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25th Sunday OT
19th & 20th September 2020

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St Helen's

Saturday 19th

12.00 Mass for Elizabeth & Kenny Kendrick
 50th Wedding Anniversary

12.30 Confessions

Sunday 20th

10.00 am Mass for Bob Cleveland (R.I.P.)

Monday 21st

10.00 am Mass for the intentions of Jill Delisle and family

Wednesday 23rd

10.00 am Mass for Richard Lofthouse (belated anniversary)

Friday 25th

10.00 am Mass for Mary Josephine and Alian Perera

Saturday 26th

12.00 First Holy Communion Mass

NO CONFESSIONS

Sunday 27th

10.00 am Ted & Kath Douglas (60th Wedding Anniversary)

St Joseph's

Saturday 19th

6.30 pm Mass for John Cameron (R.I.P.)

Sunday 20th

11.15 am Mass for John Heyward Taylor (anniversary)

Saturday 26th

10.00 am First Holy Communion Mass

6.30 pm Mass for Richard Potts (R.I.P.)

Sunday 27th

11.15 am Mass for the people of our parishes

Offertory collections: As you know we cannot have our offertory collection in the normal way (passing the baskets round) At every Mass there will always be a basket available in the porch for you to put envelopes and other donations. Thanks so much to all those people who have been putting their offerings away each week and are now bringing them along. This will help our finances a great deal.

Anniversaries:

George Hayes, Richard Lupton.

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, 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 Atzmon, John Summerfield, Eamon Fearon, Betty Walsh, Jim Dillon, , Graham French, Theo Wuisman, **Pat Overend, Anne England** and two other sick people.

Please continue to pray for the recovery of **Michael Callaghan**, still in hospital in Birmingham, and for his family.

Confessions: Opportunities to go to confession are very limited within the guidelines we have to follow. We will have confessions AFTER our Saturday midday Mass.

This will be set up to take place in the parish centre.

PLEASE LEAVE church AFTER MASS. You will be brought back in as soon as possible. People can prepare for confession in church and will be directed through to the centre.

After confession you must leave the building and not go back into church.

Special Collections: The Archdiocese have given us new dates for the Special Collections which should have taken place while the churches were closed. Many of you have already returned envelopes for these. Thank you!

For anybody else who would like to contribute ...

This weekend (19/20th September) - Home Missions

Monday 21st September concludes the World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel (WWPPI)

People of faith are encouraged to pray and take actions of support in favour of peace and justice for Israelis and Palestinians

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces and peace and justice could be experienced by all. Lord Hear Us

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

It is a little early for a reminder of the Harvest Family Fast Day, which is Friday 9 October. We would usually hear a report on the past six months on the Sunday before, but that may not be possible, with donations collected on Sunday 11 October.

At a time when the need in the developing world has never been greater our brothers and sisters have been struggling, as we have here, with the impact of the pandemic, and the absence of our regular opportunities to donate at Mass have been curtailed for much of that time.

The twice yearly influx of funds for the FFDs is always essential but it is now even more so. Some of us have been able to make savings during the last six months. If you have, and you haven't been able to help already, think of sharing with those in need.

Thank you for last week's donations of £41. It all helps.



Please note:

The Masses to celebrate the children's First Holy Communion were postponed because of the corona virus.

They will take place as follows:

St Joseph's:

Saturdays 26th September & 3rd October at 10 am

St Helen's:

Saturdays 26th September, 3rd & 10th October at 12 noon

These Masses are for the children and their families only. Unfortunately there will not be any spare capacity for other parishioners.

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

Following a request last week for specific items, many thanks for the response which enabled a further **55 bags** to be delivered, comprising **food, toiletries, nappies (sizes 4,5,6), facemasks and pet food, totalling 1138 bags** since lockdown; **cash donations were £230 i.e. £9237** over the same period. **Items still being specifically requested this week are long-life fruit juices and fruit squash/cordials.** The food bank is always grateful for all donations, with Value brands equally acceptable. These can be left at either church. Additional drop-off points: 39 Ilford Avenue, L23 7YE and 1 Halltine Close, L23 6XX. If anyone wants to give cash, please post envelopes, marked Food Bank, through either letter box.

Soft Toys for South Africa:

Last year St Joseph's SVP helped in a community awareness project to collect and airfreight toys for Christmas to young children in the township of Wolseley in South Africa's Western Cape Province. This year we would like to extend the initiative to all parishioners and try and give every child there a present at Christmas, such as **new or good quality/condition second-hand: soft toys, all sizes; other plastic/wooden toys but not larger than 15 inches cubic size; football shirts/kit for up to 12-year olds; Lego of all sorts; and educational books.** We are not able to take other books/games. There is a video clip, with more information on <https://pomegranatesouthafrica.co.uk/blog/>. You will also see a separate link to Fr Blaise's Malawi borehole project when both parishes raised over £11,000 last year. There are also links to other webpages concerning the Wolseley community. As we are planning to ship by sea this year, donations can be left at either church or at 1 Halltine Close, L23 6XX **by latest September 25th.** Many thanks for anything you may have.

SICK LIST : From time to time it is good to update our Sick List. If you know of any additions or deletions that should be made please contact Anne in the office. Many thanks.

GOING BACK TO MASS: The Sunday obligation to attend Mass continues to be suspended.

If people are attending from the same household, they may sit together so this will allow a few more.

You will be asked to give your name and a contact number. (Where possible we try to do this before you enter the building) This is so you can be contacted if we have an outbreak of corona virus.

Your details are kept for 21 days and then destroyed.

You will be expected to sanitise hands on entering and leaving the church. You will be told where to sit (**it may not be where you like to sit**) and you must wear a face covering whilst inside church. You will be given a marker (a green tick on a card). Please leave this on the seat where you have been sitting. If you use the kneeler PLEASE LEAVE IT DOWN when you leave. The volunteers need to sanitise the church when you leave - it is helpful to know exactly where people have been sitting and if the kneeler was used. There will be no access to the toilets, except in an emergency.

At the end of Mass please wait to be guided out and for safety reasons do not try to make your way along the benches.

We appreciate your patience as we try to find the best way of getting through this.

Contributions for this newsletter need to reach the Parish Office **12 noon on Thursday.**

Please provide a contact 'phone number in case of query.

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