

# St Helen's Church

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**9th/10th January 2021**  
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## "National Lockdown:

*Following the Government's announcement of another National lockdown, I am sorry to say that our two churches will be closing (except for funerals) after Masses on Sunday 10th January. Churches in Scotland and Northern Ireland are already closed and many of our Liverpool churches will be making the same decision. This is a temporary situation but we must not put people's lives in danger. The virus is spreading at an alarming rate, and as I write, the number of daily deaths is frightening. I feel we have a duty to look after each other as best we can.*

*I myself have been told by my doctor to shield and we have all been told to stay at home, coming out only for essentials. I am very grateful to our volunteers who have made it possible for us to have so many Masses in recent months. I know they will be there to help again when it is safe to do so.*

*During the coming week I will be offering Mass at home for the following intentions: deceased members of the Terry family, Paul Charles Baxter (anniversary), Billy Hülligan (anniversary), Christopher Farley (birthday remembrance), Johanna Murphy (anniversary), Phyllis McEvoy (anniversary), Robert Bellwood (special intention)*

*On Wednesday I will be conducting the funeral of Clare Rimmer, at Thornton Garden of Rest.*

*Mary Kilbane's funeral will be in St Helen's church on Thursday 21st January*

*Let's continue to pray for each other and look forward to better times." Fr Martin*

**A message from Anne:** The weekly newsletter will continue to be available for collection from outside both churches. If you would like to receive a copy by e-mail or would like one delivered to you please let me know.

## St Helen's

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

12.00 Mass for Theo Wuisman (lately dead)  
 CONFESSIONS after Mass

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

10.00 am Mass for Terry Rimmer (R.I.P.)

*Anniversaries:* Mary Knight, Michael Harrington, Margaret Reardon, Maureen Hughes, Thomas Farrell, Dora McCaffrey, Sid Davies, Ian Conley, Moira Pearson, Mary Brookes, Paul Baxter

*Please remember in your prayers:*

*Father James Clarkson, Vera Bullen and Mary Kilbane who died recently*

**SVP** - The January collection will take place this weekend. Baskets will be available at both churches. Many thanks to those who have already made donations. Totals will be published next week.

## St Joseph's

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

**6.30 pm** Mass for Margaret Judge (anniversary)

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

**11.15 am** Mass for Mgr Austin Hunt (R.I.P.)

**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, ed Manning, Barbara Lee, Janet Kinsey, Betty Hennessey, Christopher Cadley, Stephen Deary, Carol Carroll, Celia Ross, Mary Rimmer, Sandra Wilkinson, Jane Kwok, Mary Birkett, Suzie Bell, Tony Walsh, John Dooley, George McVeigh, David, Rachel Haney, Jean Tracy, Hagai Atzmon, John Summerfield, Eamon Fearon, Betty Walsh, Graham French, Pat Overend, Anne England, Joan Loveridge, Derek Ainsworth, Michael Callaghan, Ian Hawkes, **Muriel McGonagle, Evelyn Ashcroft** and two other sick people.

Any Church offerings (envelopes etc), cash donations to Foodbank, SVP or Cafod will all be gratefully received during this difficult time. Please bring to St Helen's and put through office door or put through the letterboxes of : 39 Ilford Avenue, L23 7YE or 1 Halltine Close, L23 6XX. Many Thanks.

**MILL HILL: A plea to all our box-holders.**

As you know we have been unable to empty the red boxes in the usual way for the last two quarters. We hope to be able to send some money for the September quarter. If you would like to empty your box and put the money in a plastic bag with your name, address and telephone number (and labelled "MILL HILL") you may return it directly to our treasurers :

St Helen's: Pete Fearon, 39 Ilford Avenue, 924 3651  
St Joseph's: Joan Palmer, 5 Abbotsford Gardens, 924 6418  
If you would like us to call and collect from you please give us a call on the above numbers.

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

Given the "joy" with which we approach our latest lockdowns, I hope it isn't too gloomy to mention Lent, starting 17 February. CAFOD will hold the usual Family Fast Day with a collection to follow but it is also running a campaign to generate both funds and publicity around the lack of access to clean water experienced by one third of our brothers and sisters worldwide. It is called "Walk for Water" and it challenges anyone who wishes to sign up to walk 10,000 steps every day, about 5 miles but its amazing how the steps add up, and to get sponsorship to do this. We are encouraged to continue to exercise each day. If the distance is too much for each day spread it out over the week. Be inspired by Capt. Tom. Currently self-isolating so details of recent offerings for CAFOD (and St Helen's SVP) will follow in next week's newsletter. (Peter Lee)

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

Since the last delivery just before Christmas, **cash donations totalling an amazing £1240** have been passed on together with **another 52 bags of food, cosmetics and nappies**. All this has helped to meet the very high demand from so many families across South Sefton. Current stocks are reasonable but items such as **tinned fruit/rice/potatoes/tomatoes, long life juice/squash, pot/instant noodles, instant mash and coffee** are always gratefully received with Value brands equally acceptable. Please leave at 39 Ilford Avenue, L23 7YE or 1 Halltine Close, L23 6XX. Cash in envelopes, marked Food Bank, can be posted through either letter box.

**Annual Appeal for S.P.U.C.**

At this time of year we would normally be making our pulpit appeal to help fund our work. Due to the current lockdown we do not feel this to be appropriate. However, the work goes on and the need for our campaigns remains. During the first lockdown the Government introduced "home abortion" under the cover of emergency coronavirus regulations. Both doses of abortion pills can now be taken at home without medical supervision This is dangerous for women as these drugs can lead to serious medical complications and of course it means the death of many more unborn babies. There are now public consultations being held to make this permanent. Please take a postcard (in the porch and at the exit) and send it off to SPUC. Our local branch have been unable to do any fundraising since March last year . We normally raise several thousand pounds a year. If you are able to make a financial contribution we would be very grateful. Please put any cash or cheques made payable to "SPUC" in an envelope marked "SPUC" and put through office door.

The Sunday obligation to attend Mass continues to be suspended. There are many churches doing live streaming including Ss Peter & Paul's and St Edmunds.

**A Coronavirus Prayer**

Loving and healing God, We turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as a people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts. Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Bring healing to those who are sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all. Bless them and keep them safe. O God of creation and life, we place ourselves in your protection. May the mantle of your peace enfold us this day and tomorrow. May all the saints of God, pray for us. Amen

**Used postage stamps:** Deacon Peter is still collecting used stamps for several charities and will be grateful for your contributions. Please retain the stamps and ensure none of the edges are damaged. At this time of year most of us have more mail and our used stamps can make a big difference!