

St Helen's church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Fr Martin will offer Mass this weekend for: Harry & Ella Overmeer (wedding anniversary remembrance)
By the end of the coming week Masses will also have been said for: Mary Sheridan (anniversary), Vera Farnon (anniversary), Pat Donaghue (lately dead) and Jill Casey (lately dead)

Message from Fr Martin: *As we continue through these strange and difficult times, I hope that you are all staying well and managing to keep in touch with friends and family. Please do call us if you need any help, practical or otherwise.*

A Prayer for Our Community:

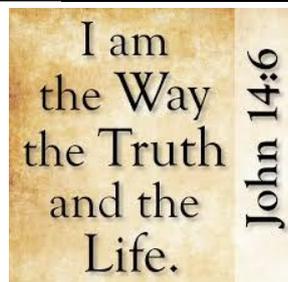
O Great Love, thank you for living and loving in us and through us. May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you and all beings. Help us become a community that vulnerably shares each other's burdens and the weight of glory. Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our world. [Please add your own intentions.] . . . Knowing you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God, Amen.

God Bless.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES: Stephen Wilson, Christine Moore, John Murphy, Christopher Brown, John Regan, Hannah Amelia Regan, Hugh Dillon, Rita Barber, Celia Bradshaw, Sheila Brennan, Margaret Walsh, Joan Bamber, Susan Natsheh, Marie Brownrigg, Peter Holmes, Mary Cookson-Gower, Norah Byford, Joan Pinnington, Joan Doyle, Rachel Cunningham, Reg Fitzgerald, Mary Kilbane, Ged Manning, Barbara Lee, Janet Kinsey, Betty Hennessey, Christopher Cadley, Stephen Deary, Joan Newton, Carol Carroll, Celia Ross, Mary & Clare Rimmer, Sandra Wilkinson, Jane Kwok, Mary Birkett, Suzie Bell, Tony Walsh, Veronica O'Callaghan, John Dooley, George & Frank McVeigh, David (sick) Rachel Haney, Jean Tracy, Hagai Atzmon, John Summerfield, Deacon Terry Rimmer, **Geoff Farrell, Marie Brownrigg, Eamon Fearon, Betty Walsh and Jim Dillon.**

Anniversaries: *Patricia Jones, David Cowhig, Jean Pitt, Anthony McLoughlin, Wilhelmina Ward*

Please remember in your prayers: Fr Joseph Weston, John Murphy, Milckey Rodrigues and all those who have died recently.



Readings for Fifth Sunday of Easter:

Acts 6: 1-7

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

Thank you to those who are kindly supporting the parish financially at this time as our normal income stream has gone. Those who use the Offertory Envelope scheme are encouraged to continue to do so. There are some special envelopes in the pack. e.g. The Priest Training Fund and Holy Places.

Many churches are offering "live-streaming" of Masses.

This link may be useful:

<https://www.churchservices.tv>

You can access SS Peter and Paul's for Sunday Mass (10.30) on peter.ovh/live

Given that all our hospitals are more or less in lockdown, people are allowed to visit sick patients only in exceptional circumstances.

That means they cannot ask ward staff to contact the chaplains on behalf of their sick relative or friend. If anybody knows of parishioners in hospital who would appreciate a visit from a member of one of the chaplaincy teams, please contact us and we will get in touch with the chaplaincy team directly.

FOOD BANK: JOINT UPDATE FROM ST HELEN'S AND ST JOSEPH'S

A further **64 bags** were delivered last week to our local Food Bank, functioning both as the warehouse for the whole of South Sefton, as well as being the Waterloo distribution centre for those in need. This makes it some 185 since lockdown when we started new collection arrangements.

We've also received a further **£620 in cash** donations, totalling £3730 so far! Absolutely amazing! With the additional donations from our SVPs, this amounts to over £4000 from both parishes!

Many, many thanks for your ongoing generosity! Two porches are available as drop off points, whichever is easier.

39 Ilford Ave L23 7YE 924 3651
1 Halltine Close L23 6XX 931 5867

The main items needed this week are:

tinned/powdered potatoes, tinned rice pudding nappies sizes 4, 5, 6

All other items are always gratefully received, and Value brands are equally acceptable, whatever can be obtained. If anyone can't get food items or wants to give cash, please use an envelope and post through the respective letter box.

If anyone is unable to drop off, we'll try and organise a collection.

Any difficulties/problems, please let us know on either of the above numbers.

As always, many thanks for your support for this worthwhile local cause.

Some links from CAFOD to help us through the learning at home!

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Home-learning-primary>

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources/Home-learning-young-people>

There is also a great opportunity for young people (and perhaps older people too!) at Step into the Gap. Cafod want to publicise this great scheme:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/CAFOD-Gap-year>

And of course Children's liturgy:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

Archbishop Malcolm invites us to pray together with him through these times:

God Our Father,
each person is precious to You.

You are the Giver of life.

Have mercy on us and protect us at this time,
as the coronavirus threatens health and life.
You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble.

Watch over those who are suffering,
give strength to those who are aiding the sick
and give courage to all in this time of anxiety.

We ask this of you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Can You Help? - Cotton Street Project

Please look it up <https://thecottonstreetproject.co.uk/>

A unique shelter with a long term initiative helping the **homeless** of Liverpool.

They are unable to fundraise in their normal way at present and are desperate for supplies, particularly men's and women's clothes suitable for homeless people, toiletries, towels etc. Please drop off at:

Anne Fearon: 39 Ilford Ave L23 7YE, 924 3651,

Peter Firth: 1 Halltine Close L23 6XX, 931 5867

SYNOD 2020—UPDATE

During these days of isolation and social distancing we are experiencing different ways of being Church. Our prayer and worship has become transformed as we gather remotely, online, from our own home. Our sense of community is challenged as we find creative and new ways of coming together to meet to socialise, to work, or to check in on each other. As we live through this difficult and different time, with its many struggles and challenges, we invite you to reflect on what our Synod can learn from our experiences.

Visit our [website](https://synod2020.co.uk), (synod2020.co.uk) reflect on the materials, and submit your proposals for action.

The book prepared by the Vatican and Pope Francis for the faithful during this Covid 19 crisis can be accessed at the following link i.e.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-04/downloadable-publication-popes-prayers-homilies-now-available.html>

Catholic Newspapers:

Whilst our newspapers are not available in the usual way, you might like to look at their websites, where some news is provided and you also have the opportunity to subscribe and have your papers delivered to you at home.

<https://www.thecatholicuniverse.com>

<https://www.thetablet.co.uk>

<https://www.catholictimes.co.uk>

<https://catholicherald.co.uk>