

Sunday 5th April 2020

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

Sun 5th **10.00 am Parishioners**

Mon 6th 6.30 pm Danielle McDonagh

Tue 7th 6.30 pm Rebecca Rossiter

Wed 8th 6.30 pm Sadie Smullen

HOLY THURSDAY

Thur 9th **7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper:** Jacky Ryan

GOOD FRIDAY

Fri 10th **10.00am Stations of the Cross**

3.00pm PASSION OF LORD

HOLY SATURDAY

Vigil and 1st Mass of Easter

Sat 12th **9.00 pm** LISCF (Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund)

Sun 13th **EASTER DAY**

10.00 am Parishioners

Lately Died: Danielle McDonagh, Lena Skitt, Jack Bibby

Birthday Remembrance Received: Philip Bennett, Philip Riley,

Michael Murphy **Anniversaries Received:** James John Edwards,

Denis Webster, Marie Morgan

- 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 until GOOD FRIDAY

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',

GOOD FRIDAY 10AM in Church, - join me in prayer at home.

Holy Saturday Vigil/ Easter Day: Blessed Sacrament in Tabernacle again.

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.

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

Archdiocese website liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

Pope Francis Website Vatican-Holy See

cafod.org.uk or Catholic Pictorial

St Joseph the Worker Primary School, or St Laurence's Primary School,

The Parish Newsletters can be found on the school websites each week.

under 'Our Catholic Life' or 'Our Faith' sections

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 be celebrating Mass each evening at 6.30pm Mon to Wed & then CHANGED for the rest of Holy Week, as indicated over the page

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 follows the recent Feast of the Annunciation that 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: **NOW from 9pm** each evening. ‘Clap and cheer for the Carers’, Thursday evenings at 8pm, (join me at your front door or window @ 8pm, as I celebrate the Mass of the Lord’s Supper in Church). Every year there is **NO MASS** celebrated on Good Friday as we wait and pray at the Tomb, after the death of Jesus on the Cross. In these uncertain times, we join our prayers with Mary and the first disciples, in their locked Upper Room, as they waited not knowing what might happen next in their lives. **We know** the end of that story; three days in the Tomb was followed by Easter Hope, Jesus is Risen, as the sun rose in the East.....

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This Sunday, 5th April, is the last day of the UK tax year! You might wonder the significance of that? The civil New Year used to be marked on 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation, but when the more accurate calendar was devised by Pope Gregory, to replace Emperor Julian’s Calendar, the UK kept using the old calendar- there was a difference of 10 or 11 days between the two. When the UK changed to the Gregorian calendar late in the 18th century, the UK date was advanced by those 11 days to catch up and so subsequently the tax bills were calculated from the 6th April each year of 365/6 days.....

Now in 2020, Palm Sunday, we move into Holy Week, which falls when Easter Day, the first Sunday after the Full Moon of Spring occurs, which roughly follows the Jewish calendar for the Feast of Passover, though both these calendars also diverge each year. Full Moon, Wednesday this week; Thursday the Lord’s Passover Meal; Friday His sacrifice; Saturday the silence of the Tomb and Easter/Pasch-al New Life...early in the morning on the third day in the Tomb, Saturday night/ Sunday, before the Sun rose from the East...Risen Lord!

*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.