

## **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter- / Year A**

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Parishioners

### **Feast of the English Martyrs**

Mon 11th 6.30 pm Miriam Brannan

### **Memorial Saints Nereus & Achilleus, 4th Century Martyrs of Rome**

Tue 12th 6.30 pm Louie Bennett

### **Feast of the Dedication of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King**

Wed 13th 6.30 pm Archbishop Malcolm & Bishop Tom

### **Feast of St Matthias, Apostle- 13th, in the place of Judas.**

Thur 14th 6.30 pm John Burns

7.00 pm Stations of the Cross, including the 15th 'Resurrection'

### **Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima, Portuguese Shrine**

Fri 15th 6.30 pm Tommy Watson

### **Memorial of St Brendan, 'the Navigator'- 6th Century Irish Missionary**

Sat 16th 10.00 am LISCF (Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund)

### **6th Sunday of Easter Season/ Year A**

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Parishioners

**Lately Died:** Carol Edgerton, Angela Farrell, James Alvereria

**Anniversaries:** Peter Brannan, Bridie & Frank Mitchell

**Birthdays** Margaret Healey

- 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.

### **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 hotels return stops in France.

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

*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 Parish Newsletters can be found on the school websites each week: St Joseph the Worker Primary School, or St Laurence's Primary School, under 'Our Catholic Life' or 'Our Faith' sections

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

Archdiocese website [liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

Pope Francis Website [Vatican-Holy See](http://Vatican-Holy See)  
[cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) (including Children's Liturgy materials) or [Catholic Pictorial](#)

## **The 'Regina Caeli' Prayer. (Especially @ 12 noon and 6pm)**

**Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.**

**For He, whom you were worthy to bear. Alleluia.**

**Has risen as He said. Alleluia.**

**Pray for us to God. Alleluia.**

**Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.**

**Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.**

*Let us pray*

**O God, Who by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, have been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**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 protect 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 Fri & then 10 am on Saturday and Sunday, as indicated over the page**  
*I have made temporary repairs to our Church bell and recommenced ringing the bell each day at 12 Noon and 6pm EVERY day. At these times I now invite everyone at home to pray the ‘Regina Caeli’ prayer, printed over the page, which replaces the Angelus especially for the Easter Season & reminds us of the Resurrection-promise fulfilled. During the day consider praying the ‘Rosary’, the life of Jesus, with Mary and Joseph. 1 X ‘Our Father’ and 10 X ‘Hail Marys’, 1X ‘Glory be’ for each of the 5 mysteries Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, Glorious... The Angel’s Prayer to Mary ‘Hail’, then the greeting prayer of St Elizabeth and indeed the added prayer for life and death.*

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 **9pm** each evening. ‘Clap and cheer for the Carers’, Thursday evenings at 8pm, (join me at your front door or window). 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...and the Risen Lord started to appear to his disciples over the next eight days and the forty days after....‘quarantine’, before they freely go out into the city streets to proclaim this Good News!

#### **EASTER SEASON 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 still walk and pray the ‘Stations of the Cross’,

7pm Thursday in Church, - join me in prayer at home.

#### **ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE’S PARISH**

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A bit of Mathematics and English lessons continue from last week! If a votive candle in Church burns for about 1 ½ hours each and the prayers inside Church start at 8.30 am and I leave Church for the last time at 7pm- on average how many candles do I regularly need to light in Church each day? If Easter Day falls on a Sunday, what number ‘day of Easter’ is the following Sunday?

Answers are- 8 Candles per day: and the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Easter -seven days of creation, but 8 days in a week, Sunday to Sunday. The Jewish candlestand on a table at home has 8 candles too- which links Christians again with our older ‘family story’ we have inherited and share with people who are Jewish.

On Holy Thursday I broke the host into 13 pieces and ate one piece; on Good Friday I ate another one of those pieces and on Octave day of Easter I consecrated two large hosts- the second to be placed into the Lunette, that is placed in the Monstrance on the altar, for our normal exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekend Masses. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, having broken the large hosts into the pieces described, consumed the pieces described and left the pieces and the large host for the Lunette in the Tabernacle- how many broken pieces of consecrated hosts will be in the Tabernacle AFTER Sunday morning’s Mass last week?! THE ANSWER WAS ‘80’ broken pieces of consecrated hosts in the tabernacle. This is the Holy Communion you have not been able to physically eat in Church, but which you have received in your heart in prayer at home- later on you will receive these Easter hosts when we can meet again and gather to celebrate Mass . A final Maths question for now- if a votive candle stand can fit about 200 candles and I light eight per stand per day, but probably only have to use a match to light them perhaps twice, how many matches will I use on average to fill a stand of candles and how many days on average will a matchbox of forty last?

In the meantime, the bible readings at Easter-season Masses focus our hearts and minds on the ‘Acts of the Apostles’, the Psalms, the ‘Letter of St Peter’ and the ‘Gospel of St John’. Find a bible from your shelves or go on-line and set some time aside each day to read each of these smaller books of the Christian bible.

**FR SEAN**