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Easter Sunday
11th & 12th April 2020
Year A
Happy Easter

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Fr Martin will offer Mass this weekend for: Ben Willoughby (anniversary)

By the end of the coming week Masses will also have been said for: Lieselotte Robertshaw (anniversary), Paul Weston (sick) Shirley Dixon (lately dead) and two other sick people.

Message from Fr Martin: *These are difficult and uncertain times for us all. It may be some time until we can come together in our churches to celebrate the Mass and socialise again with our parish community. Until that time I would like to assure you that you are all in my prayers every day. We must take care of each other in any way that we can. For many of us that means staying at home and doing as we are told.*

Our parish volunteer service is doing great work, reaching out to those who are isolated in the homes.

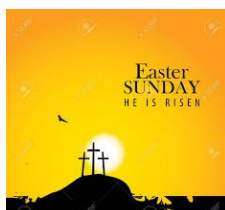
Our 2 teams of helpers have been very busy doing bits of shopping, collecting prescriptions etc. Perhaps we can all keep an eye on our neighbours with a friendly phone call at this time to make sure they are ok. It isn't only the elderly who are at risk. Many younger people are finding themselves isolated for a variety of reasons. We can all do our bit to help support our community. Keep up the prayers, 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, Sheila Brennan, Margaret Walsh, Joan Bamber, Susan Natsheh, Marie Brownrigg, 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, Veronica O'Callaghan, John Dooley, George & Frank McVeigh, David (sick) Rachel Haney, Jean Tracy, Hagai Atzmon Deacon Terry Rimmer, **Geoff Farrell, Marie Brownrigg, Eamon Fearon** and another sick person.

Anniversaries:

Nora Raisbeck, Lieselotte Robertshaw, Sheila & John Gradwell, May Leech, Joseph Bullen, Thomas Smith, Graham Evans, Ben Willoughby, Eileen Topping, Joseph McGrath.

*Please remember in your prayers: Sr Carmel, Fr Owen Grant,
Fr John Sweeney, Mary Tyrell, Mary Convery, Shirley Dixon
and all those who have died recently*



Readings for Easter Sunday:
Acts 10: 34a, 37-43
Colossians 3: 1-4
John 20: 1-9 or Matthew 28: 1-10

Many churches are offering "live-streaming" of Masses.
Local ones include our own Cathedral, St Edmund's Waterloo,
St Catherine of Alexandria Lydiat. St Anne and St Bernard, Overbury Street
This link may be useful:

<https://www.churchservices.tv>

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS AND ALL OTHER CEREMONIES ARE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, EXCEPT FUNERALS WITH VERY SMALL NUMBERS AT THE CREMATIUM OR GRAVESIDE.

We will make good in some way what we cannot do now. Thank you, everyone for your patience and understanding and let us continue to pray hard for one another and for all affected by these extremely challenging circumstances. The boxes of Offertory Envelopes must remain in church for now but it would be greatly appreciated if you could set aside donations each week or keep a sum of money for the upkeep and needs of the parish. The Church still relies on your financial support.

Given that all our hospitals are more or less in lock-down, 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.

Can You Help? - Cotton Street Project

You can look it up <https://thecottonstreetproject.co.uk/>
A unique homeless shelter with a long term initiative helping the homeless of Liverpool.
They are unable to fundraise in their normal way at the moment and are desperate for supplies.
If you have unwanted men's and women's clothes, toiletries, towels etc. we can get them collected from our two temporary collecting points. Please drop off at:
Anne Fearon: 39 Ilford Ave L23 7YE, 924 3651,
Peter Firth: 1 Halltine Close L23 6XX, 931 5867

FOODBANK UPDATE

Since last week, 30+ bags of much needed items have been delivered to our local Waterloo Food Bank. We've also received £275 in cash donations.
Many, many thank for all your generosity!
As indicated last week, two porches are available as drop off points for either parish, 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 carrots/peas/rice pudding/fruit
long-life milk
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, it can be put in an envelope and posted through the respective letter box.
If anyone is not able 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.

Important advice from Sefton Council.

Need advice?

We've we've suspended all our face to face drop in advice services due to Coronavirus and Government advice. **Don't worry we can still help.**

If you need advice, you can contact our local advicelines
General advice 0344 493 0012 (Mon-Fri 9.30 - 4.30)
Debt advice 0151 318 6407
Help to Claim Universal Credit 0800 144 8 444

We are closed Good Friday and Easter Monday

For a webchat service and self help information visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk

One of our parishioners, Roy Weissensteiner writes:

"Hi there, I am Roy Weissensteiner, co-director of Local Theatre Company, Absolute Children's Opera. For those who don't know, apart from being the resident music company at Ursuline Primary School, we have been livestreaming a fun singalong musical show every weekday morning at 8am since the beginning of the Lockdown, which is targeted so that children and their families can stay connected and feel less isolated by doing something fun together in the mornings.

Please check our Facebook page @absoluteoperauk for the livestream or our YouTube channel: if you want to have a look - please follow the link below.

<https://youtu.be/bhCXjMFzEGE>

We want to try and join the parish community- and the wider community in general together as much as we can during these unprecedented times. In addition to the children's activities in the mornings, we are keen to reach out with live music to the wider parish community, especially those older parishioners who are particularly isolated at this time.

Please check the following link,

We would really appreciate any advice any of you may have as to what sort of content would be most appreciated and how we can reach out to the people in our area.

<https://www.facebook.com/roy.weissensteiner/videos/10159781885674488/>