

**Sunday 28th June 2020- Transferred Holy Day
Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul, Apostles**

Sun 28th 10.00 am Parishioners

Mon 29th 6.30 pm Edward Dunn

Memorial of the First Martyrs of the See of Rome

Tue 30th 6.30 pm Patrick Farrell

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Memorial of St Oliver Plunkett, Irish Bishop and 17th Century Martyr

Wed 1st 6.30 pm Violet McKoy

Thur 2nd 1.00 pm **Funeral:** Dave Kennedy @ St Helen's Crematorium
6.30 pm Dave Kennedy

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

Feast of St Thomas, Apostle

Fri 3rd 6.30 pm Hannah Ball

Memorial of St Elizabeth of Portugal, 14th Century Queen

Sat 4th 10.00 am LISCf (Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund)

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Sun 5th 10.00 am Parishioners

Mass Intentions: Sr Annette Dowling RIP, Carmen Gonzalez, Deceased Sister DHMS, Fred Brandwood, Thanksgiving, St Jude, St Anthony, All Saints, Joe Quinn, Dave Kennedy **Anniversary** Mary Mooney

Birthday Remembrance: Fiona Doyle (Nee Kirwin)

- 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.

Catholic Churches now open in our Pastoral Area:

St Michael + All Angels, Kirkby, Daily, 10.00am – 11.00am

St Columba's, Huyton, Daily 11.00am – 12.00pm

St Luke's, Whiston, Tuesday to Sunday, 11.00am – 12.00pm

*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 (or phone) 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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I hope and believe we are now all quite desperate to get back inside our Churches and celebrate Mass together as a community of faith! The UK government has announced that Churches can re-open for public worship from 4th July, provided policies and procedures are in place for them to be Covid-safe places to visit. Fulfilling these requirements are **not** straightforward and so the Archbishop has asked priests to work to get everything in place before we **cautiously** re-open and only when we are ready and so we are not going to be back straight away from next weekend.

I am waiting for safety equipment to be delivered later this week to regularly cleanse benches and surfaces people touch and I need teams of two over 18s, who are not still under health restrictions due to underlying medical conditions in their households, to supervise the cleansing & manage visitors to Church

I am going to re-start slowly, so that we can get used to restrictions inside Church. We will first restart with private prayer and NOT Mass to begin with.

The bishops have confirmed that no-one is obliged to return to Church at this time and those most at risk should stay at home. If anyone has symptoms of covid19 they must not come to Church. When open, all visitors to Church need to wear a face covering, sanitise their hands entering and leaving Church, follow the one-way direction and stay 2 meters from others not in their household. Touch is to be avoided. The toilet will remain closed. When Masses resume there will be no sign of peace, no chalice, no hymn books, no singing. Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass and people will leave the Church immediately, with no chatting or gathering outside Church exit. Votives candles can be lit, from lit candles already in the stands, only when you enter.

It will be strange, but we need to recognise the risks are still with us of contagion from each other and spreading it to the more vulnerable.

I will confirm next weekend **if** our doors will reopen, but only for private prayer from Monday 6th July . Please contact me to volunteer to supervise visitors.