked the miracle of the great catch of fish.

But he, too, was made worthy of being God's spokesman by the healing presence of Christ. Jesus taught from Peter's boat and it is a striking reminder of the importance of Peter both during the life of Jesus and in the formation of the early Church.

Please remember in your prayers all the sick and all the patients in Wrightington Hospital. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort from your Holy Place.

We pray for all those who have died recently. May God the Father welcome them into eternal life promised by Christ His Son, the Lord of life. We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**MASSES**

Saturday 6th February 6:00pm Holy Souls  
Sunday 7th February 9:30am People of the parish

Wednesday 10th February **Ash Wednesday**  
**Mass 9:30am St. James'. Ashes will be distributed in school at 2:45pm All welcome.**

**6:30pm Stations of the Cross and distribution of ashes in church**  
Saturday 13th February 6:00pm Holy Souls  
Sunday 14th February 9:30am People of the parish

**Neighbourhood Prayer**

This week you are asked to pray for all those living in Glen Drive, Dingle Avenue and Greenslate Avenue.

**Mission Intention for February is:**

That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

**Holy Communion to the sick and housebound**

**Appley Bridge** Starting next Friday at 10am

**CAFOD LOTTERY BONUS BALL**

**Winning No. 49 Frances Smith**

**Weekend Masses at Saint James' Orrell**

**Sunday: 11:00am & 6:00pm**  
**Confessions @ St. James' Saturday 10:00am-11:00am**  
**Confessions @ St. Joseph's Saturday 5:15pm-5:45pm**

**The Brick**

There are so many people in our area who are attending the food bank in order to live from day to day. The Brick now distributes more than 200 parcels per week and is struggling to meet demands. We are in need of breakfast cereals, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, biscuits for the children and tea and coffee. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

**Ash Wednesday (10th February)**

**Ashes will be distributed at Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm**

**It is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.**

**Fasting: only one full meal and a light snack at two other times.**

**Binding on all ages between 18 and 60**

**Abstinence: No meat.**

**Binding on all over the age of 14.**

**The sick, of course are excused from both laws.**

**During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm.**

**Women's World Day of Prayer**

This year's Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at Tunley United Reform Church, Wrightington on Friday 4th March at 7:30pm. It has been prepared by Christian women of Cuba.

**Rota for cleaning church**

**Please can Group 2 clean the church this week i.e. Sheila Woods & Denise Mullarkey**

**Red Boxes**

**Missio**

The Novena to Saint Joseph will take place from the 10th—18th of March 2016 at Herbert House, Freshfield, Formby. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of Saint Joseph, their patron Saint, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask God's blessing on their society and their work. Details and times of Masses can be found on the poster at the back of church. If you would like a Novena booklet to join in from home by praying the daily Novena please see Phil or Catherine. Thank-you.

**Knights of Saint Columba**

From this weekend members of the K.S.C. will be at the back of church selling tickets for their annual sweepstake on the Grand National Steeplechase. The tickets are £1 each or £5 per book. All proceeds are for the Knights' charities, and this year the principal one is Missio. Please buy as many tickets as you can to support this good cause. Thank-you.

**Friends of Saint Joseph's**

Spring Fair will take place on Sunday 10th April at 12:30pm

**Gift Aid Contributions**

Details of contributions for the third quarter ending 3rd January 2016.

2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
£5324 :14	£4952 :00	£5084:47

The loose cash total/non/gift aid envelopes for the third quarter.

2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
£3985:00	£3918:00	£2772:94

These amounts do not include those who contribute by standing order.

**Please pray for Fr. Gerry & Fr. Kevin who are both sick at this present time.**

**A box will be in place on the altar for Lenten Alms. If you Gift-Aid your donation please use your envelope.**