

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020- 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Parishioners

**Memorial of St Maria Goretti 19th Century Teenage Italian Martyr**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> 12 noon **Funeral: Joe Quinn @ St Helen's Crematorium**

6.30 pm Joe Quinn

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm Daniel Moran

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm Maureen Patterson

**Memorial of St Augustine Zhao Rong & His Companions 19th Century Chinese Martyrs**

Thur 9<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm Monthly Mass for the Dead

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

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm David Kirby

**Feast of St Benedict, 6th Century Italian Abbot, Co-Patron of Europe**

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am **LISCF** (Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund)

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Parishioners

**Mass Intentions:** Sammy Murphy, Mary Collins, Fr Bernard Eager

**Anniversary** Fr Anthony Bullen

- 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](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](#)

**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!

## ST JOSEPH AND ST LAURENCE’S PARISH

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**Our Parish e-mail: [sjsl@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:sjsl@rcaol.org.uk) for any queries/ concerns/volunteers.**

We still need to work to get everything in place before we **cautiously** re-open, so we are not going to be back straight away from Monday this week. I am still then going to begin slowly, so that we can get used to restrictions inside Church. We will first restart with private prayer only.

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 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 2 meters 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 Church.

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

I will confirm next weekend **if** our doors will reopen, for private prayer, from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July. I have now collected the PPE safety equipment and materials to regularly cleanse benches and surfaces people touch and I need teams-of-two over 18s stewards, who are not still under health restrictions due to underlying medical conditions in their households, to supervise the cleansing & manage visitors to Church, for the one-hour sessions that will be arranged. Please contact me to volunteer to be stewards. If I can have fourteen, suitable volunteers, we can arrange to open seven days per week, for an hour a day- I’m suggesting 5 ‘til 6pm to begin with Monday to Friday and 11 ‘til 12 on Saturday and Sundays. I attach a volunteers’ role description to read and sign and invite volunteers to a planning meeting in Church on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm. All access will be through the front doors of Church only- NOT the Presbytery.