

St Helen's Church

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Churches open for private prayer:

St Joseph's: Mondays - 1 pm until 2.30 pm and Thursdays - 9.30 am until 11.00 am

St Helens: Wednesdays - 10 am until 11.30 am and Saturdays - 11 am until 12.30 pm

**SS Peter & Pauls: Sundays - 11.30 am until 1.00 pm, Tuesdays - 6.30 pm until 8.00 pm
and Fridays - 8.30 am until 10.30 am.**

"As you will all be aware now, our churches are closed for public acts of worship until 2nd December. We hope that this four week lockdown will be enough to slow the spread of the virus and does not have to be extended.

Fortunately we are still permitted to have funerals in church and we will be able to have the church open on some days for private prayer. I am very grateful to all our volunteers who have made it possible for us to have so many Masses over the last few months. Their help has been invaluable and I know that they will continue to help to keep us all safe.

Next week I will be conducting the funerals of three more of our parishioners: Anne Scally 1pm on Wednesday (St Joseph's), John Reid 12.45pm on Thursday at Thornton Crematorium and Alfred Rimmer, 10 am on Friday (postponed from last week, St Helen's)

Only family and close friends allowed to attend. May they rest in peace.

I will continue to say Mass privately and will remember you all in my prayers."

Fr Martin

This weeks Mass intentions: Ealish Farley (anniversary), Richard Ashcroft (anniversary), Peter McEvoy (birthday remembrance), Michelle Sugden (birthday remembrance), Pat Cranny (anniversary) and all those on our Pious list.

*Please remember in your prayers:
John Reid who died recently.*

November—the month of the Holy Souls

Masses will be said during November for those on our Pious list. Envelopes available in the porch.

Anniversaries:

Margaret Smith, Richard Ashcroft, Robert Topping, Lawrence Didsbury, Marie McGrath, Peter Ross.

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, Rachel Haney, Jean Tracy, Hagai Atzmon, John Summerfield, Eamon Fearon, Betty Walsh, Jim Dillon, Graham French, Pat Overend, Anne England, Joan Loveridge, Derek Ainsworth, **Ian Hawkes**, and two other sick people.

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

Any Church offerings (envelopes etc), cash donations to Foodbank, SVP or Cafod will all be gratefully received during this difficult time. Please bring to church during Private Prayer times or put through the letterboxes of :

39 Ilford Avenue, L23 7YE

or 1 Halltine Close, L23 6XX. Many Thanks.

Christmas greetings to The Holy Land

As last year, we ask you to send a card with a Christmas greeting to the Parish of the Holy Family, Gaza. To show our support, prayers and solidarity with the people there. Address it, with NO STAMP on the envelope, to; Rev. Mario de Silva, Parish Priest, Holy Family Church, PO Box 149 Gaza PLEASE DO NOT POST IT DIRECTLY Your card can be brought to church if you are visiting for private prayers or put it through the office door. Please note the last date to deliver them is 6th December

Synod 2020. For anyone interested in the future of the church in Liverpool: Have you submitted any opinions about how the Church in Liverpool should change? We have done everything possible to make it easy to do so. **Online:** visit the parish website, click on the survey links; or email Martin Bennett (martben1@btinternet.com) and he will forward the links. **If you don't use computers,** or know people who don't, contact MaryT Branton (07896841024), Danny McKillop (07754781865 - evenings) or Martin Bennett (07931902346) to arrange delivery of printed copies (and pick up). You have until Dec 4th to submit your thoughts on some / all of the themes. Please forward the links / invitation to submit on paper to anyone who might be interested.

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

Last week's delivery comprised **41 bags plus £220 in cash.** Stocks are still generally good, (particularly pasta and long-life milk) but **demand is increasing, particularly for the same items as last week: tinned fruit/rice/potatoes/tomatoes, long life juice/squash, pot/instant noodles and instant mash.**

All donations are greatly appreciated, both food and non-food, with Value brands equally acceptable. Please leave at church (when open) or at: 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 S AFRICA UPDATE: The two large pallets were due to leave the UK on November 13th

Please remember to pray for peace in the Holy Land

UN agencies and international NGOs have called for the protection of Palestinian olive harvesters. There have been many clashes between Palestinians and settlers. (See full report: ochaopt.org) Stay up to date with the situation in the Holy Land and respond to the cry for help from our Christian brothers and sisters.

Please join the Sabeel Wave of Prayer every week, Archbishop Malcolm has recommended it.

<https://www.sabeel-kairos.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-the-wave-of-prayer/>

<https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/jerusalem-wave-of-prayer/00d501d6b691%24d8927b80%2489b77280%24%40sabeel.org>

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

The weather affects us all; it can dictate our activities and our mood. We were all helped during the first lockdown by the fine weather but shorter, colder days make this one more of an endurance test. We know too well that in the developing world, with many millions of people dependent upon agriculture, the weather is crucial to survival.

In recent years the rains that support agriculture in Zimbabwe have been unreliable and harvests have been meagre at best. The country has been reliant on food aid and CAFOD has been to the fore in providing this. The rainy season this year has begun and it is forecast to be reliable and heavy. This can bring its own problems of course, soils can be washed away and flooding can make planting difficult. If all goes well there remains the challenge of surviving until the next harvest and so CAFOD needs to maintain, and where possible, increase its support.

Please keep the people of Zimbabwe in your prayers. Whilst we cannot attend services you may wish to send donations directly to; CAFOD, Romero House, 55 London Bridge Rd, London, SE1 7JB

Christmas Cards

In the past, SVP Christmas cards have been sold at St Joseph's, whilst St Helen's focus has been SPUC ones. Arrangements will have to be different this year. Limited availability for SVP ones is now at 1 Halltine Close (931 5867) and SPUC at 39 Ilford Avenue (924 3651). Please telephone to arrange.

During the present lockdown the Sunday obligation to attend Mass continues to be suspended. When coming to church for Private Prayer 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. IF YOU HAVE A SMART PHONE YOU CAN CHECK IN USING THE QR CODES ON DISPLAY IN BOTH CHURCHES

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.

Please note: In order to open our churches safely we have to follow instructions, which include keeping doors and windows open at all times. There will be no point in us trying to heat the churches under those conditions so please remember as winter gets closer that you may need your big coats, and woolly hats.

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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