

Newsletter

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**3 April 2022
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

John 7:53-8:11 Pointers for Prayer

1. Compassion for human frailty combined with a gentle challenge to a better life marked the response of Jesus. From whom have you experienced a compassionate challenge? What was that like for you? To whom have you given such a challenge?
2. The Pharisees and scribes self-righteously condemned the woman until Jesus brought them in touch with their own sinfulness. This was a conversion moment for them and they turned away from their quest for the death of the woman. Have there been times when your awareness of your own fragility and sinfulness has helped you to be less judgemental of others?
3. “What do you say?” can be an embarrassing question. Jesus had the courage to voice an opinion, even though it was against the party line of the day. When you have seen that courage shown – by yourself, or by another? What was the result?

Prayer

God of power, God of mercy, you bring forth springs in the wasteland and turn despair into hope. Look not upon the sins of our past but lift from our hearts the failures that weigh us down, that we may find refreshment and life in Christ, our liberator from sin, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, mighty and strong, for ever and ever. Amen.

Parish Office Opening

Please note next week the office will be closed on Thursday, 7 April and open Wednesday, 6 April instead. All other days open as usual.

Aid for Ukraine Update (as at 27 March)

Yesterday morning, after travelling for three days, for 1,400 miles and through six countries; our drivers arrived at the Polish border and successfully delivered the donated goods for the people of Ukraine. Our four drivers - Mike Sharkey, Andy Coley, Dave Lyon and Chris Joynt - met Bishop Gregory Komar and students for the priesthood from the Holy Spirit Seminary in the Ukrainian diocese of Sambir-Drohobych, who will take the goods for distribution in the Lviv region of western Ukraine. Videos of the handover, including a thank you message from Bishop Gregory to the people of the archdiocese, can be found on our YouTube page. More images can be found on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Please continue to pray for our drivers as they start their journey home. In terms of financial donations, we have now raised over £60,500 for #Liverpool4Ukraine. Thank you all for your continued support, we are truly grateful for everyone's overwhelming generosity throughout this appeal.

Financial donations are still very much needed, a reminder that all details can be found here:

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support>

All 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

Fiona Moore RIP, 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.

Rite of Welcome

5.15pm: Bobby Joseph Cook
Evelyn Rose Dunne
Elisabeth Grice

9.15am: Polly Mary Taylor
Harlow John Ryan
Harriet Rose Ryan

11am: Hugo Paul Khanna
George James Beckett
Elijah Jacob Shields
Amaya Jean Morris.

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, 4 April, 6pm, St Mark's Annexe. **Please wear a mask when attending a meeting.** All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Baptisms this weekend:

George Eric Citrine
Isabella-Grace Citrine
Raven Rose Blake
Louis Oliver Court

With You Always Programme

Email all enquiries to Jayne Cross at
jayne.wya@gmail.com

SVP

Our next meeting will take place on
Wednesday, 6 April at 7pm at Holy
Family Church.

Ladies Group

Please note our April meeting has
been cancelled. The date for our next
meeting is now Wednesday, 4 May.

Washing of Feet

Volunteers required. Please leave
your name and contact number on the
form at the back of church.

Garden of Repose

Our annual appeal for any
plants/greenery, real or artificial to
enhance our Garden of Repose for
Maundy Thursday evening is here.
Please leave any plant donations at
either church.

Cleaning Sessions at St Mark's All Welcome

Many thanks to those who came along
to our church cleaning sessions. The
next dates are:

Wednesday, 6 April, 8.30am
Wednesday, 4 May, 8.30am

LGBT Gathering

Sunday, 3 April, St Bede's Church,
Appleton Village, Widnes, WA8 6EL,
Mass will begin at 2pm, all welcome.

Chrism Mass

The Most Reverend Malcolm
McMahon OP Archbishop of
Liverpool cordially invites all servers
aged 8+ to the Chrism Mass at our
cathedral Wednesday, 13 April at
7.30pm, please bring your albs,
cassocks and cottas as these are not
provided. All servers to be vested by
7pm. Please return the slip (see back
of church) to reserve seats to Claire
Hanlon, c/o Cathedral House, Mount
Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TQ as spaces
are limited.

Missionaries of Charity Carrying of the Cross

This annual event will take place on
Saturday, 9 April at 2pm. Join at the
junction of Church Street/Lord Street.
Stewards required please email Jim
Ross jimmy.ross7@gmail.com

The Liverpool Passion Plays This is Our Story 11 April, Liverpool Cathedral, 6.30pm-8.30pm

Entry is free but we welcome your
donations to support our choir tour
fund.

[https://www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk/eve
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playsthis-is-our-story](https://www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk/events-calendar/the-liverpool-passion-playsthis-is-our-story)

Wednesday, 6, Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 April, 7pm, doors open 6.30pm, tickets adult £4, child £2, family £10, tickets available through ParentPay or on the door.

