

**Easter Flowers** I am inviting parishioners to contribute £1 to help fill the church with lilies for the Easter season. There will be little labels at the back of the church next week and you are invited to write the name of a deceased loved one. These will be hung on the flowers and I will also write up the names of the deceased and display them in the sanctuary.

**Offertory Envelopes** The new envelopes, 2008-9, will soon be ready and I invite you to collect them from the back of the church. Many thanks to Mike Hartley for the work he does throughout the year. He spends much time in paperwork that enables us to receive a contribution from Gift Aid. If you are a tax payer and still not signed up to Gift Aid then please contact Mike on 652574 for more information.

**Women's World Day of Prayer** The church was full and we hosted a joyous celebration of prayer, readings and music, all of which were prepared by women from Guyana. Many thanks to Pat, Glenys and the team for all their hard work and preparation.

**Oswestry Methodist Church** are holding a Fashion Show on Monday 31st March at 7.30pm to raise church funds. There will be *posh puds* & a *raffle*. Tickets £5. See poster at the back of church.

**Readers & Eucharistic Ministers** Please collect your copy of the new rota from the back of church. If you are unable to turn up for your mass then please make every effort to find a replacement. There has been an increasing number of masses when there has been an embarrassing silence when we have to wait for a volunteer (and also when there has been nobody in church to exercise these ministries)

**Eucharistic Ministers & Readers** please make a note in your diaries for **Saturday 17th May**. There is to be a Day of Recollection at Ellesmere led by Fr. Chris Walsh. It is for all ministers of Word and Sacrament for the churches in our Local Pastoral Area. After having spoken with the other parishes in the LPA we are opening the day up to anybody else who feels they would benefit from such an away-day from the usual Saturday routine.

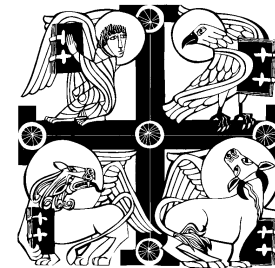
**CAFOD** The monies raised from the Family Fast Day, the Friday Soup Lunch and the Sponsored slim will be added together on Easter Sunday. I would very much like to send a small part of this collection to help support an orphanage in Africa that has been started by one of our young parishioners.

**Stainer, "Crucifixion"** The Pradoc Singers are performing this moving piece in the parish church in West Felton on Good Friday (21st March) starting at 7pm. There is no need for a ticket. There will be a retiring collection. For more information contact 01691 831172.

**Sainsbury's vouchers** The school are collecting the vouchers and will be using them to enhance the surroundings in school. Please put all vouchers into the box at the back of church.

**St. Patrick's Dance.** There will be a Ceilidh at the Cricket Club on Saturday 15th March starting at 7pm. Tickets £5 obtainable from school. Profits to go to the school funds. All welcome! Come along and kick those heels.

## OUR LADY HELP of CHRISTIANS & St OSWALD



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Glory to you O Christ, you are the Word of God  
I am the Resurrection and the life, says the Lord! Whoever believes in me will never die  
Glory to you O Christ, you are the Word of God

I have no wit, no words, no tears;  
My heart within me like a stone  
Is number too much for hopes or fears;  
Look right, look left, I dwell alone;  
I lift mine eyes, but dimmed with grief  
No everlasting hills I see;  
My life is in the falling leaf:  
O Jesus, quicken me.

My life is like a faded leaf,  
My harvest dwindles to a husk;  
Truly my life is void and brief  
And tedious in the barren dusk;  
My life is like a frozen thing,  
No bud nor greenness can I see  
Yet rise it shall, the sap of Spring  
O Jesus, rise in me.

Christina Georgina Rossetti



## Mass Times and Intentions of Holy Mass

Sundays Year A: Psalter Week One

<b>Sat</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Nan Cameron	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>9am</b>	George Lee	5th Sunday of Lent
		<b>11am</b>	Parishioners	
		<b>3pm</b>	<b>Holy Hour</b>	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Holy Souls	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Word &amp; Communion</b>	<b>6.15pm</b> Stations of the Cross
<b>Wed</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Word &amp; Communion</b>	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Anna Lumby	(Scripture reflection in presbytery)
<b>Fri</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>12noon</b>	Catherine Marshall	(Followed by soup in the house)
<b>Sat</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>6.30m</b>	Laurence Cyril McCraith	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>9am</b>	Parishioners	Palm Sunday
		<b>11am</b>	Michael Sheridan	



### Lent 2008.

To each of us Christ is saying; If you want your life and mission to be fruitful like mine, then do as I do. Be converted into a seed that lets itself be buried. Let yourself be killed. Do not be afraid. Those who shun suffering will always remain alone. No one is more alone than the selfish. But if you give your life out of love for others, as I give mine for all, you will reap a great harvest.

