

# Newsletter

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**17 April 2022  
Easter Day**

### **John 20:1-9 Pointers for Prayer**

1. The disciples are in a state of shock after their traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover they get another shock. The body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experiences in which one tragedy or crisis follows quickly after another? What was that like for you? How did you cope? Who, or what, sustained you?
2. Mary and Peter, and the other disciple, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. In this text no explanation is given. They are left in a state of bewilderment 'for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead'. Have you been in situations, faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events that have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you?
3. Yet in spite of the lack of explanation, the beloved disciple 'saw and believed'. Have there been times when others have done something that you could not understand, and which they could not explain at the time, and yet you believed that all was not as it seemed; times when you decided to trust in spite of the evidence? Have there been times when others have shown this kind of faith in you, when you were not able to offer satisfactory explanations, and all you could say was 'trust me'?
4. Have there been times in your relationship with God when you have felt that you were faced with an empty tomb, and still you believed? What have you learned about life, about love, from such experiences?

## Prayer

God of undying life, by your mighty hand you raised up Jesus from the grave and appointed him judge of the living and the dead.

Bestow upon those baptised into his death the power flowing from his resurrection, that we may proclaim near and far the pardon and peace you give us.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, first-born from the dead, who lives with you, now and always, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

## Side by Side

Following on from a very successful weekend exploring “Accompaniment” with the team from the Proximity Project, there is a zoom opportunity to participate in this event. This single event will take place over two evenings on 26 and 27 April from 7-9pm. If you are interested in attending please email Jenny on the email below:

[registration@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:registration@rcaol.org.uk)

Even if you have already participated in person, you are still welcome to attend again and/or encourage fellow parishioners to attend.



Congratulations to Paul Christopher Taylor who receives the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation this weekend along with his son James Paul Taylor, who receives the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Welcome to our parish family. Please keep Paul, James and their family in your prayers.

## Ukraine Crisis

All financial donations will be sent to the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London. The text numbers are:

- Text HELPUKRAINE to 70085 to donate £2
- Text HELPUKRAINE to 70450 to donate £3
- Text HELPUKRAINE to 70460 to donate £5
- Text HELPUKRAINE to 70470 to donate £10

(Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.)

## Prayer for Ukraine

Almighty and Great God, accept our gratitude for your boundless mercy towards us. Hear the supplication of our afflicted hearts for the land and people of Ukraine, as they confront foreign aggression and invasion.

Open the eyes of those who have been overtaken by a spirit of deception and violence, that they be horrified by their works. Grant victory over the powers of evil that have arisen and bless Ukraine with your gifts of liberty, peace, tranquillity and good fortune.

We implore you, O Merciful God, look with grace upon those who courageously defend their land. Remember the mothers and fathers, the innocent children, widows and orphans, the disabled and helpless, those seeking shelter and refuge, who reach out to you and to their fellow human beings looking for mercy and compassion. Bless the hearts of those who have already shown great generosity and solidarity, and those who prepare to receive their Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Ukraine's greatest time of need. Bring us together as your children, your creation, and instil in us your strength, wisdom and understanding. May you be praised and glorified, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

+Kenneth Nowakowski Eparchial Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London We pray for the local Eparchy of SambirDrohobych and its bishops.

## Covid

The call of Christian charity requires us to be concerned for each other and, in particular, those who are most vulnerable or who may be anxious. **We will therefore continue with the expectation that face coverings will be used by those attending church.**

## Keep In Your Prayers

Maureen Skillicorn, Mary Kelly, Eileen Ireland, Frank and Josie Hennessy, Patricia Bracegirdle, Father Vin McShane, John Birkenhead our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## Baptismal Information

*Please note all our baptism places are now filled until September 2022 but you can still come along and register to secure a future date.*

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 9 May, 6pm, St Mark's Annexe. **Please wear a mask when attending a meeting.** All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

**With You Always Programme**  
Email all enquiries to Jayne Cross at  
[jayne.wya@gmail.com](mailto:jayne.wya@gmail.com)

### **Bereavement Drop In**

*Lord, may we always be present to  
those who suffer bereavement and  
help us to be attentive to their needs.*

Our next meeting will take place on  
Tuesday, 26 April at 2pm in St Mark's  
Annexe. If you would like to chat in  
confidence to a listening ear over a  
cuppa then please come along as you  
would be made most welcome.

### **Important Notice for Eucharistic Ministers**

Forms for Request for Holy  
Communion in the Home - please  
make sure your forms are given in to  
the Parish Office as soon as possible  
so:

1. This service can commence  
immediately
2. We can complete our visiting list

Catch up training will be available for  
those who missed it as follows:

Thursday, 21 April after 6.30pm Mass  
at St Marks.

Saturday, 23 April after 5.15pm Mass  
at Holy Family.

Sunday, 24 April after 9.15 am Mass  
at St Marks.

Sunday, 24 April after 11am Mass at  
Holy Family.

Please contact the Parish Office to  
confirm which session you can attend  
486 3992 or email  
[johnvianney@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:johnvianney@rcaolp.co.uk)

### **Easter Sunday Choral Evening Prayer**

Sunday, 17 April, 3pm-4pm.  
Members of the Cathedral Choir will  
sing the Easter praises and  
thanksgiving. All are welcome to  
attend.

