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Sixth Sunday of Easter

16th & 17th May 2020
Year A

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Fr Martin will offer Mass this weekend for: Walter Herdman (birthday remembrance)

By the end of the coming week Masses will also have been said for: the intentions of K Wadsworth & family, Eileen & George Potts (in memory), the intentions of Hazel Fort, and Arthur Williams (birthday)

Message from Fr Martin: *As we continue through these strange and difficult times, I hope that you are all staying well and managing to keep in touch with friends and family. Please do call us if you need any help, practical or otherwise.*

A Prayer for Our Community:

O Great Love, thank you for living and loving in us and through us. May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you and all beings. Help us become a community that vulnerably shares each other's burdens and the weight of glory. Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our world. [Please add your own intentions.] . . . Knowing you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God, Amen.
God Bless.

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, Mary Cookson-Gower, Norah Byford, Joan Pinnington, Joan Doyle, Rachel Cunningham, Reg Fitzgerald, Mary Kilbane, Ged Manning, Barbara Lee, Janet Kinsey, Betty Hennessey, Christopher Cadley, Stephen Deary, Joan Newton, Carol Carroll, Celia Ross, Mary & Clare Rimmer, Sandra Wilkinson, Jane Kwok, Mary Birkett, Suzie Bell, Tony Walsh, John Dooley, George & Frank McVeigh, David (sick) Rachel Haney, Jean Tracy, Hagai Atzmon, John Summerfield, Deacon Terry Rimmer, **Geoff Farrell, Eamon Fearon, Betty Walsh. Jim Dillon, Bernadette Tickle** and another sick person.

Anniversaries: *Phil Hyland, Agnes McCarthy, Mary Harrington, Charles Pugh, Margaret Saul, Donald Gibbs.*

*Please remember in your prayers: Thomas Hewlett, Marie Brownrigg, Veronica O'Callaghan
Sheila Brennan and all those who have died recently.*

*I will not leave you orphans;
I will come to you.
John 14:18*



Readings for Sixth Sunday of Easter:

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: Thank you to those who are kindly supporting the parish financially at this time as our normal income stream has gone. Those who use the Offertory Envelope scheme are encouraged to continue to do so. There are some special envelopes in the pack. e.g. The Priest Training Fund and Holy Places.

Many churches are offering "live-streaming" of Masses. This link may be useful:

<https://www.churchservices.tv>

You can access SS Peter and Paul's for Sunday Mass (10.30) on peter.ovh/live

Thérèse and John Potts wish to give thanks for all the Masses, sympathy cards and flowers received following the death of their son Richard on 2nd March, and for all the kindness shown by the whole parish community.

Richard's burial is now possible, and will take place at Ss. Peter & Paul on Tuesday 26th May at 11.00a.m. We would ask that you please continue to remember us in your prayers. A Thanksgiving Mass will be offered whenever possible for all parishioners.

Given that all our hospitals are more or less in lockdown, people are allowed to visit sick patients only in exceptional circumstances.
That means they cannot ask ward staff to contact the chaplains on behalf of their sick relative or friend.
If anybody knows of parishioners in hospital who would appreciate a visit from a member of one of the chaplaincy teams, please contact us and we will get in touch with the chaplaincy team directly.

FOOD BANK: JOINT UPDATE FROM ST HELEN'S AND ST JOSEPH'S

A further **48 bags** (including a dozen nappy packs and treats for the children) were delivered last week to our local Food Bank, which functions both as the warehouse for the whole of South Sefton, as well as being the Waterloo distribution centre for those in need. This makes it some 233 since lockdown when we started the new collection arrangements. Included in last week's total were **11 bags passed to us by a parishioner of Star of the Sea** who had seen our newsletter and, despite lockdown, also the way we continue to supply the food bank.
We've also received a further **£770 in cash** donations, totalling exactly £4500 so far! Remarkable!
Many, many thanks for your ongoing generosity!
Two porches are available as drop off points, whichever is easier.
39 Ilford Ave L23 7YE 924 3651
1 Halltine Close L23 6XX 931 5867
The main items needed this week are: tinned/powdered potatoes, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, jam, nappies sizes 4, 5, 6
All other items are always gratefully received, and Value brands are equally acceptable, whatever can be obtained. If anyone can't get food items or wants to give cash, please use an envelope and post through the respective letter box.
If anyone is unable to drop off, we'll try and organise a collection. Any difficulties/problems, please let us know on either of the above numbers.
As always, many thanks for your support for this worthwhile local cause.

The **Whitechapel Centre** have been in touch to let us know that it remains open during the outbreak of COVID – 19 to ensure that people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness can get into accommodation and be supported to remain healthy and achieve their potential.
In normal times our parishes have generously supported this charity with practical donations of clothes and money. Here is their current appeal:

COVID—19 Emergency Appeal
£5 will provide a toiletry bag
£10 will provide boxer shorts and socks
£25 will provide a week's food parcel

To donate £5 text WHITECHAPEL£5 to 70085
By paypal: paypal.me/whitechapelcentre
Online at: www.whitechapelcentre.co.uk/donate
Or go to www.whitechapelcentre.co.uk to learn more about their services and activities

In the current situation our Sacramental preparation programme has been put on hold. Until we know when we can re-open the churches and what restrictions there will be, it's difficult to re-schedule anything. Please can we remember our Year 4 children in the coming weeks and pray for them and their families. They would have been celebrating their First Holy Communion this Sunday (St Joseph's) and on 31st May & 7th June (St Helen's)

Archbishop Malcolm invites us to pray together with him through these times:

God Our Father,
each person is precious to You.
You are the Giver of life.
Have mercy on us and protect us at this time,
as the coronavirus threatens health and life.
You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble.
Watch over those who are suffering,
give strength to those who are aiding the sick
and give courage to all in this time of anxiety.
We ask this of you in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Can You Help? - Cotton Street Project

Please look it up <https://thecottonstreetproject.co.uk/>
A unique shelter with a long term initiative helping the **homeless** of Liverpool.
They are unable to fundraise in their normal way at present and are desperate for supplies, particularly men's and women's clothes suitable for homeless people, toiletries, towels etc. Please drop off at:
Anne Fearon: 39 Ilford Ave L23 7YE, 924 3651,
Peter Firth: 1 Halltine Close L23 6XX, 931 5867

SYNOD 2020—UPDATE

During these days of isolation and social distancing we are experiencing different ways of being Church. Our prayer and worship has become transformed as we gather remotely, online, from our own home. Our sense of community is challenged as we find creative and new ways of coming together to meet to socialise, to work, or to check in on each other. As we live through this difficult and different time, with its many struggles and challenges, we invite you to reflect on what our Synod can learn from our experiences.
Visit our [website](http://synod2020.co.uk), (synod2020.co.uk) reflect on the materials, and submit your proposals for action.

Catholic Newspapers:

Whilst our newspapers are not available in the usual way, you might like to look at their websites, where some news is provided and you also have the opportunity to subscribe and have your papers delivered to you at home.
<https://www.thecatholicuniverse.com>
<https://www.thetablet.co.uk>
<https://www.catholictimes.co.uk>
<https://catholicherald.co.uk>

Prayers for the Holy Land. Prayers needed now as much as ever. To keep updated with the weekly prayers please visit:
<https://sabeel.org/category/wave-of-prayers/>