

# Newsletter

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### **John 14:15-21 Pointers for Prayer**

1. The identity of Jesus is revealed as the Messiah and the Son of God, not with a display of human power, but as one who was prepared to suffer unto death to show us how our God loves us. How does the Passion story speak to you as a revelation of how God loves you?
2. “If you love me you will keep my commandments” and specifically the commandment to love one another (cf. 13.34). How have you experienced the love of God and love of those around you?
3. Jesus is preparing his disciples for his imminent departure and for a future in which he would be with them in a different way. He would not ‘leave them orphans’ but send an ‘Advocate’ to ‘be with (them) for ever’. How have you experienced the presence of God with you in your life?
4. Perhaps you have also experienced the challenge of preparing another (a child, a friend) for a time when you would no longer be physically together. Recall how you gave the message of your ongoing support.
5. How have you experienced the presence and support of a loved one (parent, spouse, friend) when circumstances have separated you from them?

6. The proof of the ongoing presence of Jesus with his disciples is that “I live and you will live”. Discipleship is about much more than rules and regulations. It is about being alive. How has discipleship helped you to be more fully alive?

### **Prayer**

Faithful God who loves us in Christ Jesus, send your Spirit of truth to dwell within us, that we may always reject what is false, live by the commands of Christ and be true to the love you have shown us. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

Patricia Murphy RIP, George Marshall RIP, Pauline Lawrence RIP, Michael Gerrard RIP, Joan Carr, Jack Curtis, Jim Dowdall, Catherine Atkin, Joe Facenfield, Margaret Facenfield, Kitty Heisley, Sally Moore, Valerie Higgins, Veronica Humphreys, Nora Bartley, John and Vera Leonard, Silva, Gerry Marsh, Marian Hawkins, Laura Wakefield, Lisa Crompton, Vera Farrell, Barry Jackson, Maureen Jackson, Lorraine Keogh, May McGrath, Maureen Skillicorn, Eileen Ireland, Frank and Josie Henesy, our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### **Parish Office**

The office will be closed on Thursday, 25 and Friday, 26 May for staff holidays. Any items for the newsletter for Sunday, 28 May should arrive with the office no later than Thursday, 18 May.

### **Holy Day of Obligation**

We remember the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, 18 May which is a Holy Day of Obligation. In addition to our own Mass at 6.30pm that day some other Masses in churches nearby:

St Christopher's:  
9.15am

Bishop Eton:  
12 noon, 7pm

Christ the King & Our Lady:  
9.30am, 7pm

St Charles & Thomas More:  
10am, 12noon

Our Lady of the Assumption:  
9.30am

Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7.30pm

Hope University Chapel  
12.15pm

St Mary's:  
12 noon  
Vigil Mass on Wednesday at 7pm

## **Rite of Welcome**

5.15pm:

Flynn Nathaniel Stafford  
Ella Louise Massie  
Kai James Hoolahan

11am:

Eva Carolin Tipping  
Ava Yan Yee Yip  
Olivia Joan Dineley  
Charlotte Alicja Dineley

## **Baptismal Information**

Next meeting to register and find out more is Monday, 5 June, 6pm, St Mark's annexe. All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

## **Live Simply Meeting**

The next meeting for this group takes place on Thursday, 18 May, 7pm in St Mark's annexe.

## **World Communications Day 2023**

This year's World Communications Day is celebrated on Sunday, 21 May. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live."

The Holy Father, warning against indifference and indignation, hails the example of the great Doctor of the Church, St Francis de Sales, in

particular his commitment to patient, heartfelt dialogue. A gifted theologian, his phrase 'Heart speaks to heart' inspired many, none more so than the recently canonised Saint John Henry Newman, who chose the phrase as his cardinalatial motto, 'Cor ad cor loquitur'.

Catholics in England and Wales will remember with affection that 'Heart speaks unto heart' was also the theme for Pope Benedict XVI's historic visit to the UK in 2010.

