

Newsletter

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**22 May 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

John 14:23-29 Pointers for Prayer

1. Jesus seeks to reassure his followers in the face of his imminent death. Although he will be leaving them he promises them the gift of the Spirit. How have you been aware of the gift of the Spirit of God in your life?
2. Remember times of separation from a loved one through change of residence or other circumstances. How has the love between you been a support after the separation?
3. To his followers Jesus, promises 'we will come and make our home with them'. Our God is not a distant God but one who lives in us. What has helped you to be aware of the closeness of God to you?
4. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid'. When you have been anxious, who have been the Jesus people for you who were able to calm your anxiety. How did they do this? For whom have you been one who calmed anxiety?

Prayer

Great and loving Father, your will for us in Jesus is the peace the world cannot give; your abiding gift is the Advocate he promised. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear. Keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word, that we may always be your dwelling place. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen

Items for the Newsletter

Next weekend's newsletter will cover 3 weekends so if you have any notices you'd like included over this period, please forward them to the parish office asap.



During this month of May, a decade of the rosary will be prayed after Exposition in our churches. All welcome.



Mass with May Procession

On Wednesday, 25 May, Mass will be celebrated in Holy Family church at 10.30am with Holy Family school. The children will begin their May Procession from school at approximately 10am. All welcome.

Keep In Your Prayers

Margaret "Maisie" Buckley RIP, Stephen Ryan RIP, Thomas Jones RIP, May McGrath, Maureen Skillicorn, 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 during October, November & December 2022 we have very limited availability.

Next meeting to register and find out more Monday, 6 June, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

Baptisms this weekend:

George Arthur Begley

Thomas Henry Begley

Joshua Thomas Tyrer

Connie Grace Peckham

Rite of Welcome

5.15pm: Keelan Thomas Harding, Hunter Stevie Owens, Honor Ivy O'Hare and Lola Rose Gordon.

With You Always Programme

Email all enquiries to Jayne Cross at 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 takes place on Tuesday, 24 May 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 will be made most welcome.

Covid Guidance Update

With the reduction in infection rates in recent times the use of face coverings in church is optional. However, please

continue to be sensitive to those who feel vulnerable and those who find the use of facemasks helpful in enabling them to be in church.



Save the Date!

Friday, 3 June, 2pm-4pm

Our Ladies Group are organising a simple afternoon tea style event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend to which you are all invited.

This will be held at St Mark's Parish Club and afternoon tea plates will cost just £3 for which you can pay on the door. There will be a raffle (of course) and music playing so please do come along and enjoy what we hope will be a pleasant afternoon relaxing together and catching up.



Chronic Pain Support Group

This group will re-start their monthly meetings on Friday, 27 May in St Mark's annexe. The group meet between 2pm-4pm every last Friday on the month to offer each other support, advice, tips and friendship all over a cuppa. Contact Ann Noons for further details on 07948 606 888 All in need welcome.

St Mary's Woolton

Next monthly Age and Dementia Friendly Afternoon Tea and Singalong session will still take place on Friday, 27 May, 2pm-4pm and as always, the event will take place in the parish hall.

2022 Afternoon Tea & Singalong Events, 2pm-4pm:

Friday, 24 June

Friday, 29 July

Friday, 26 August

Friday, 30 September

Friday, 28 October

Friday, 2 December

An evening with Rauni Higson at our Cathedral

Thursday, 23 June, 5pm-8pm. An evening with Rauni Higson hosted by the Cathedral Friends, join the Cathedral Friends for a special celebration of art, history and spirituality.

Rauni Higson is a leading British silversmith renowned for her distinctive sculptural tableware inspired by the rugged landscape of her home in Snowdonia. In 2019 Rauni was commissioned by The Cathedral Friends to design a new processional cross and two acolytes for the Metropolitan Cathedral.

The items were completed during lockdown and we are delighted to finally welcome Rauni back to talk about her work and her inspiration for the new liturgical items.

The evening will begin with Mass at 5pm where the new collection will be blessed. Guests will also have exclusive access to the Lutyens Crypt for a private viewing of our permanent exhibition. Drinks and refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend but spaces will be limited. Please register for your ticket by emailing c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk

LGBTQ+

The next gathering for LGBTQ+ will be at All Saints, Anfield L4 1QC on Sunday, 3 July 2022 beginning with Mass at 2pm.

Also, a group gathers regularly at the Parish of St Agnes & Aidan every 3rd Sunday of the month at 6pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Room at St Agnes RC Church, 82 Huyton Hey Road, L36 5SQ. For details contact: hollyfenn1999@hotmail.co.uk

News from our Pastoral Development Department Laudato Si Week 22-29 May

The weeklong global event will mark the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on creation care and unite the world's 1.3 billion Catholics to listen and respond to the cry of God's creation. The theme for the week is "Listening and Journeying Together." The eight-day global event will be guided by the following quote from Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'*: "*Bringing the human*

family together to protect our common home" (LS 13).

Locally, thousands of events will bring the message of *Laudato Si'* to everyday Catholics, helping bring this global celebration to life and changing countless communities around the world. For events globally see <https://laudatosiweek.org/allevnts/>

If you come across any ideas that you would like to share, please email the PD department at pd@rcaol.org.uk

The Woodland Trust is offering free trees for schools and communities! Choose your pack(s) from the list online and fill out the application form. There are two delivery periods per year, one in March and one in November. They are currently taking applications for trees to be delivered in November 2022. For full details: www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/

Journey into Prayer Cenacle, Wavertree

Prayer forms part of our lives, as Christians, but sometimes we struggle with dryness, boredom or lack of enthusiasm. We need a booster, some ideas to encourage and support us but often we draw blanks as we try to find how to make prayer meaningful in our daily lives. As a way of responding to many calls for help we are planning to run a course exploring the many rich methods of prayer in our Christian Tradition. The course will comprise

of 12 fortnightly, sessions, beginning in September 2022 and ending after Easter 2023. They will be on Tuesdays from 10am–3pm. We plan the day to include some teaching on the various traditions, time to explore the method and some sharing on how it was for each one.

