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10th/11th April 2021

Divine Mercy Sunday

17th/18th April 2021

**Third Sunday of Easter
Year B**

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On the weekdays of the coming week I will be offering Mass at home for the following intentions: Paula Sealeaf (lately dead) Jim Dillon (R.I.P.), Marie Crean (R.I.P.), Eileen Hughes Crean (R.I.P.) and James Logan (lately dead).

The week beginning 19th April I will be offering Masses for : Anne Zammattio (lately dead), Paul Donaghy (anniversary) Deceased relatives and friends of the Marron family, Ron Matthews (lately dead), Clare Rimmer (lately dead) Fr Martin

A message from Anne: This newsletter covers 2 weeks. The next one will be available for collection from outside both churches on 23rd April. Mass sheets for each Sunday are also available. If you would like to receive a copy of newsletter by e-mail or would like one delivered to you please let me know.

Also if you would like a copy of one of the Catholic newspapers or Mass sheet, please give me a call.

We are hoping to have some celebrations in both parishes to mark the end of lockdown when restrictions are lifted.

Please keep 4th July pencilled in your diary for St Joseph's parish celebration. More details to follow.....

St Helen's

*Sunday 11th April: Divine Mercy Sunday
10.00 am Mass for Sarah Thompson (R.I.P.)*

*Sunday 18th April:
10.00 am Mass for Theo Wuisman (R.I.P.)*

*Sunday 25th April:
10.00 am Mass for Hazel Fort (R.I.P.)*

St Joseph's

*Sunday 11th April: Divine Mercy Sunday
11.15 am Mass for Mollie Gallagher (R.I.P.)*

*Sunday 18th April
11.15 am Mass for Ben Willoughby (anniversary)*

*Sunday 25th April:
11.15 am Mass for Patrick Keane (lately dead)*

Please remember in your prayers: Norah Dooley, Sarah (Sally) Milburn and Sheila Whelan who died recently.

The funeral for Albert Bellis will be at St Joseph's on Wednesday 14th April, 11 am

The funeral for Norah Dooley will be at St Joseph's on Friday 16th April at 12 noon

The funeral for Sarah (Sally) Milburn will be at St Joseph's on Tuesday 20th April at 12 noon

The funeral for Sheila Whelan will be on Wednesday 21st April at 11.00 am

Anniversaries: Thomas Smith, Graham Evans, Ben Willoughby, Eileen Topping, Joseph McGrath, Edith Hurley, Simon Stewart, Nora Raisbeck, Lieselotte Robertshaw, Sheila & John Gradwell, May Leech, Joseph Bullen, Vera McGuigan, Molly Leadbetter, Margaret Wright, Betty Hughes.

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, Joan Doyle, Mary Cookson-Gower, Norah Byford, Joan Pinnington, Rachel Cunningham, Ged Manning, Janet Kinsey, Betty Hennessey, Christopher Cadley, Stephen Deary, Carol Carroll, Celia Ross, Mary Rimmer, Sandra Wilkinson, Jane Kwok, Mary Birkett, Suzie Bell, Tony Walsh, John Dooley, George McVeigh, Barbara Lee, David, Rachel Haney, Jean Tracy, Hagai Atzmon, Eamon Fearon, Betty Walsh, Graham French, Pat Overend, Anne England, Joan Loveridge, Derek Ainsworth, Michael Callaghan, Ian Hawkes, Muriel McGonagle, Fr Dunstan Harrington, Canon Albert Shaw, Lynne Summerfield and two other sick people.



Divine Mercy Devotions will take place at SS Peter & Paul's church on Sunday 11th April.
2.30 to 3.30 pm. There will be an opportunity for Confession.

Called: Sacrament of Confirmation In Autumn 2021 the Archbishop is hoping to begin confirming young people in Year 8 and above in our Archdiocese.

If you/your child would like to register for preparation for the sacrament please go to liverpoolcalled.co.uk and complete the registration form (which can be found at the top right of the website) and your local Confirmation co-ordinator will contact you to inform you of the next stages.

Called: Confirmation Team To assist with Confirmation preparation we are trying to create a team that can work together across the deanery to help prepare our young people for Sacrament. You do not need to be experienced in working with young people: there are a number of roles to be involved with. A willingness to be involved is the main thing – even if only for one meeting.

