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Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st/2nd May 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year B

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You will see below that from the beginning of May we will be offering a few more Masses each week. Hopefully we can increase a little bit more as we move forward, as long as our great team of volunteers are happy to carry on helping to make it safe to do so.

During the coming week I will be offering Mass at home for the following intentions: Lilian McGrail (birthday remembrance), Paul Donaghy (birthday remembrance), Anne Davies & family, Molly Gallagher (R.I.P.)

The week beginning 3rd May I will be offering Masses for : John Murphy (anniversary & birthday remembrance), Vera McGuigan (anniversary), Milckey Rodrigues (anniversary), Kevin Mohan (lately dead) Fr Martin

A message from Anne: This newsletter covers 2 weeks. The next one will be available for collection from outside both churches on 7th May. 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.

Sunday 25th April is World Day of Prayer for Vocations and there will be a basket available for the next 2 weeks for any donations towards the Priests Training Fund.

St Helen's

Sunday 25th April

10.00 am Mass for Hazel Fort (R.I.P.)

Sunday 2nd May

10.00 am Mass for Mary Brady (First anniversary)

Wednesday 5th May

10.00 am Mass for Ealish Farley (birthday remembrance)

Sunday 9th May

*10.00 am Mass for Harry & Ella Overmeer
(wedding anniversary remembrance)*

St Joseph's

Sunday 25th April

11.15 am Mass for Patrick Keane (lately dead)

Saturday 1st May

6.30 pm Mass for Benny Ebenezer (lately dead),

Sunday 2nd May

11.15 am Mass for Norah Dooley (lately dead)

Saturday 8th May

6.30 pm Mass for Tom Weddick (anniversary),

Sunday 9th May

11.15 am Mass for Giuseppina Mariani (lately dead)

Please remember in your prayers: Michael Maxwell who died recently.

The funeral for Michael Maxwell will be at St Helen's on Wednesday 28th April at 11.30 am

Anniversaries: Ronald Amundsen, Ellen Devaney, Veronica Donnelly, Teresa McCann, Linda Caswell, John Murphy, Edward Whelan, Marie Brownrigg, Terence Mears, James Henry, Colin Sanderson, Michael Ashton, Charles Donnelly, Maureen Corder, Thomas Hewlett.

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, Betty Walsh, Graham French, Pat Overend, Anne England, Joan Loveridge, Derek Ainsworth, Michael Callaghan, Ian Hawkes, Muriel McGonagle, Fr Dunstan Harrington, Canon Albert Shaw, **Ann Deary** and two other sick people.

Called: Sacrament of Confirmation In Autumn 2021 the Archbishop is hoping to begin confirming young people in Year 8 and above in our Archdiocese.
If you/your child would like to register for preparation for the sacrament please go to liverpoolcalled.co.uk and complete the registration form (which can be found at the top right of the website) and your local Confirmation co-ordinator will contact you to inform you of the next stages.

Called: Confirmation Team To assist with Confirmation preparation we are trying to create a team that can work together across the deanery to help prepare our young people for this Sacrament. You do not need to be experienced in working with young people: there are a number of roles to be involved with. A willingness to be involved is the main thing – even if only for one meeting. If you are interested in being involved and helping prepare our young people for Confirmation, or just simply would like to know more about how you can help, without any obligation to be involved after that please contact Fr Martin or the parish office.

SYNOD: Over the coming weeks we would like to know how important various aspects of church life are. These are divided into six themes which you can see on the parish website or on leaflets available with the newsletter. For full details, visit www.synod2020.co.uk. The first theme concerns **How we spread the Gospel in today's world?** This includes how we can all become more confident evangelisers in our daily lives, what roles (paid and voluntary) for lay people need to be strengthened / developed and how can our priests and deacons be supported in their ministry. From next week, you can offer your thoughts individually (via the parish website) or by taking a leaflet from church, or - better still - form a small (online) discussion group to discuss the questions.
Please contact Martin Bennett for more details, on 07931902346; martben1@btinternet.com

May Rosary Mission 2021—we are all invited by Pope Francis to pray the Rosary for the following intentions:
-Protecting our families and the family of nations, especially in this Year of St Joseph
-A deepening of faith, hope and love and the protection of life
-Peace in the world
-Deliverance from Coronavirus; for those working for a cure; for those who have died; for those who are suffering and those who care for them.
There will be three National days of Prayer:
24th May—for young people
30th May—National Rosary relay rally in all dioceses of England, Wales & Scotland
31st May—Crowning Rosary led by Bishop John Keenan

Mill Hill: Many thanks to all our supporters. In spite of all the difficulties totals of £2519.78 (St Joseph's) and £3674.59 (St Helen's) have been banked for the period covering 2020 and up to end of March 2021.

CAFOD (St Helen's) *pray-fast-give*
In 2018 during Lent we featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support. Last week you donated £107.

CAFOD SHOP
Great news! Our CAFOD shop reopened on Tuesday 20th April. Initially we shall open 11-3 each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It would be lovely to see those many familiar faces whose purchases have made such a difference. If anyone has any spare time to work in the shop or behind the scenes in sorting donations do pop in with your name and contact details.
WE SHALL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS FROM 27TH April.

WATERLOO FOOD BANK: JOINT UPDATE FROM ST HELEN'S AND ST JOSEPH'S
Over the last two weeks a **consignment of 78 bags and £425** was delivered to Waterloo - one of more than 1,400 distribution centres within the country's biggest network of food banks, run by the Trussell Trust. Nationally, this organisation has given out a record 2.5 million emergency parcels over the past year, with more than a third going to families with children. This represents an increase of 33 per cent higher than the previous year. **The importance of the volume of donations and generosity of both parishes, during a similar period (some 2700 bags and £18000+ cash), cannot be underestimated.** The ongoing requests are still for basic items - to which coffee has been added - particularly UHT milk, noodles, mashed potato and rice pudding. Value brands are always acceptable. 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.

Gift Aid Envelopes:
The Gift Aid scheme is a great way for the parishes to claim money back from the tax man. If you pay tax and would like to gift aid your donations to the church please let us know. There is just a simple form to sign and there is no need to promise any particular amounts. Please contact Anne Fearon for more information. We are very grateful to all those who have carried on donating to our parish funds even though we have not been able to attend Mass.

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