

## **Programme for 2019**

You'll find the Programme for 2019 on the SoM North West Ward website at:

<<http://www.som-northwest.org.uk/>>

As you know, our Programme includes a number of church Services, pilgrimages and special events happening in the North West which we feel would be of interest to SoM members and friends. For example, quite a few churches honour Our Lady by holding their own May Festivals - we'd like to help by publicising these; likewise traditional Patronal Festivals. Do you know of any in your area? If visitors would be welcome at these Services we'd be glad to publicise them (with the consent of the organisers, of course!) - please email any posters and details as much in advance as possible.

### **Lent Devotion - Saturday 9th March**

As usual the North West Ward will be holding its Lent Devotion on the Saturday which follows Ash Wednesday. This year we are grateful to Fr Roger Parker and the congregation at St Catherine's Burnley for hosting this event, and we'd like to invite you to come and join us in this act of worship. At 11.30am we'll begin with a quiet period of prayer and reflection in the presence of the Holy Sacrament, culminating in Benediction. Then at noon there will be Solemn Concelebrated Mass. Priests of the Society are invited to concelebrate - please bring purple vestments, and let Fr Roger Parker know that you plan to attend.

At lunchtime soup and hot drinks will be available, but please feel free to bring a picnic lunch if you wish. As ever, we welcome anyone who wishes to join us in this act of worship - none of our events are "members only"!

### **Membership subscriptions**

That said, we are grateful to all who wish to support the Society of Mary by joining as members, or by making donations. Our thanks to those members who have already paid their subscriptions for 2019, for supporting the work of the Society. For members who wish to renew their membership, there's a convenient form on the website to help with this - you can download it from the home page by clicking the "Subscription Renewal" box on the left hand side. I personally hate forms, but sadly they are important to make sure that money doesn't go astray! Please email me if there are any problems.

### **eNewsletter**

Thank you for your continued interest. We'd be glad to send our eNewsletters to you and indeed to anyone who might be interested in the kind of opportunities for worship contained therein. We hope you will find the information interesting and relevant, and perhaps you might be inspired to attend the events we mention. Your contact details will be securely stored, and will be used to send you information relating to the Society of Mary and its objectives. If at any time you wish us to remove your contact details from our list, please contact us and we will of course honour your instruction.

Regards,

David

*David Martlew, Hon Secretary of the North West Ward*