

Saturday/Sunday 28th/29th March 2020

Vigil and First Mass of Sunday **5th Sunday of Lent: Year Cycle A**

Sat 28th 6.30 pm **Parishioners**

Sun 29th 6.30 pm **(BST)** Teresa McGinty

Mon 30th 6.30 pm Pat Roche

Tue 31st 6.30 pm Nellie Gorman

APRIL

Wed 1st 6.30 pm **LISCF (Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund)**

Thur 2nd **3.30 pm Funeral: Michael O'Brien @ St Helen's Crematorium**
6.30 pm Michael O'Brien

Fri 3rd **1.20 pm Funeral: Paul Patten @ Anfield Crematorium**
6.30 pm Paul Patten

Sat 4th **10.00 am** Doreen Woods

PALM SUNDAY (6th Sunday of LENT) / Year A

Sun 5th **10.00 am Parishioners**

Lately Died:

Pat Roche, Doreen Woods, Michael O'Brien, Danielle McDonagh
Lena Skitt, Aileen Jones, Jack Bibby

Birthday Remembrance Received: Jack & Madge Braniff

Anniversaries Received: James John Edwards, Denis Webster,
Marie Morgan, Christine Rodriguez,

- Let us pray for all those who have recently died.
- for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time
- all those who are sad, the sick, lonely, or depressed
- all our Special Intentions for family and friends, alive or dead
- for the empty place at the table; a candle lit, prayer before our meal
- the separated and divorced; the unemployed, the hungry & homeless

Lenten Choices still to consider making:

Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament, present-in the Tabernacle

Pray at home and join your prayers with Jesus, also in your heart.

I light candles regularly each day in Church for all your intentions
from 8.30 am until 7pm, join your prayers with mine

I will walk and pray the 'Stations of the Cross', 7pm in Church, Thursday
- join me in prayer at home.

We pray for our young parishioners who have worked so hard for their A level, GCSEs and other qualifications this year. All Saints Catholic High School continues to have its best results. The efforts of the staff, pupils and family support is seen in the overall positive environment that has been created & @ home.

All Saints Catholic High, and both St Joseph and St Laurence's Primary schools each provide wonderful care to our children, as they study and learn for life. Together, as Home-Church-Schools, we will look to build upon the support and care we can give to each other and our wider society. Please continue to support Catholic education, for the benefit of the wider community too. Even now at home.

Our HOME-CHURCH-SCHOOL links, each support and build up the parish family, as we recognise and celebrate being part of something bigger; the visible Body of Christ; the gathered community; this is what CHURCH is really all about- we are the People of God- mainly lay people, with religious, the deacons, priests, bishops, altogether across our archdiocese of Liverpool- making up part of the world-wide family of the Church, gathered by God the Father, under His Son, the Word of God and with the Holy Spirit and with the Pope, even now in our homes.

'The Angelus' Prayer. (Especially @ 12 noon and 6pm)

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit. (Hail Mary....)

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it done unto me according to thy word. (Hail Mary....)
And the Word was made Flesh. And dwelt among us. (Hail Mary....)

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that, we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an Angel, may by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

'SYNOD 2020'- Please go on-line to the diocesan synod address
and give proposals by 30th March for the 4th Theme:
'Building Community, nurturing belonging'

(BST- Remember the clocks go forward ONE-hour Sunday morning, 29th March)

More information about the Catholic faith is available on-line.

Archdiocese website liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

Pope Francis Website Vatican-Holy See CAFOD website cafod.org.uk

[St Joseph the Worker Primary School, Kirkby](#)

[St Laurence's Primary School, Kirkby](#)

The Parish Newsletters can be found [on the school websites](#) each week.

Lourdes Pilgrimage September 2020-HOPE-FULLY!

Luxury Coach Kirkby-Dover Ferry- B&B hotel in Calais.

Calais - Nevers Convent, ½ board overnight.

Nevers – Lourdes - Five nights full board in Lourdes and return, with two overnight B&B hotel stops in France.

£650 per person sharing, (Or +Single Supplement)

In recent class Masses with our children from school, we reminded each other that 'CHURCH' is not the *building*, but Church is the *people* who live with faith each day in the community, loving God, our neighbour and ourselves. Let the children remind us about what is truly important.

In these most unusual times, the Church building will NOT be open even for private prayer and lighting candles, NOW it is STAY at Home and keeping safe 'social distancing' to slow the spread of any infection and break the chain to other people and so save the NHS and save lives.

I will be celebrating Mass ON MY OWN in Church, but I invite those who can, to join me in prayer from their homes, as we offer together our prayers to God, with the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary at the altar. United in prayer, we receive communion in our hearts, even when not on our tongue or our hands.

I will celebrate Mass each evening at 6.30pm Monday to Friday & now CHANGED to 10am on both Saturday and Sundays.

I have made a temporary repair to our Church bell and recommenced ringing the bell each day at **12 Noon and 6pm EVERY day**. At these times I invite everyone at home to pray the 'Angelus' prayer, printed over the page, which following the Feast of the Annunciation last week reminds us of, the Angel's Prayer to Mary, the Hail Mary prayer of St Elizabeth and indeed the prayer of life and death During the day *consider praying the 'Rosary'*, the life of Jesus, with Mary and Joseph. 1 X 'Our Father' and 10 X 'Hail Mary', 1X'Glory be' for each of the 5 mysteries Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, Glorious...Carefully and safely I place a candle in the window of the Presbytery house to show Christ our Light into the darkness of the streets: from 7pm each evening. 'Clap and cheer for the Carers', Thursday evenings at 8pm, (join me at your front door or window after our 'Stations of the Cross' @ 7pm)

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The Liturgical Cycle. The Church's year has a rhythm which reflects God's relationship with his People. We are coming up to the most important feasts of the year, beginning NEXT Sunday, Palm Sunday - Holy Week and the Thursday Sacred Triduum, the three-day Feast of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection to the Easter Day. While we cannot celebrate this together in our churches, we can try to reflect on it at home through prayer, reading and using the various electronic means at our disposal. **The following resources are just a few suggestions:**

- Go to the Archdiocesan website www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk and follow the link to Streamed-Masses and other useful information.
- As access to our churches is not possible, the weekly newsletter will continue to be created and can be accessed on the primary school websites.
- There is a website, Universalis, which gives the Mass reading for each day.
- 'The daily Prayer of the Church are a good way of keeping the rhythm of the Church's prayer. During this time the publication 'Magnificat' is also now available online free of charge. Go to www.magnificat.com

*Can I also encourage people at home to find and read from the Old Testament of the Bible, from the book of EXODUS; this re-tells the story of the Jewish slaves of Egypt and their first Passover Feast, their camps of family tents and journey in the desert and the Tent of Meeting ,where Moses & God speak, whilst the people stood at the door of their family tents at the same time; their prayers to God united with Moses'. For Christians, Jesus is the New Moses **and more than that He is God-made-Flesh-and-Blood and He is the Sacrifice, whose Blood is shed to take away the sins of the People and who removes the veil of the Temple Tent of Meeting, & all that separates us and brings us in truth and fact face-to-face with God the Father, through the working of the Holy Spirit. Those we can see and those we cannot see, all joined in Jesus, through the Spirit, with our loving heavenly Father and with each other.***

Fr SEAN.