**A Brief History of Our Parish**

**Sept. 15th 1956** – Fr. Corcoran was appointed to start a new Parish, dedicated to St. Theresa of Lisieux, which was to include the district of Blacon and Saughall previously served by St. Francis’, Chester.

**Oct. 3rd 1956** – The feast of St. Theresa. The housing committee allocated the house at 54 Stamford Road to be the Priest’s House until a Presbytery should be built.

**March 7th 1957** – The Mass attendance in the Village Hall was considered large enough to warrant the Bishop giving permission for three Masses on Sundays.

**Oct. 11th 1958** – The Foundation Stone was blessed and laid for the new Church by Bishop Murphy.

**Nov. 2nd 1958** – Mass was said for the first time in the new Community Centre.

**Dec. 11th 1958** – The Minister of Education approved the building in Blacon of two classrooms for Infants as an annexe to St. Francis’ School.

**July 9th 1959** – The new Presbytery was ready and Fr. Corcoran moved from Stamford Road.

**Dec. 14th & 15th 1959** – The Church was blessed and opened and the first Mass was offered in the presence of Bishop Murphy and 92 Priests.

**March 9th 1960** – His Lordship the Bishop conducted his first Visitation of the Parish and Confirmed 96 children.

**Sept. 6th 1960** – The first pupils were admitted to the new classrooms in Cinderella Lane.

**Dec 19th 1960** – Fr Lyons was appointed as Assistant Priest.

**March 15th 1963** – The Minister of Education gave his final approval for the completion of the Primary School

**March 25th 1963** – Work was begun on the School site.