

# The Society of Mary

## North West Ward

### of Our Lady of Victories

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Dear Member or Friend of the Society,

I write to give you the dates of our meetings this year and to remind you, if you have not already paid, that it is time for the renewal of our subscriptions.

#### LENTEN DEVOTION

This Saturday, 8th March, we meet at St Margaret's, Chapel Road, Hollinwood, Oldham, OL8 4QQ to begin Lent together with our annual devotion, with opportunities for reflection, healing and blessing.

#### **11am The Lent Prose**

#### **Opening Address: Fr Nicholas Davis, SSC**

Rector of Holy Trinity, Tarleton

*Laying-on of hands and anointing will then be offered  
and priests will be available for the ministry of reconciliation.*

#### **11.45 am Concelebrated Mass**

**with second Address by Fr Davis**

#### **1 pm Lunch**

*(soup and hot & cold drinks will be provided; bring your own sandwiches)*

1.50 pm Admission of new members

#### **2 pm Stations of the Cross led by Fr Alan**

**Cooke, Vicar of St Mark's, Chadderton**

#### **3 pm Solemn Benediction –Fr David Hawthorn**

#### RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

A national SOM subscription of £10 is due in January each year for all who are not Life Members, and we ask that all members (including Life Members) of the NW Ward give £5 towards our ward expenses. This helps us to cover the cost of contributions to churches for heating, organists, and other necessities for our services, and for stationery, printing, postage, and the website.

If you have not yet renewed your subscription, please complete the enclosed renewal form and hand it with a cheque or cash to the Treasurer on Saturday or post a cheque to him. Better still, if you can, fill in a Standing Order form so that it is paid by your bank into the ward's account each year, making it easier for the subscriptions to be collected and passed to the Society's Treasurer General when due.

If you would rather become a Life Member, it would be advisable to pay before Easter when the Life Membership will increase from the present £100 to £135.

**PROGRAMME FOR 2014**

**Sunday 18th May**

**Ward AGM 4.30 pm    May Devotion 6 pm, followed by refreshments.  
St Hilda's Church, Whittaker Lane, Prestwich, Manchester M25 1HA**

**Saturday 7th June**

**Ladyewell Pilgrimage with Forward in Faith**

**12 noon Procession from the Parish Church, Solemn Mass in the Shrine grounds, picnic lunch,  
Sprinkling, and Benediction**

**Ladyewell, Fernyhalgh Lane, Preston PR2 5ST**

**Saturday 16th August**

**Assumptiontide Festival**

**St Mary, Thornton-in-Craven, BD23 3TS    11 am Sprinkling at the Well & Solemn Mass**

**All Saints, Church Lane, Broughton, BD23 3AN    1 pm Lunch    2.30 pm Benediction**

**Sunday 14th September**

**Our Lady at the Cross**

**4 pm Maria Desolata and Benediction**

**followed by refreshments in the hall**

**St Luke's Church, corner of St Luke's Road & Hawkshead Street, Southport, PR9 1BN**

**Saturday 4th October**

**The National October Devotion**

**12 noon Solemn Mass    2.30 pm Rosary, Procession,    2.30 pm Benediction**

**St Helen's, Athersley, S71 3AF**

**Saturday 8th November**

**Commemoration of the Faithful Departed of our Ward**

**11.30 am Solemn Requiem Mass    Lunch followed by Benediction**

**St Andrew's Church, Graham Road, West Kirby, CH48 5DE.**

**Saturday 13th December**

**Immaculate Conception Festival**

**11.30 am Mass, lunch, Rosary, Benediction**

**St Catherine's Church, Todmorden Rd, Burnley BB11 3ER**

**Please note also:**

**THE BISHOP OF BEVERLEY'S  
PROVINCIAL FESTIVAL  
YORK MINSTER**

**Saturday 11th October 11 am**

The Ward Chaplains, members of the Committee and I thank you for your continuing support of the Society of Mary here in the North West. We hope to see you at many of our services.

With my prayers and best wishes,  
Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord,  
Fr Ian