## **First Holy Communion**

We remember in our prayers all the children who are making their First Holy Communion this year. Our blessings and best wishes go out to all of the children and their families as they receive the Body of Christ for the first time.

## **Eucharistic Ministry Training Day**

The next training day will take place on Saturday, 20 May at the Irenaeus Centre in Waterloo. Please speak to any Eucharistic Minister to see what's involved and/or give your name to Ann Farrell (07855 981 691) if you would like to register.

## **Faith In Action (Help Needed)**

We are looking for helpers aged 18 and over so that we can open the programme in September with year 6 pupils from our parishes. Support would be given and a meeting held in June to see if it's something that really is for you. So if you have wanted to

get involved in the parish please contact [johnvianney@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:johnvianney@rcaolp.co.uk) or ring the office on 486 3992 and leave your details.

### **Thanksgiving Mass for Bishop Tom Williams**

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Tom Williams' 20 years' ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool on Wednesday, 17 May at 7pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. Everyone is invited to the Mass and a drinks reception which will follow.



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process given to us by the Church to initiate adults and older children into Christianity as it is lived within the Roman Catholic tradition.

It is the way in which we welcome and share with others our faith and our way of life as Catholics. It is a process, a journey of faith, by which we engage with those who are seeking the face of Christ today.

The Rite tells us that it 'is suited to a spiritual journey of adults that varies according to the many forms of God's grace'. It involves the whole parish

and is the responsibility of all the baptised.

Each year there are people who enquire about becoming a Catholic, often with no previous religious affiliation. They are accompanied by RCIA teams who guide them through the different stages of the RCIA process and prepare them to celebrate the liturgies which mark these stages.

We welcome inquiries from everyone. You may be someone who has never belonged to any faith tradition or you may have been baptised in another Christian faith. You may simply feel a sense of curiosity to find out more or you may have already decided to seek membership of the Catholic Church.

Whatever your starting point you are very welcome. Please speak with Father Matthew or Peter Renwick in the first instance or contact the parish office directly.

### **RCIA Catechists**

Peter Renwick is now looking for support with the programme he runs for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. If this could be you, please contact Peter directly.

### **Exam Season**

Prayer to St Joseph of Cupertino for success in examinations prayed before the examination.

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.

### **Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s)**

Theme: Discerning God's Call in your Life. Dates: 26-28 May 2023. Location: Liverpool.

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more info email Sr Lynne at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com)

### **Lourdes Centenary Badges**

To mark this year's centenary pilgrimage to Lourdes, there is a special badge. They can be purchased

from the Lourdes office for £2.50 each (p&p extra). All proceeds will go the Lourdes fund. For more info email [lourdespilgrimage@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:lourdespilgrimage@rcaol.org.uk)

### **Lourdes Centenary Year We Need Your Help!**

As you know, this summer will mark 100 years since the archdiocese's first pilgrimage to Lourdes.

We would like to mark this special occasion by asking people across the archdiocese to share their memories of the archdiocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes and any photographs or video clips you may have taken on any trips there over the years. We will collate these memories and use them on the archdiocesan website, social media channels and the Pic.

It could be that generations of your family have travelled to Lourdes, you could have photos from decades ago or even that a member of your family went on our very first pilgrimage in 1923.

If you have anything you are happy for us to share publicly or if you would even like to record a video message for us, then please email any details to [communications@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:communications@rcaol.org.uk) and [lourdespilgrimage@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:lourdespilgrimage@rcaol.org.uk) and include your name, parish and year(s) you travelled to Lourdes.

### **Archdiocesan Job Opportunities**

The archdiocese are currently advertising for several roles in schools

as well as a Parish Cleaner, Parish Administrator and a Retreat Coordinator. For more info visit: <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers>

### **Celebration of Pentecost, 28 May, 3pm in Liverpool**



The Pentecost event will start at Liverpool Cathedral and will then walk up Hope Street to the Metropolitan Cathedral. Weather permitting there will be a service on the plaza outside the Metropolitan Cathedral and a party on the steps.

