

Sunday 12th July 2020- 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Sun 12th 10.00 am Parishioners

Memorial of St Henry 11th century German Emperor

Mon 13th 6.30 pm Fr Steven Cooper & Aintree Hospital Staff

Memorial of St Camillus of Lellis, 17th Century Italian Plague Priest-nurse

Tue 14th 6.30 pm Cathy & Malcolm Platt

Memorial of St Bonaventure 13th Cent. Italian Franciscan Minister-General & Bishop

Wed 15th 6.30 pm UCM St Michael & Holy Angels

Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Thur 16th 6.00 pm Stations of the Cross, including the 15th 'Resurrection'

6.30 pm Sr Josephine

Fri 17th 6.30 pm Carmen Gonzalez

Sat 18th 10.00 am LISCF (Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund)

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Sun 19th 10.00 am Parishioners

Mass Intentions: Sr Annette Dowling DHM, Jerome D'Souza

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

By NEXT weekend we will have not celebrated public Masses together for 18 weeks and it is likely that Sunday Mass is still only going to be for fewer people, as the capacity of the church with social distancing mean we will only fit 30 people inside the Church at any one time. I write and speak about money very rarely, but I now need to ask parishioners to consider making contributions towards the continued upkeep costs of the parish. I have minimised spending throughout the shutdown and made savings, but there are also some additional costs that we face- one boiler needed replacing and I am about to arrange for some of the huge trees in the memorial garden to be trimmed back and some to be cut down for safety reasons. I don't need extra monies from anyone, but could you each consider giving 20 weeks' worth of normal offertory to the parish, to make up our shortfall? Phone Text [JOSEPHKIRKBY](tel:70470) to 70470 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text [JOSEPHKIRKBYNOINFO](tel:70470) to 70470 OR for online donations- see address on front of this newsletter

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 now begin to cautiously re-open for private prayer and lighting candles, but NOW it is still STAY ALERT, 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 will still celebrate 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 as 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: now from **10pm** each evening.

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.

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',
now 6pm Thursday, in Church, still by myself for now!

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<https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-joseph-st-laurence-kirkby> for donations

Our 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 Covid-19 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 try to stay at least '1metre+' from others not in their household. Touch is to be avoided. The toilet will remain closed. Votive candles can be lit, from lit candles already in the stands, but only when you enter Church. 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

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

I can now confirm our doors will reopen, for private prayer, from Monday 13th July . I have the PPE safety equipment and materials to regularly cleanse benches and surfaces people touch, but I need more teams-of-two, over 18 yrs old stewards- those who are not still under health restrictions due to underlying medical conditions in their households. They will supervise the cleansing & manage visitors to Church, for the one-hour sessions that will be arranged. Please contact me to volunteer to be stewards. I have 8 suitable volunteers, so we can arrange to open four days per week, for an hour a day- the team agreed to 7 'til 8pm to begin with, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday- which allows those who work a chance to volunteer and everyone an evening option to visit the Blessed Sacrament. Extra volunteer stewards are still needed, so I attach a volunteers' role description to read and sign and invite volunteers to contact me. All access will be through the front doors of Church only- NOT the Presbytery- everyone must wear a face-covering to enter. I will keep things under review and will confirm on next weekend's newsletter any additional times of opening, or if we then may open to celebrate some Masses each week.