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Pentecost Sunday

30th & 31st May 2020
Year A

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Fr Martin will offer Mass this weekend for: all our parishioners

By the end of the coming week Masses will also have been said for: Nancy Arnold (anniversary),
the intentions of Mary Richardson, Bennie Larkin (lately dead), Pat Donaghue (lately dead), Robert Mercer (anniversary)
and Margaret Bradshaw (lately dead)

Message from Fr Martin: We are continuing to discuss how we might begin the process of opening up our churches. We need to be patient while the logistics are worked out. Until then stay safe and keep up the prayers.

Please remember especially those whose funerals are taking place this week:

Patricia Hughes (4th June), Sheila Brennan (5th June)

*Prayer: O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation,
pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth
and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
fill now once more the hearts of believers.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

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, Margaret Walsh, Joan Bamber, Susan Natsheh, 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, John Dooley, George & Frank McVeigh, David (sick) Rachel Haney, Jean Tracy, Hagai Atzman, John Summerfield, Deacon Terry Rimmer, Geoff Farrell, Eamon Fearon, Betty Walsh. Jim Dillon, Bernadette Tickle and another sick person.

Anniversaries: Sheila & John Gradwell, May McGivern, Pat Garrett.

Please remember in your prayers: Patricia Lilian Hughes and all those who have died recently.



Readings for Pentecost Sunday:

Acts 2: 1-11

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7,12-13

John 20: 19-23

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

Many of you are continuing to put your weekly donations in offertory envelopes or you are just putting the money aside. This will be a great help to us when we re-open. There is no cash on church premises while we are closed so please hold on to your donations and do not post through the office or presbytery door

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

Pentecost Sunday May 31st

National Rosary relay Rally across England, Wales, and Scotland. (9am to 9pm)

Each diocese has been allocated an hour in which we are asked to pray the Rosary

Liverpool is asked to pray between 7 and 8pm

Prayer intentions:

- For Faith, Sanctity of Life and Peace to prevail in our nation
- For an end to the COVID-19 pandemic and the suffering and pain it has caused.
- For the protection of the Common Good and people's economic livelihoods
- That the Holy Spirit will preserve us from disaster and war

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

A further **51 bags** (including nappy packs and treats for the children) were delivered last week plus **£735 in cash**, totalling 326 bags and nearly £5,500 since lockdown began. A tremendous achievement.

We continue to focus on supplying:

tinned/powdered potatoes

tinned rice pudding

Of non-food items, **nappies sizes 4, 5, 6** are also requested. Other items are always gratefully received, and Value brands are equally acceptable.

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

If anyone can't get food items or wants to give cash, please post through the respective letter box.

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.

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

Your generosity so far has enabled us to transport 10 van loads of donations to Cotton Street. THANK YOU !!

In the current situation our Sacramental preparation programme has been put on hold. Until we know when we can re-open the churches and what restrictions there will be, it's difficult to re-schedule anything. Please can we remember our Year 4 children in the coming weeks and pray for them and their families. They would have been celebrating their First Holy Communions on 17th May (St Joseph's) and on 31st May & 7th June (St Helen's)



CAFOD (St Helen's) *pray-fast-give*

Coronavirus continues to challenge us all and we are making many sacrifices, to protect ourselves and our neighbours, to see the crisis through. CAFOD has taken two steps to support our neighbours in the many countries which do not have recourse to anything like our remarkable NHS.

Firstly, it is asking for direct donations to support work in those countries. Additionally, it has launched a petition to the Prime Minister to ask him to help to secure the health and financial well-being of those countries.

The petition asks that our government:

- Makes sure that any vaccine developed with UK public money is made available to everyone regardless of their income or where in the world they live.
- Provide urgent financial and technical support to help developing countries cope with this crisis.
- Cancel all debt payments by developing countries due in 2020 and 2021 so that countries can spend money on much needed healthcare rather than debt repayments.
- Put plans in place to rebuild a fairer, more just society after the crisis so that the world's most vulnerable people can live in dignity and to restore our common home for future generations.

The petition can only be signed online on the CAFOD website.

cafod.org.uk If you are not computer literate maybe you could ask someone to do this for you, invite them to sign themselves?

DONATIONS can also be made on the website. They can be also posted to CAFOD, cheques not cash, at

CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. If you are a UK tax payer please include your name and address so that you can be sent a Gift Aid form to add 20% to your donation.

If you use online banking you could also donate through the parish CAFOD account. The details are: **CAFOD St Helens Crosby 72-06-00 16773550**

Prayers for the Holy Land. Prayers needed now as much as ever. To keep updated with the weekly prayers please visit:

<https://sabeel.org/category/wave-of-prayers/>

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.