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- **Sunday 12th**
  - 9.45 am Mass for Thomas Steel Carr (anniversary)
  - 6.30 pm Mass for the people of the parish
- **Monday 13th**
  - 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion
  - 2.00 pm St Pio Prayer Group
  - 7.00 pm Holy Hour
- **Tuesday 14th**
  - 7.30 pm Novena & Benediction
- **Wednesday 15th**
  - 9.30 am Mass for Paul Donaghy (anniversary)
- **Thursday 16th**
  - 9.45 am United Prayers at SS Peter & Paul’s church
  - 7.00 pm Mass for Agnes Coppell (100th birthday remembrance)
- **Friday 17th**
  - **10.00 am** Funeral Mass for Frances Ryan
- **Saturday 18th**
  - 11.00 am Exposition (until 11.50 am)
  - 11.20 am Confessions
  - 12.00 pm Mass for Angela Sturgeon (lately dead)
- **Sunday 19th**
  - 9.45 am Mass for Sheila Rice (anniversary)
  - 6.30 pm Mass for the people of the parish

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- **Saturday 11th**
  - 5.30 pm Exposition & Confessions (until 6.20)
  - 6.30 pm Mass for John Vose (lately dead)
- **Sunday 12th**
  - 11 am Mass for Issy Knowier (sick)
- **Monday 13th**
  - 9.30 am Mass for Matthew Murphy (anniversary)
- **Tuesday 14th**
  - 7.30 am Morning Prayer of the Church
- **Wednesday 15th**
  - NO SERVICE
- **Thursday 16th**
  - 9.30 am Service of Word & Communion
- **Friday 17th**
  - 9.30 am Mass for Margaret Toal (anniversary)
- **Saturday 18th**
  - 5.30 pm Exposition & Confessions (until 6.20)
  - 6.30 pm Mass for Jane McLoughlin (anniversary) and Leslie Hoare (anniversary)
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  - 11 am Mass for the people of the parish.

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Fr Martin is away from Monday until Saturday this week. Fr Sean O’Connor and Fr Simon Cadwallader have kindly agreed to say Masses for us. Should you need anything please contact the parish office.
SPUC Crosby & District branch present:
A night of Music and Fun for all the family
Starring Sue Hedges, (see poster) and supported by local musicians L a z y (local rock band, performing a carefully selected variation of gently up tempo) 60s & 70s covers
7.30 pm of Friday 17th March at St William of York parish centre. Tickets: £5 only available from parish office
Accompanied children are FREE and very welcome!

CAFOD
(St Helen’s)  pray-fast-give
The US actions regarding refugees have thrust the issue to the forefront earlier in the year than usual. The surge in immigrants attempting to cross from Africa and the Middle East into Greece, Turkey and Italy begins from spring. Many of those who arrived last year remain in camps in those countries with little early prospect of moving on. The camps are well-established, well-organised, safe and sanitary but support is needed on an on-going basis.
CAFOD works directly through its Greek partner Caritas Hellas to meet those ongoing needs.
Last week’s donation totalled £474. Thank you again.

Lent Fast Day briefing Sunday 12th February, 2pm—3.30pm St Benet’s, Copy Lane, L30 7PE
Sr. Yvonne Mwalula Mwila Sister of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary is a CAFOD partner and will speak about her work with some of the poorest, most vulnerable people in Zambia. All welcome.

News from Irenaeus
SCRIPTURE MORNINGS
Are you free on Thursday mornings from 10.30 am – 12 noon? Why not come to the February Scripture mornings at Irenaeus 32 Great Georges Road Liverpool L22 1 RD, when Fr Chris Thomas will be reflecting on the Acts of the Apostles. No charge but any donations gratefully received. For further details Tel: 0151 949 1199 or email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

“Footsteps in the Sand”
A quiet weekend led by Sr Moira Meeghan
24—26 March at Irenaeus

Ebola Orphans: (St Joseph’s) Don’t forget our £1.00 in an envelope scheme which is run by our young people at the end of Mass. Please join in! You might win!
Last week’s winner: Bernadette Metcalfe

Contributions for this newsletter need to reach the Parish Office 12 noon on Thursday.
Please provide a contact ‘phone number in case of query.
Thank you. Office hours are: Tuesday to Friday, 10 am to 2 pm. e-mail: sthelenscrosby@hotmail.co.uk

Newman Association - Spring season of talks
Thursday 16th February—7.30pm
St Helen’s parish centre
(tea/coffee available at start of meeting)
The first talk of 2017 is titled From Grief to Grace, and will be given by Fr. Dominic Allain. From Grief to Grace is a retreat programme to help victims of abuse, including sexual abuse by clergy, to recover. Fr. Allain is the International Pastoral Director of the programme, which he started in the UK. Fr. Allain is a regular columnist for the Catholic Herald.

The Food for Thought discussion on Thursday 16th February with tea and biscuits at the usual time of 1.30-3.00 in the room behind the kitchen ‘at St Helen’s Church. The topic will be Temptation (Luke 4:1)

St. Joseph’s Prayer Centre, L37 1PH
Day of Retreat : Sat.Feb. 25 th.
JOHN’S GOSPEL-The Woman at the Well
Donna Worthington/Sandra Mc.Grath
10.30 am - 4.00pm
Donation £20 includes a simple lunch
Tel: 01704 875 850 E-mail: theprayercentre.stj@gmail.com

Barn Dance/Ceili
St. Michaels Irish Centre, 6 Boundary Lane, L6 5JG
Sunday Afternoon 5th March 2017
Starring: Michael Coyne
Accomplished Accordionist, Singer and Dance caller!
Helping to take sick/handicapped Pilgrims to the Shrine of the Virgin of the Poor, Banneux Notre Dame, Belgium
Doors open 2pm to 6pm. Full licenced bar and refreshments available. Admission £5 Children £3. A coach will be leaving from St. Helens Crosby but needs to be booked in advance! Book early to avoid disappointment.
For tickets and coach bookings contact: Sr. Catherine 0151 924 0706 or 07703769903

Thinking outside the pew: If we love our enemy and don’t ‘get our own back’ in today’s competitive and violent world, won’t we get walked all over? Be taken for a ride? All welcome to discuss how we can live by Jesus’ standards when we leave the pew. Monday, 7:30, St Helen’s parish centre. Detailed notes of the discussion of this Sunday’s Gospel available at the back of Church / on St. Helen’s website.

Sunday 11th February is World Day of Prayer for the Sick
Copies of the Archbishop’s letter and leaflets about the Lourdes Pilgrimage Association are available at the back of church.

“Our Lady of Lourdes—Pray for Us”