## Sunday 7th June 2020- TRINITY Sunday/ Year A

Sun 7th 10.00 am Parishioners

#### **JUNE**

Memorial St William of York, 12th Century Archbishop of York

Mon 8th 6.30 pm Craig (Special Intention)

Memorial St Columba, 6th Century Irish Missionary Monk, Abbot of Iona

Tue 9th 6.30 pm Margaret Wright

Memorial St Baranabus,1st Century Cypriot, Mediterranean Missionary

Wed 10th 6.30 pm Cecilia Heneghan

Thur 11th 6.30 pm Linda Hill

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

Fri 12th 6.30 pm Teresa Fleming

Memorial of St Anthony of Padua,13th Century Portuguese Franciscan

Sat 13th 10.00 am LISCF (Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund)

Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) / Year A

Sun 14th 10.00 am Parishioners

Lately Died: Hannah Ball, Daniel Moran, Maureen Patterson, David Kirby

Mass Intentions: Kathy Brannan Williams, Bridget & John Warrie, Thanksgiving- Fr Steve Cooper & Aintree Staff & UCM St Michael & All Angels - Cathy & Malcolm Platt, George Floyd, Joe

- 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; <u>real</u> 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 aboutwe 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 <u>Vatican-Holy See</u> <u>cafod.org.uk</u> (including Children's Liturgy materials) **or** <u>Catholic Pictorial</u>

# 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 <u>not</u> 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 <u>Church building will NOT</u> 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 (or phone) the parish** if you are a willing, healthy volunteer and we can then prepare and talk about what might become possible <u>in Church</u> in the coming weeks and months- cleaning, ushering, praying!

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### Our Parish e-mail: sjsl@rcaol.org.uk for any queries/ concerns/volunteers.

In recent weeks, the leaving of our four walls at home has progressively become a little more relaxed, whilst still demanding social distancing and continuing careful thought; alert about how many people we physically interact with, whilst also ensuring washing our hands and special hygiene practices continue. As I write this newsletter there are reports of Churches in England being allowed to 're-open for private prayer' from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. We still need to await fuller details from the government and the Church's national body, as it will not be as simple as 'open the doors and come on in'. It is more likely that only some churches will be opened, but only when certain actions, preparation and operating procedures have been put in place. Parish volunteers, please keep a look out for e-mails I will send out to those who have already volunteered to help. I'm afraid we are still going to have to wait longer before we know if our Church is one that is allowed to re-open at this stage. We will prepare our thoughts and minds in the meantime- but that still doesn't allow anyone to physically start working in Church yet- until we get the specific go-ahead from the Archbishop.

It is likely that there will be a one-way system of entrance through front porch and exit from emergency exit at altar end; hand sanitiser at entrance and exit; limited numbers at any one time; social distancing of 2meters at all times. Hopefully lighting of candles and sitting on cleaned benches before the Blessed Sacrament at the altar, or in the Tabernacle, will provide peace and quiet, physically before the Lord in the Eucharist/Communion.

The Holy Trinity is a description of The One God known in Three Persons; meeting in close relationship and transmitting and receiving the gifts of love between each of them and <u>from</u> them outward to the whole of Creation; Father-Creator, Son-Redeemer, Holy Spirit-Sanctifier, together wholly, entirely, thrice-Holy! Together, making each of us whole/Holy again.