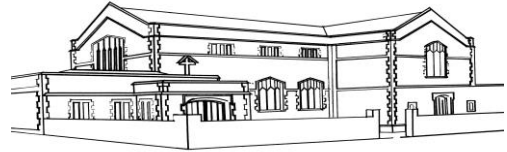


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*Or lives simply*  
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**10<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



**TIMES OF SERVICES & GROUP MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

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| <b>MONDAY</b><br>11 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>9.00 a.m.-12.00 noon</b><br><br><b>11.00 a.m.</b><br><b>8.00 p.m.</b>   | <b>Training for Visitors to Care Homes in the Parish Centre</b><br><b>MASS at Carmel</b><br><b>Prayer Group in the Parish Centre</b>  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>12 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>10.00 a.m.-11.30 a.m.</b><br><b>11.00 a.m.</b>                          | <b>Toddler Group in the Parish Centre</b><br><b>MASS at Carmel</b>  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>13 <sup>th</sup><br><br>St John<br>Chrysostom                 | <b>10.30 a.m.-12.00 noon</b><br><br><b>11.00 a.m.</b><br><b>12.00 noon</b> | <b>Widowed, Separated &amp; Divorced Group in the Parish Centre</b><br><b>MASS at Carmel</b><br><b>Fr. John at Requiem Mass for Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor R.I.P. at Westminster Cathedral</b> |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>14 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>10.00 a.m.</b><br><b>7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.</b>                          | <b>MASS with Morning Prayer</b><br><b>RCIA in the Parish Centre</b>   |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>15 <sup>th</sup><br>Our Lady of Sorrows                          | <b>11.30 a.m.</b><br><b>12.00 noon</b>                                     | <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b><br><b>MASS</b>   |
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>16 <sup>th</sup><br><br>Sts Cornelius & Cyprian                | <b>10.30 a.m.-11.30 a.m.</b><br><br><b>1.00 p.m.</b><br><b>6.30 p.m.</b>   | <b>Registration of First Communion in the Parish Centre</b><br><b>Baptism: Alfie Colling</b><br><b>FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY</b>   |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>17 <sup>th</sup><br><br>24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | <b>8.30 a.m.</b><br><b>10.30 a.m.</b>                                      | <b>MASS</b><br><b>MASS</b>  |

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*Response to today's Psalm*

***"O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts."***

**READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

**Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7, Psalm 102: 1-4, 9-12 response v 8**

**Romans 14:7-9 Gospel Matthew 18:21-35**

**MONEY COUNTING TEAM NO. 2 THIS WEEK**

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**CHURCH CLEANING**

This week Mary Harris & Mick,  
thank you.

**PARISH CENTRE CLEANING**

This week Jenny Trupia,  
thank you.

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**100 CLUB LOTTERY –SEPTEMBER WINNERS**

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>£50</b> | <b>Sue Hors ey</b>  |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>£30</b> | <b>David Lang</b>   |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>£10</b> | <b>Jan Ordon</b>    |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>£5</b>  | <b>Mary Hallett</b> |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>£5</b>  | <b>Peter Shears</b> |

Many thanks to all of you who take part in this fund raising activity and to Tom Stapleton, who organises it.

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**HALF YEARLY COLLECTION FROM APF BOXES**

will be carried out during September. Please bring your box to the Sacristy which, after counting will be placed in the Porch with a receipt and a magazine.

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**Lea Valley Parishes Justice and Peace Open Evening**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 7.30pm, Ware, Parish Centre

This is an opportunity to hear how our Parishes are responding to social issues affecting human dignity at home and abroad, and to share experiences and ideas. We shall discuss possible actions for the future and Deacon Adrian will review the recent presentation on Human Trafficking given by Mike Duthie of the Santa Marta organisation. Please come along as individuals - there will be refreshments too!

. Contact : [adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk) or John Vaughan-Shaw 01920 822440.

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**LoveWare LiveWare Care Home Visiting**  
**Volunteers needed to support our elderly**

Would you like to offer some of your spare time to offer companionship and friendship to elderly people living in Ware Care Homes?