With conversation and companionship a set of 4 weekly workshops with Muir Simpson starting on Wednesday, 27 April from 1pm-4pm in the Gibberd Room. The only other things that you will need is a willingness to learn something new, a sense of humour and a smile! So sign up and prepare to be inspired! The price for the 4 workshops is £45 pp. Please email c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk for further details.

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.

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.

*How our Celtic past can help us
today. Refreshing our communities
and renewing our ministries.*

April 4 - Evangelising with Love & Action:

or on the website:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/pastoral-development

or directly via:

www.zoom.us Meeting ID: 898 3706
6695 Passcode: 869356

International Ecumenical Fellowship

The International Ecumenical Fellowship (IEF) is to hold its 46th International Conference from 25 July to 1 August at Hope University in Liverpool. The theme of this year's Conference is "I will heal my people" (Jer.33:6) - Together in hope, prayer and action for a renewed world'.

We welcome participants who want to attend the Conference on a daily basis, rather than being residential. They are welcome to join the Conference on one or more days between Tuesday, 26 and Sunday, 31 July. This will include lunch and dinner and attendance at all events on the programme during the chosen day(s).

The Conference will focus on the idea of Encounter and will include visits to many exciting venues where we will witness projects of hope and social justice being undertaken by local churches and other groups working together in this exciting and vibrant city. It will reflect the progress made in recent years between members of many different churches in Liverpool and will be a real opportunity to see and experience hope, faith and

collaborative work in action. The Conference will also provide the truly enriching experience of meeting with fellow Christians from many different countries across Europe and beyond.

IEF was founded in 1967 by ecumenically concerned Christians from across Europe. It now has a presence in many countries, with both lay and ordained members and people from every denomination and none.

For further information, costs and to register please see the website <http://briefoecumenica.uk/> or email iefliverpool22@gmail.com. The closing date for registrations is Saturday, 30 April (although late applications will be considered). For further information, please contact FI Rosen, fiona.rosen1@gmail.com or 07719 279851.

Commission on Dialogue and Unity Accompanying Ramadan

Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald MAfr
Ramadan, the ninth month of the year according to the lunar calendar followed by Muslims, is expected to start on 2 April. It is a holy month, marked especially by a fast each day during the hours of light. This way of fasting sets Muslims apart from others. In the southern Philippines, on the island of Mindano which has a large Muslim population, the Christians devised a programme which they called Duyog Ramadan, "Accompanying Ramadan". The idea was taken from music. When people

sing, they are often accompanied by someone playing the guitar. The guitarist doesn't necessarily sing, but he or she backs up the singers by strumming. In a similar way Christians, who are not observing Ramadan, can accompany the Muslims who are doing so. In 2020, the priests and people of St Vincent de Paul parish, in Liverpool 1, decided to do just this. They wished to accompany their Muslim brothers and sisters, especially by their prayers. In order to sustain this effort some information about Ramadan, or about Islam in general, was provided every day on the parish Facebook account. It is these daily posts that have been collected in the booklet which can be found at:

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/userfiles/files/Accompanying%20Ramadan%20-%20final-compressed.pdf>

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.

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 200.00
GASDS Loose	£ 290.15
GASDS Envelopes	£ 65.00
Standing Orders	£ 297.77
Total Offertory	£ 852.92
Bonus Ball 29	£ 58.00

Second collection this weekend Easter Flowers.

Donations of Lenten Alms can be put into weekly collections during Lent - please mark your donation 'Lenten Alms'.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

2 April – 10 April 2022

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 2 April

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church

People of the Parish

Sunday, 3 April, Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church

Irena Wasilewska,
Pam Moran, Ronnie Hannah

11am – Mass, Holy Family Church

Abby Green,
Kevin & Marianna Urdhin

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family Church

Monday, 4 April, Weekday of Lent

6pm-7pm – Exposition & Private Prayer,
Holy Family Church

Tuesday, 5 April, Weekday of Lent

9am – Mass, Holy Family Church

Audrey Pratt,
Loretta Ashcroft

Wednesday, 6 April, Weekday of Lent

10am-11am – Exposition & Private Prayer,
St Mark's Church

Thursday, 7 April, Weekday of Lent

9am – Morning Prayer – Online via zoom (see website)

**1pm – Funeral Service for Fiona Moore
at Holy Family Church**

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church

Tony Crompton

Friday, 8 April, Weekday of Lent

9am – Mass, St Mark's Church

Michael Rice,
Fr Vin McShane

6.30pm - Stations of the Cross, St Mark's Church

Saturday, 9 April

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family Church

Mary, Jane & Celia Addy

Sunday, 10 April,

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church

11am – Mass, Holy Family Church

Pat, Neil & Paul Crompton
People of the Parish