The theme of the service is Many Nations and Bishop John Perumbalath, the new Bishop of Liverpool, will be preaching. Please visit [ctmr.org.uk](http://ctmr.org.uk) for further details.

### **Missionaries of Charity May Procession**

The annual May procession will take place on Saturday, 27 May at 2pm starting at St Peters Square off Seel Street and finishing at the Shrine. A special invitation is extended to boys and girls who make their First Holy Communion in May. Contact Jim Ross for more info on 07766 706 766 or email at [jimmy.ross7@gmail.com](mailto:jimmy.ross7@gmail.com)

### **First Holy Communion Preparation Programme**

We have started our new programme and welcome all the children and their families who will be attending our Masses over the next year in order to prepare for their First Confession and First Holy Communion.

The programme has recently been updated and we have placed Mass at the heart of the preparation. **Children can register at the end of a Mass** and work their way through a series of leaflets and books to help them prepare. There is no time limit to completing the programme so families can work through it at their own pace.

**If anyone would like any more information or a registration form please speak to one of the catechists at the end of Mass.**

### **Prayer Requests**

Do you have someone or something you would like to pray for?

Please feel free to fill in one of the prayer request forms at the back of church. Place it into the box provided, which will be brought to the altar by our children during the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

### **Our Housebound Parishioners**

If you find that you are getting to the stage of life where it is becoming impossible to get to Mass, **please don't just disappear!** Get in touch either directly with Fr Matthew or the



Parish Office. Fr Matthew will be able to pop round to pray with you and see what else might be helpful. You are still a vital and essential part of our parish community, even if you can't get to Mass.

### **Sacrament of the Sick**

In times of illness or suffering we are offered anointing with holy oil to strengthen us. The sacrament can also help us to experience healing of mind, body and spirit and we receive the forgiveness of our sins. Anyone feeling the need of the sacrament is very welcome to approach Fr Matthew before or after Mass or via 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, forms are available at the back of the church or contact office and we'll do the rest.

Collection for Sunday, 7 May 2023:

Gift Aid Envelopes	£512.70
GASDS Loose	£372.65
Non Gift Aid	£ 64/70
Standing Orders	£367.23

<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£1317.28</b>
Bonus Ball 12	£ 58.00
Second Collection	
Parish Lourdes Fund	£238.65

Second collections:  
21 May, World Communications  
28 May, SVP



grab a Cup &  
stay a while.

St Mark's annexe - every Sunday  
after 9.15am Mass.

Holy Family church – every Sunday  
after 11am Mass.

All welcome!



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

**13 May – 21 May 2023**

**We Pray Especially For**

**Saturday, 13 May**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

Mary Conroy, Fr Vin McShane

**Sunday, 14 May, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

People of the Parish  
Sally Gailey, Teresa Davies

**Monday, 15 May, Weekday of Easter**

**9.30am – Funeral Service at St Helens Crem**

6pm-7pm – Exposition, Holy Family

**Pauline Lawrence**

**Tuesday, 16 May, Weekday of Easter**

9am – Mass, Holy Family

James Mackenzie Brown,  
Father Matthew Nunes

**Wednesday, 17 May, Weekday of Easter**

10am-11am – Exposition, St Mark's

11am-12noon – Lectio Devina, St Mark's annexe

**2pm – Mass in Maple Lodge**

**Residents**

**Thursday, 18 May,**

**Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)**

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

6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's

Catherine Fletcher,  
Betty McLindon

**Friday, 19 May, Weekday of Easter**

9am – Mass, St Mark's

Paul Lambert, Peggy Delaney

**12.45pm – Funeral Service, St Mark's**

**George Marshall**

**Saturday, 20 May**

5.15pm – First Mass of Sunday, Holy Family

People of  
the Parish

**Sunday, 21 May, Seventh Sunday of Easter**

9.15am – Mass, St Mark's

11am – Mass, Holy Family

12.30pm – Baptisms

Arthur Edwards, Anne,  
Tony Mulligan & Family  
Maisie Quirk, Oliver Fitchett,  
Patrick Fox