We're looking for women and men with a heart for the elderly, to be part of the LoveWare LiveWare Care Home Visiting Group which offers support to local Care Homes through a network of willing volunteers– are you interested in being involved? The commitment is around 2 hours either weekly, fortnightly or once a month. After a short training session, you will always work as part of a small team of 2 or 3 and often with the Care Home Activities Coordinator.

There will be an information / Training session at 9.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. this **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September** in the Parish Centre

All Welcome to come and see.

The session will include: Aims and objectives of the Care Home Visiting Process for an individual joining the visiting programme

Commitment – frequency and amount of time

Introduction to dementia true and false dispelling the myths

A taste of what dementia may feel like

Communication and engagement of people with dementia

**For further information contact Tony and Jean Stavrou 01920 411658 or email [tony.s.tavrou@ntlworld.com](mailto:tony.s.tavrou@ntlworld.com)**

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**FOUNDATION GOVERNORS – Sacred Heart School**

The school are looking for 3 people who are practicing Catholics, with no children currently at Sacred Heart School who would be willing to join the board of Governors. They are particularly looking for individuals with any of the following skills in facilities management, construction, communication or health & safety but these are not essential.

The roll is a 4 year tenure and requires attendance at 2 meetings a term plus occasional visits to school to meet with classes and subject teachers as well as attending training courses as required. The approximate commitment would be up to 12 hours per month.

The role is to actively contribute to the work of the Governing body in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children in the school whilst preserving and developing the Catholic ethos of the school. If you would be interested please let Fr. John know.

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**ORANGE WEEKEND**

16<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> September. Several flavours of Jam, (Blackberry and Apple, Raspberry, Strawberry, Plum and others), Chutney and Marmalade all home made. Delicious homemade cakes also available. Sale in the Parish Centre after all Masses. Donations of cakes welcome. All proceeds to go towards paying off the debt on our Parish Centre.

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## SACRED HEART FUNDRAISING EVENT

**Family Karaoke and Disco**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017**  
**7.00 p.m. - midnight**  
**Allenburys, Harris Lane, Ware**

**Adult Tickets - £8**  
**Children under 16 - £4**  
**Under 2 go free**  
**Family Ticket - (2 adults and 2 Children) - £20**

Allenburys has a subsidised bar and a maximum capacity of 200. Tickets are available after mass every weekend.

Alternatively, leave payment in an envelope for the attention of Theresa Bladon or Mary Hallett. Include the names of all adults and children to be added to the guest list. This is a ticketless event. Parents at Sacred Heart School can also purchase tickets before and after school from a representative in their child's year group.

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## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that, 'On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass' because 'The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice'. For this reason, registration of children who will be in Year 3 & above in primary education from September 2017 should adopt the following steps

### STEP 1

The parent or guardian accompanied by the child should pick up a Registration form from Fr. John at the end of any of the Saturday evening/Sunday morning Masses.

### STEP 2

The parent or guardian should read and understand the conditions for registration on the back of the Registration form.

### STEP 3

If the parent or guardian then wish the child to make their First Communion next year , then they should complete the Registration form **AND KEEP IT AT HOME UNTIL THEY READ IN THE PARISH NEWSLETTER THAT FR. JOHN HAS SET ASIDE TIMES FOR PARENTS OR GURARDIANS TO BRING THE FORM IN PERSONALLY AND HAVE A CHAT WITH HIM.**

### STEP 4

Only when this procedure is completed will the child be registered to take part in the First Communion programme.

### **DEADLINE SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

Books .will be handed out to the children at Masses on the following weekend (23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> September). The first meeting for parents will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.

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**NEWSLETTER ITEMS NEED TO BE AT THE PRESBYTERY IN WRITING OR E-MAIL BY 9.00 AM THURSDAY WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO.**

**NEW PARISHIONERS** Please get a parish membership form from the parish website: [www.sacredheartware.com](http://www.sacredheartware.com) or ask for one. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox, thank you.