### **RCIA**

An outdoor Mass of Thanksgiving  
will be celebrated at Our Lady's,  
Lydiat, L31 4HH on Thursday, 9  
June at 7pm followed by a light buffet.  
All are welcome! RSVP by Friday, 5  
June for catering purposes. RSVP to  
[rcia@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:rcia@rcaol.org.uk) if you or your  
RCIA group wish to attend.

We keep all the Catechumens and  
Candidates and their godparents,  
sponsors, catechists, families and  
friends in our prayers.

**A message from Helen Jones of Daybreak, BBC Radio Merseyside**  
This year BBC Radio Merseyside wants to celebrate and say thank you to people across Merseyside who make where we live a better place. Every day we hear stories of people doing incredible things for each other and their communities. Now it's time to recognise them for all their hard work with the first ever BBC Radio Merseyside Make A Difference Awards. Whether it's caring for someone in need, being a brilliant neighbour, or inspiring children in the classroom, if you know someone who is really making a difference they can be nominated.

There are 8 categories:

Volunteer, Community Group, Fundraiser, Carer, Great Neighbour, Key Worker, Environment, Together award.

You can make a nomination or help us spread the word to anyone who might want to nominate someone who goes the extra mile in the local community. The awards are free to enter and we're hoping to get some amazing nominations.

You can nominate someone you know at [bbc.co.uk/makeadifference](http://bbc.co.uk/makeadifference)

where you can also see full Terms and our Privacy Notice. Nominations are now open and will close 29 April 2022, 11pm. The winners will be announced at our Make a Difference awards at ceremony in September at the Palm House in Sefton Park.

### **Job Opportunities**

Currently, there are a number of job opportunities within the Archdiocese, please visit their website for all the details on how to apply.

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs>

### **News from Animate**

**Youth Retreat Co-ordinator Vacancy - Animate youth ministry team works with over 10,000 young people each year and are currently in the process of recruiting a new Retreat Co-ordinator to support the Director and Team Leader in preparing and delivering retreats and missions for young people across the Archdiocese and helping lead the Gap Year Team. More information about the post is available on the Archdiocesan website. Information on the work of Animate can be found at [animateyouth.org](http://animateyouth.org).**

**Join the Team - At this time of year the Animate Team offers the opportunity to young people over 18 to apply to be part of the team for the next academic year. Often this is an attractive**

proposal to those who are completing college and are looking for a gap year before starting University. For more information please go to the Animate website.

Flame - On 4 March 2023, Animate will take a coach of young people to London for the biggest National Catholic Youth event Flame. The Flame event takes place every few years at the Wembley Arena and brings together 10,000 young people from across the country. Tickets are already on sale at £40 pp including the entry ticket and transport from St Mary's Lowe House. Again, check the Animate website for details.

### **Sacrament of the Sick**

If anyone is in need of receiving the healing strength of the Lord offered through the sacrament of the sick please approach Fr Matthew at Mass or contact the Parish Office.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Fr Matthew is usually available in the 20 minutes before each Mass to hear confession. He will be sat towards the front of the church, please approach him directly and make your request known.

### **Parish Finance**

Please consider making your contributions by Standing Order or Gift Aid it, contact office and we'll do the rest.

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| Gift Aid Envelopes     | £ 285.00        |
| GASDS Loose            | £ 248.25        |
| GASDS Envelopes        | £ 90.00         |
| Standing Orders        | £ 297.77        |
| <b>Total Offertory</b> | <b>£1034.17</b> |
| Bonus Ball 02          | £ 58.00         |
| Second Collection      |                 |
| Holy Places            | £ 113.15        |

### **Easter Raffle**

Thanks to all those who supported the Easter Raffle organised by our Youth. The total raised will be published next week with all funds going toward our parish Lourdes fund.





***Wishing all parishioners and visitors to the parish  
over these days a peaceful and blessed Easter.***

***Father Matthew***



## Easter Day



| 16 April – 24 April 2022  | We Pray Especially For                       |
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| <b>Saturday, 16 April</b> , Holy Saturday<br>8.30pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church  |  |
| <b>Sunday, 17 April</b> , Easter Day<br>9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church<br>11am – Mass, Holy Family Church  | People of the Parish<br>Arthur Ward          |
| <b>Monday, 18 April</b> , Monday of Easter Octave<br>6pm-7pm – Exposition & Private Prayer,<br>Holy Family Church   |  |
| <b>Tuesday, 19 April</b> , Tuesday of Easter Octave<br>9am – Mass, Holy Family Church   | Manuella Urdhin                              |
| <b>Wednesday, 20 April</b> , Wednesday of Easter Octave<br>10am-11am – Exposition & Private Prayer,<br>St Mark's Church   |  |
| <b>Thursday, 21 April</b> , Thursday of Easter Octave<br>9am – Morning Prayer Online via zoom (see website)<br>6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's Church  | Francis Cannon                               |
| <b>Friday, 22 April</b> , Friday of Easter Octave<br>9am - Mass, St Mark's Church   | Peter Murphy                                 |
| <b>Saturday, 23 April</b> , Saturday of Easter Octave<br>5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church  | Moira & Dave McLoughlin                      |
| <b>Sunday, 24 April</b> ,<br>Second Sunday of Easter, Day of Divine Mercy<br>9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church<br>11am – Mass, Holy Family Church<br>12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church | Pat & Peter Crompton<br>People of the Parish |