

Sunday 11th October 2020 Week of Prayer for Prisoners & Families

Sun 11th **10.00 am PUBLIC MASS:** Anthony McGarvey

7.00 PM PUBLIC MASS: Christina Cooke

Memorial of St Wifrid, 7th Century Benedictine Bishop of York

Mon 12th 11.00 am pm Private Funeral: Edward Gorry

7.00 pm PUBLIC MASS: Edward Gorry

Memorial of St Edward the Confessor, 11th Century Anglo-Saxon King of England

Tue 13th **7.00 pm PUBLIC MASS:** Richie Kelly

Wed 14th **NO MASS**

Memorial of St Teresa of Avila, 16th Century founder of Discalced Carmelite Nuns

Thur 15th **7.00 pm PUBLIC MASS:** Anne Madden

Memorial of St Margaret Mary, 17th Century visionary to Sacred Heart & 'Nine First Fridays'

Fri 16th **7.00 pm PUBLIC MASS:** Leyland- Coleman family

Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, 1st Century Bishop & Martyr

Sat 17th **10.00 am PUBLIC MASS:** Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time Yr A (still NOT a day of OBLIGATION to attend)

Sat 17th 7.00 PM PUBLIC Vigil MASS: John Brennan

Sun 18th 10.00 am PUBLIC MASS: Parishioners

7.00 PM PUBLIC MASS: Peter Sloan

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 yr old stewards- those who are not still under health concerns due to underlying medical conditions in their households. They will supervise the cleansing & manage visitors to Church. Please contact me to volunteer to be stewards. 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 change of times of opening. The Church will be open 15 minutes before each public Mass. There is a limited maximum capacity of people inside Church due to social distancing and the law, but there are often spare spaces, as we gradually and cautiously take the next steps, for those able to come.

The legal 'rule of 6' for groups, plus the new local restrictions, do not prevent attendance at regular Mass, but stop 'mingling' groups socialising in any setting, no mixing of households at home, garden, nor mingling in the parks or streets. We do still need to 'social distance' in all settings away from our own home. In our lives in general we then need to minimise the total number of people we meet in other settings, to reduce any infection-spread.

In previous class Masses with our children from schools, 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.

Each of our local parish schools, All Saints Catholic High, St Joseph the Worker and St Laurence's Primary schools, are up and running. I'd like to THANK our three Head Teachers, all the staff and governors, who have worked so hard to keep our schools safe for ALL children after the first lockdown. Parents will have been informed of the procedures in place to keep them safe, whilst the rest of the local community also needs to continue to follow public health advice, to keep the level of local infections low, to allow schools to remain open. Year 5 children and families have been given dates to attend Mass again, by invitation, in small, family-household groups.

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 these most unusual times, the Church building has now cautiously re-opened for private prayer, lighting candles, and this week EIGHT public Masses. NOW it is still STAY ALERT, keeping safe 'social distancing' and not mingling with people from outside your own household; staying alert, to slow the spread of any infection, break the chain to other people and protect the NHS and save lives.

This week I will celebrate extra public Masses in Church, but I still invite most of you to continue 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.

**This week I will be celebrating public Masses
at 7pm, Sun, Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri, & Sat,
& at 10 am on Saturday & Sunday, as shown over the page**

Each day at 12 Noon and 6pm EVERY day I 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: moved back to 8pm each evening, as the nights start to draw in!

Jesus, the Blessed Sacrament, present in the Tabernacle:

Please 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.

Please remember to also wear a face covering before entering Church.

PLEASE email (or phone) the parish if you are a willing, healthy volunteer and we can then prepare and talk about what might be possible.

Mass Intentions: Margaret Healey, Mrs McCarthy, John Brennan, Winifred Brennan, Mgr Austin Hunt, Fr John Gough, Dom David Morland

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With the increasing new cases of Covid-19 in Knowsley and the Liverpool City region, we have all been reminded that transmission of the virus, between people in different households, presents the current risk of increase in the number of infections; & potential acceleration of more severe conditions, particularly for the more vulnerable people of our society. Extra restrictions are likely from Monday. 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 in a household has symptoms of Covid-19, none should come to Church. 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 there, but only when you enter Church. When at Mass 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 inside or outside. **Come & See! Gather, at a distance!** Now, we must not meet in each other homes, nor in some social settings. Work, school, **and** Church worship is still allowed. Our cautious re-opening of Churches for public Masses minimises any risks; we have the strict social distancing, with face-coverings, good fresh air ventilation, limited numbers inside Church, for shorter amounts of time than normal. Churches operate as Covid-safe space. There is still no obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday, but we are caught by that feeling of wanting a Sunday Mass, but not needing to come to a Mass on Sunday; I would like to give more people the chance to attend more Masses, perhaps more than two Masses every week. Rather than encouraging too many to come each weekend, parishioners are encouraged to instead choose to come to several other days of the week if you are able. There are EIGHT Masses this week to choose to attend- every day except Wednesdays- and are alternative choices allowed instead of Sunday. I have added Masses to increase the space across more Masses, so MORE people can regularly attend Church, from two in mornings, or six evenings.