

## St Helen's Church

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13th/14th February 2021

20th/21st February 2021

**Sixth Sunday of Ordinary  
 Time  
 & First Sunday of Lent**

## St. Joseph's Church

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### "National Lockdown:

*It's hard to believe that Lent is almost upon us again. We celebrate Ash Wednesday on 17th February and we must do our best during these difficult times to keep the Lenten observances of fasting and abstinence.. There will be live-streamed Masses from all over the diocese, for those who have the technology. I will offer Mass that day for you all. Many of us may feel like we have already given up enough over the last year, but there is light at the end of the tunnel. Let us continue to concentrate on taking care of each other, staying safe and finding other ways to meet God.*

*During the coming week I will be offering Mass at home for the following intentions:*

**Margaret Toal** (anniversary), **Leslie Hoare** (anniversary), **Helen Coulson** (R.I.P.), **Phil & Josie Meredith** (in memory), **Peter Harris** (lately dead) and **Richard Potts** (birthday remembrance)

*The week beginning 21st February I will be offering Masses for : **Pauline Bent** (anniversary), **Fred Coates** (lately dead), **Sarah Ann McCracken** (lately dead), **James Edmondson, James & Julia Marron and family** (R.I.P.), **Doris & John Butler and family** (R.I.P.), **Thomas Sheridan** (anniversary) and **Albert Meredith** (lately dead).*

**Frank Doran's** funeral will be in St Helen's church on Thursday 25th February

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

**A message from Anne:** This newsletter covers 2 weeks. The next one will be available for collection from outside both churches on 26th February. Mass sheets for each Sunday are also available. If you would like to receive a copy of newsletter by e-mail or would like one delivered to you please let me know.

Also if you would like a copy of one of the Catholic newspapers or Mass sheet, please give me a call.

*Please remember in your prayers:  
 Hazel Fort, Frank Doran, Joe Orford,  
 Berney Smythe-Murphy and John Summerfield  
 who died recently*

### 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, Joan Doyle, Mary Cookson-Gower, Norah Byford, Joan Pinnington, Rachel Cunningham, Ged Manning, 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, Barbara Lee, David, Rachel Haney, Jean Tracy, Hagai Atzmon, Eamon Fearon, Betty Walsh, Graham French, Pat Overend, Anne England, Joan Loveridge, Derek Ainsworth, Michael Callaghan, Ian Hawkes, Muriel McGonagle, Evelyn Ashcroft, Fr Dunstan Harrington and two other sick people.

### Anniversaries:

*Sheila Craig, Stanley Ramos, Alice Davies, Jane McLoughlin, Mary Martin, Anthony Russell, Ann Creech, Veronica Saxby, Geoff Walker, Irene Thompson, Norman Jones, Elizabeth Kearney, Maurice Fitzpatrick, William Hogan, Joan Picthall, Ann Kinsey, Patricia Varney, Margaret Costigan, Fr John McCreanor, Sr Seraphina, Jeanette Butchard, Margaret Gill, John Glennon.*



Ash Wednesday marks the first day of the 40 days of Lent, a six-week period (excluding Sundays) dedicated to prayer, fasting, and reflection in preparation for the great celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery in the Easter Triduum. Ash Wednesday is the best way to begin a season which calls us into self-examination as well as self-denial, into deeper contemplation about the mystery and grace of God's mercy, and towards more radical giving towards those most in need of comfort, sustenance, and hope. The ancient practice of Ash Wednesday reminds us that we are mortal. It causes us to pause and look at our lives— remember what we are made of, remember where we are going- and encourages us to fully immerse ourselves in the Lenten season.

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.

This Lent, the Global Catholic Climate Movement invites you to 'Global Healing' in response to Pope Francis' call to care more deeply for Our Common Home! When? Six Thursdays from 18th February –25th March 2021, 7.30pm –8.30pm What? The Global Healing film sessions with reflection, guest speakers & discussion. How to join? To register e-mail: [jane@catholicclimatemovement.global](mailto:jane@catholicclimatemovement.global)  
Hosted by GCCM Laudato Si' Animators in the UK

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

The Christmas season is behind us, Lent is just ahead, but this poem speaks to us about our responsibilities as Christians to our fellows, responsibilities you facilitate in your continued support for CAFOD's work overseas. Many thanks.

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among all,  
To make music in the heart. *Howard Thurman*

At this difficult time for us all, try not to forget the music.

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.

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

Since the last update, a total of **92 bags of food, toiletries and nappies** were delivered **plus another £205 in cash**. Many thanks for all your support for the food bank. We have been asked to continue to focus on either donating basic foodstuffs such as **tinned fruit/rice/potatoes/tomatoes, long life juice/squash, instant mash and coffee plus toiletries, or cash**. Value brands are equally acceptable. With churches now closed, donations can be left 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.

**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.

**The National Novena to St Joseph** will take place from 10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at **St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead**. In this Year dedicated to St. Joseph, the Mill Hill Missionaries are preparing for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work.

If you are able, and if it is possible to attend, Masses are on Wednesday to Friday (10-12 March), at 7.30pm, Saturday, 13 March at 10am, Sunday, 14 March at 11.00am, Monday –Thursday (15-18 March) at 7.30pm.

If you are unable to attend but would like to join in from home, for the first time this year, Masses from **St. Joseph's Church** will be available to follow on **Zoom** and **YouTube** via the parish website: [stjosephsparish.co.uk](http://stjosephsparish.co.uk) and the Mill Hill website: [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena), where you will also find the Novena prayer leaflet.

You can also join in by praying the daily Novena prayer, which will be in your Novena prayer leaflet. You are welcome to send in your petitions and/or to request a printed Novena prayer leaflet. Please write to the **Novena Director, 41 Victoria Road, Liverpool, L37 1LW**, or email [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com).

**Mass Cards:** Although we are not allowed to open the piety shop at the moment we can supply Mass cards for those who want them.

Please call Anne (924 3651) to arrange. There will also be a small supply at 1 Halltine Close.

**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! Please put them through the office letter-box.

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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