

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020- 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter- / Year A

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Parishioners

**Memorial St Bede, 8th Century English Priest and Monk**

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm William Chambers

**Memorial St Philip Neri, 16th Century Italian Oratorian Priest**

Tue 26<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm Angela Farrell

**Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury- 6th Century Italian Monk Missionary to England**

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm Bishop Tom Williams (17th Episcopal Anniversary)

Thur 28<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm Christina D'Souza

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

**Memorial of Pope St Paul VI, 20th Century Italian Pope, Missionary**

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm Bishop Vincent Malone RIP

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am LISCF (Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund)

## 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Season/ Year A

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> 10.00 am Parishioners

**Lately Died:** Bishop Vincent Malone, Marion Millen

**Anniversaries:** Christina D'Souza, Angela Rowlands

**Mass Intentions:** Carmen Gonzalez, deceased sisters of DHM,  
Anthony McHale, Mary Joyce McHale

- 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.

*Investigate more about this week's Saints: Amazing figures in History; real people who served God in their lives.*

**PLEASE email the parish** if you are a willing, healthy volunteer and we can then prepare and talk about what might become possible in Church the coming weeks and months.

*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](#)

## Novena to Holy Spirit (Especially @ 12 noon and 6pm)

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and  
they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the gifts of the same Holy Spirit  
we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations,  
Through Christ Our Lord,  
Amen.

**In previous 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 most of the time, keeping safe 'social distancing' when with people from outside of your own household, staying alert, to slow the spread of any infection and break the chain to other people and so protect the NHS and save lives.

I am still 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 'Come Holy Spirit' prayer, printed over the page, which can replace the Angelus/Regina Caeli and invites us to pray for the Holy Spirit to flow afresh in our hearts and throughout creation. 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, filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit!*

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

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A bit of Mathematics and English lessons continue from last week!

A final Maths question for now: The red sanctuary lamp on the altar is a large candle, which reminds us that Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament, is still present inside the Tabernacle. I put a new sanctuary candle into the red-glassed holder on the morning of Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and by the morning of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May it needed replacing. Considering this to be the average length of burn-time, roughly what date will I have next needed to replace the sanctuary candle and how many times will I need to change it before the end of May? ANSWER 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> and another by 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> May.

In the meantime, we are now preparing for the great Feast of Pentecost- fiftieth day of the Easter season- the fifty-day Jewish Feast after the Passover. The date when those gathered in the Upper Room in Jerusalem experienced the gifts of the Holy Spirit and they left the locked room and went into the city streets to tell the story of their faith in the person, Jesus Christ, despite the dangers and despite the risks to themselves. This is a difficult dilemma for us today; but the difference for the moment is, we are still at this stage of not doing usual things, but not because of the risks to ourselves, but because of the risks we could still bring to others- never risk free, none-the-less we hold back to reduce the risks to others, whilst looking to be self-less and readying for the days ahead and confident personal decisions to share our faith in action in our home, on the phone, until we meet more outside and ultimately back in Church. **FR SEAN**  
*I have been celebrating Mass since Easter using an old, beautiful, if slightly tarnished and battered Chalice, which has two inscriptions on its base- they record it was a gift from a widow, Mrs B Cain, in memory of her son, Charles Andrew, who died on 16<sup>th</sup> October 1899, to a Fr Henry Blanchard- himself born in 1858, who was an uncle of Fr John H Smith, the first PP of St Joseph's, Kirkby. The second inscription notes the gift of the Chalice to the Parish on the occasion of his death in 1974. There are lots of lives offered with it in that 120+ years of Masses.*