We know prayer is about our relationship with the God who loves us unconditionally. It's not about 'getting it right', being perfect at it, spending hours at it. It is about finding what helps me, now, how to deepen this relationship that I already have and maybe help others too. We are all on the journey of deepening our relationship with the God of Love, and from time to time we all need a helping hand to guide us on the way.

For an application and more details email cenacleliverpool@gmail.com by 1 August 2022. Cenacle, Tithebarn Grove, Lance Lane, Liverpool L15 6TW.

Llysfas Spirituality Workshop

(www.llysfas-spirituality-workshop.org.uk)

Workshop based principally on the dynamics of the spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. The first days are dedicated to an experiential journey through the major life themes of the Exercises.

12–29 August, at Foxhill House and Woodlands, Frodsham, Cheshire, WA6 6XB. Workshop Facilitators: Mary Rose Fitzsimmons HHS, Richard Sloan, Sheila McNamara

RSCJ, Silvia Berezcki HHS. For further details email Mary Rose Fitzsimmons HHS maryrosefitzsimmons@btinternet.com

A Silent Retreat

'Come Holy Spirit' led by Sr Moira Meeghan, a time of quiet prayer and reflection at 7pm on Friday, 27 May and 1pm on Sunday, 29 May at The Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, Liverpool, L22 1RD, to book or for further info ring 0151 949 1199.

Latest News from Churches Together in the Merseyside Region

Pentecost Walk 2022/Platinum Jubilee Pentecost Party in Liverpool

The big emphasis of the jubilee weekend on Sunday will be community street parties which will be held throughout the country. The main event at the Pentecost Walk 2022 is a Platinum street party type celebration for all generations in the Anglican Cathedral, with long trestle tables, space for family picnics, rugs on the floor and lots of bunting! This is to join in with the Queens Platinum Jubilee as well as celebrating the joy of Pentecost. Please bring your families and church communities along!

Timings: Pentecost Sunday, 5 June
3pm: 10 minutes open air service at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

3.15pm: Please note that the walk down Hope Street which is scheduled

to take place at 3.15pm needs to be confirmed and updates will be posted on the CTMR website at <https://www.ctmr.org.uk/Groups/341586/Pentecost.aspx>. If it is possible there would be a mass community choir – children may be waving flags or banners.

3.45pm: 15 minutes all age service in the Anglican Cathedral - maybe with some action songs and readings.

4pm-4.45pm: Picnic time and activities.

5pm: Pack up time and finish.

Would you consider getting involved in the Platinum Jubilee Pentecost Party?

Would you be interested in bringing some families, church communities and friends along?

Would you be willing to lead an activity e.g. craft table/face painting/circus skills/percussion workshop? Whatever you enjoy and find easy!

Please contact 'In Another Place' directly admin@inanotherplace.com if you would like to lead an activity.

For more information on the above please visit the CTMR website.

'Thy Kingdom Come' Resources

'Thy Kingdom Come': 26 May to 5 June 2022. Find out more about the worldwide #ecumenical prayer movement by visiting their website.

Jubilee Resources for Churches

To find resources to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee please follow <https://ctbi.org.uk/celebrate-the-queens-platinum-jubilee/>

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 | £222.00 |
| GASDS Loose | £301.70 |
| GASDS Envelopes | £ 57.00 |
| Standing Orders | £297.77 |
| Total Offertory | £878.47 |
| Bonus Ball 45 | £ 55.00 |

Second collection this weekend is for our SVP and next weekend for World Communications.

Ukraine Crisis

We have now raised over £101,000 for #Liverpool4Ukraine.

Thank you all for your continued support, we are truly grateful for everyone's overwhelming generosity throughout this appeal. To keep up to date with our volunteer drivers who have left to take more goods to the Polish border follow us daily on the website:

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

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.)

Exam Season

A Prayer to St Joseph of Cupertino for Success in Examinations. Let us keep all those preparing for exams in our prayers.

O Great St Joseph of Cupertino who while on earth did obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examination only the questions you knew, obtain for me a like favour in the examinations for which I am now preparing. In return I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked.

Through Christ our Lord.
St Joseph of Cupertino, Pray for us.
Amen.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

21 May – 29 May 2022

We Pray Especially For

Saturday, 21 May

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family church

People of the Parish

Sunday, 22 May, Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's church

11am – Mass, Holy Family church

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family church

Arthur Edwards,
Bernard Carlin
Dorothy Fay, Peter Crompton

Monday, 23 May, Weekday of Easter

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

Tuesday, 24 May, Weekday of Easter

9am – Mass, Holy Family church

Mary Lamb

Wednesday, 25 May, Memorial of St Bede

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

10.30am – Mass with Holy Family school,
Holy Family church

Peter Crompton

Thursday, 26 May,

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

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

6.30pm - Mass, St Mark's church

Vera Smith

Friday, 27 May, Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury

9am - Mass, St Mark's church

Margaret Whittle

Saturday, 28 May

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family church

Judith Griffiths

Sunday, 29 May, Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's church

11am – Mass, Holy Family church

12.30pm – Baptisms, Holy Family church

Biggs Family,
Special Intention
People of the Parish