If you are interested in being involved and helping prepare our young people for Confirmation, or just simply would like to know more about how you can help, without any obligation to be involved after that please contact Fr Martin or the parish office.

SVP & NUGENT: Previous newsletters have referred to support given to this charity, founded in 1881 by Fr James Nugent - more recently 250 Easter eggs for children of local families. Not all parishioners will be aware that, when St Joseph's was dedicated in November 1886, its first priest was Fr Nugent, who went on to further develop his pioneering work in social welfare in Liverpool. Today, Nugent offers a diverse range of support to vulnerable adults and children within the North West through their schools, care homes, community and social work services and social enterprise. Acting as the social welfare arm of the Liverpool Archdiocese, they support 1,000 people each year. Celebrating their 140th anniversary on April 16th, St Joseph's SVP looks to engage further with Nugent's activities, updating parishioners during their anniversary year.

CAFOD CAMPAIGN TO TAKE ACTION TO STOP THE CLIMATE CRISIS: This year the eyes of the world will be on Britain as host of two major international meetings, the G7 and the COP26 climate talks. Pope Francis describes climate change as "one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day".

TAKE ACTION! Call on the Prime Minister to show the ambition we need to protect our common home & end the climate crisis. Sign the petition now at cafod.org.uk/reclaim or socially distanced scan QR code on poster at back of church/ on foyer window

Gift Aid Envelopes:

The Gift Aid scheme is a great way for the parishes to claim money back from the tax man. If you pay tax and would like to gift aid your donations to the church please let us know. There is just a simple form to sign and there is no need to promise any particular amounts. Please contact Anne Fearon for more information. We are very grateful to all those who have carried on donating to our parish funds even though we have not been able to attend Mass.

SVP Church Collection—Many thanks for your donations: £163.50 from St Helen's and £325.80 from St Joseph's. Parishioners can also make donations by placing cash/cheque in an envelope, clearly marked SVP, and put through the letterbox at either 39 Ilford Avenue, L23 7YE or 1 Halltine Close, L23 6XX

CAFOD (St Helen's) *pray-fast-give*

Following the budget there was a great deal of comment about the govt cutting overseas aid. At a time of global stress this was appalling. The Prime Minister has said it is just for one year. If you are politically inclined you might write to express your views on ensuring that, if it will not be reversed, it is reinstated within 12 months.

One of the countries deeply affected is Yemen. Whatever the politics of the conflict, the UK govt has halved the aid it gives whilst at the same time it continues to sell the weapons causing the death and destruction to the Saudi Government. In the meantime CAFOD and its partners are desperately trying to support people caught in the middle. Sadly, destruction continues in other parts of the world where people are suffering because of armed conflicts. That in Syria shows no sign of an end and, more recently, the Ethiopian govt has responded to an armed rebellion in the northern province of Tigray with indiscriminate violence, mass murder and other atrocities amongst its own people.

In all of these areas CAFOD maintains a presence. Your donations support that work. Since the latest lockdown, and quite separately from your support for the "Big Walk for Water," your donations have totalled £1376, including Gift Aid. Thank you again. One of you filled one of the collection Pyramid Boxes. It contained nearly £35!

WATERLOO FOOD BANK: JOINT UPDATE FROM ST HELEN'S AND ST JOSEPH'SIt's now a year since the first appeal went out to continue donations to the two drop-off points below, with both churches closed during the first lockdown. Over the last 2 weeks a **further 84 bags and £460 was passed on, making a staggering 2677 bags of various much needed items from both parishes plus a colossal cash amount of £18102 during the year!!** The food bank staff are extremely grateful for this unbelievable generosity from both parishes. With most items reasonably well stocked, the ongoing requests are still for basic items, particularly UHT milk, noodles, mashed potato and rice pudding. Value brands are always acceptable. Donations can be left at 39 Ilford Avenue, L23 7YE or 1 Halltine Close, L23 6XX. Cash in envelopes, marked Food Bank, can be posted through either letter box.

Contributions for this newsletter need to reach the Parish Office **12 noon on Thursday**.
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