

Sunday 31st MAY 2020- Pentecost Sunday/ Year A

Sun 31st 10.00 am Parishioners

JUNE

Memorial of Our Lady, Mother of the Church

Mon 1st 6.30 pm Antony McGuinness

Memorial of St Marcellinus and Peter, 4th Century Roman Martyrs

Tue 2nd 6.30 pm Bishop Vincent Malone (buried at Allerton today)

Memorial of St Charles Lwanga and Companions, 19th Century Martyrs of Uganda

Wed 3rd 6.30 pm Sue Tickle

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest

Thur 4th 6.30 pm Tom Sutton

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

Memorial of St Boniface, 7th Cent. English Monk Missionary Bishop Martyr of Europe

Fri 5th 6.30 pm Hines Family

Memorial of St Norbert, 12th Century Monk, Bishop in Germany

Sat 6th 10.00 am LISCF (Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund)

Trinity Sunday / Year A

Sun 7th 10.00 am Parishioners

Lately Died: Sue Tickle, Tom Sutton, Patrick Farrel
Mary Curtin (Bishop Malone's Sister), Violet Maud McKoy

Anniversaries: Joe Bennett Snr

Mass Intentions: Cathy Brannan, Edward Dunn

- 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.

*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

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

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.

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 Angelus prayer, printed over the page, inviting us to pray of the Angel Gabriel, Mary, and the unborn baby Jesus.

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 ‘Blessed art thou amongst women’ 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.

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, still by myself for now!

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 in the coming weeks and months- cleaning, ushering, praying!

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PENTECOST DAY- the fiftieth day of the Easter Season;

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 were 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!

In recent weeks and even in the last few days, the leaving of our four walls at home has progressively become a little more relaxed, whilst still demanding social distancing and continuing careful thought about how many people we physically interact with, whilst also ensuring washing our hands and special hygiene practices continue.

At some point, after the worst of the coronavirus pandemic risks are hopefully left behind, for those people who remain, we will each have new ways of looking at everyday life and our weekly pattern of life.

From our experiences, what would we each like to try to practice and keep; a regular slow down, less frantic pace of life? Precious awareness: birdsong, silence, the breeze, creation and time and prayer at home? Could the ‘sabbath rest’, one very different day per week, combining special time together at home and at Church- not shopping, or working, or running around? It will be a really important collective reflection to choose a different pace and pattern, compared with the other days, even whilst fast returning to a ‘new-normal’ post-pandemic lock-down. Life should not be the same after our fifty+ day continuing experience. What will be our decisions, choices to change life and society for the better- Pandemic rest- Sabbath rest?

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