*Archbishop Oscar Romero C20th*

The human race may be compared to spikes of wheat in a field, as it were, from the earth, awaiting their full growth and development, and then in time cut down by the reaper, which is death.

*Cyril of Alexandria. C5th*

Each **Friday**, after the mid-day mass, there will be **soup and bread** in the house. Many thanks to all those who have made the soup over the last month.

Deacon Stephen will be leading Benediction and Holy Hour on Sunday afternoon from 3pm. A time for quiet reflection and preparation for the week ahead.

There will be **Stations of the Cross**, led by various members of the parish. This week it will be on **Friday 7th March** at 11.15am before the mid-day mass.

Sr. Jo will be continuing with an hour of prayer and reflection **At Your Word Lord** in the convent each Friday evening. The theme this Lent is to **Touch!**

Each week there will be an **informal gathering** in the presbytery on **Thursday 13th March** after the morning mass. All welcome.

### Holy Week

**Reconciliation Service** Tuesday 18th March in church at 7pm. This will be a final opportunity to recall our faults and seek the forgiveness of the Lord. There will be

**Palm Sunday.** Palms blessed and distributed at each mass. We will gather outside the church (weather permitting) before the Sunday morning masses followed by a procession. Please arrive a little earlier than normal.

**Chrism Mass.** Bishop Brian will celebrate mass at St. Columba's, Chester on Wednesday evening at 7pm. During this mass the Bishop will bless the oils that will be used throughout the diocese for Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination and for the sick. If you wish to attend the mass then please let me know.

**Maunder Thursday.** Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 8pm. There will be a period of "watching" until 11pm.

**Good Friday.** The Passion of the Lord will be celebrated at 3pm.

**Easter Vigil** This will begin outside church at 9pm with the lighting of the new fire, the blessing of the Paschal Candle and the procession into church to hear the Readings and the Easter hymn, the Exultet!

**Easter Sunday.** Masses at the usual times. We are fortunate to be able to welcome new members into the Church at both masses through the sacrament of Baptism.



### Liturgy of the Word

<b>1st Reading</b>	Ezekiel 37:12-14
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 129
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Romans 8:8-11
<b>Gospel</b>	John 11:1-45

### Next Week

Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 21
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** By appointment. Please contact Fr. Philip.

**Those who are sick:** Neeta Burman, Brian Mongan, Jack Owen, Ann Lovell, Sheila Barker, Alan Tucker, George Lee, Evelyn Lloyd-Williams, Irene Cranage, Fr. Frank McManus, Sr. Patricia, Joyce Williams, Liam Lynch, Annie Bough, Bob Davies, James Tomley, James McDougall, , Gerald Jones, Joanna Gidge, Kathleen Bebb, Rev John Warnock,

**Anniversaries in March** Arthur Dorricott, James Dobson, Mary Williams, William Fell, Eileen Samuel, Mary Nolan, Joseph Leech, Kathleen Hayes, Margaret Moloney, Ann Winterbottom, Laurence Twomey, Bertram Manser, Henry Power, Richard Duddlestone, Margaret Malin, John Daricott, Emily Owen, Harold Kidner, Mary Shepperd, Luigi Pacifici, Thomas Cornah, Joseph Leonard, Mary Haugh, Catherine Jones, Cyril Meredith, Madeleine Humphreys, David Breen, Cecelia Lee, Margaret Smith, John Maloney, Albert Anderson, Nicholas Murphy, Richard Hourihane, Catherine Todd, Minnie Gebbert, Jeremiah Whoolley, Daniel Williams, Cecelia Ross, Theresa Robertson,, James Molloney, Dennis Daly, Charles Hallet, Marguerita Parsons, Mary Rogers, Mary Rogers



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