



HOLY NAME AND OUR LADY & ST. PHILOMENA PARISHES

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Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

14th October 2018

Father Kevin's Desk

Following a demanding week last week with funerals every day, I am pleased to say that this week we have none. Conducting a funeral is an obvious regular event in the life of a priest and is always given top priority. It is also a great opportunity for evangelisation and for families to connect with the church especially if they have been away for a while.

It might surprise you to know that the average time most priests spend on each funeral is between five and seven hours. This includes the first meeting with the family and all the preparation involved. One reason for being grateful for no funerals this week is that I have been asked to spend two days in the Archdiocese helping with interviews for six new posts. The posts in question are 'Pastoral Associates.' This is a new initiative to employ six pastoral workers who will be deployed across the Archdiocese assisting the local parishes.

The role of each pastoral associate will vary depending on the specific needs of the deanery that they will serve. Each deanery that has requested a Pastoral Associate will be responsible for their funding and each post will be guaranteed for a minimum of three years. I believe this is a great move forward and please God, will reap fruitful rewards in the future. I am sure that more information will follow as the role of these new pastoral workers is defined but in the meantime, as we seek to find the right people, please keep this initiative in your prayers. And as we continue to work together to build up the Church, let me close with this quote from Archbishop Oscar Romero who is being canonised a saint on Sunday.

Brothers and sisters, we don't measure the church by the number of people, nor do we measure the church by its material buildings. The church has built many temples, many seminaries, and many buildings. The material walls remain and become part of history. What matters are all of you, the men and women, the hearts, the grace of God giving you truth and the life of God. Don't measure worth by counting how many are in the crowd, count the sincerity of the heart with which they follow his truth and the grace of our Divine Saviour.

God bless Fr Kevin

SYNOD 2020

The weekend of October 20th and 21st:

Next weekend we are celebrating Synod Sunday. Please make sure you pick up the leaflet that is available and that you take note of the dates for the Synod Open Meeting. The meeting nearest to us is Holy Rosary, Aintree on 7th November at 7.30pm – 9pm.

OUR LADY & ST. PHILOMENA'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUB, RUSSELL ROOM

After School Club held in the Russell Room, term time only. Monday -Thursday 3.30pm – 6.00pm. £1.00 admission fee required. Price includes snacks and drinks. No school pick-ups. Parent/guardian must drop children off and pick up. Limited spaces, call Rachael 07532 705460

The Luncheon Club

The Luncheon Club will be held in the Russell Room, St Philomena's on Thursday 18th October at 12noon. £1.00 entry which includes a hot lunch.

SVP & Social Committee

We have reached that time of the year when we ask our parishioners, in both Church's if they could help us with their kind donations for our Christmas hampers. Thank You & God Bless

COLLECTIONS

This Week's Collection – APF World Missions Collection 20th and 21st October

St Philomena's Numbers Galore : This Weeks' Numbers: **4 -41**

Congratulations to *Sophie Allen, Luna Wooding and Thomas Robert Wooding who celebrated the sacrament of Baptism*

PIETY STALL

*New Living Faith Pocket editions are **£1 each**. Now available in the Piety Stall. New luxury padded Mass cards are now available at £2.50 each. Please remember to complete a Mass Intention envelope when purchasing a mass card.*

HOLY SOULS – NOVEMBER PIOUS LIST

November is the Month of the Holy Souls when we pray particularly for those who have, *'gone before us marked with the Sign of Faith'*. If you wish to remember your loved ones, families and friends at the November Masses then please place their names in the purple envelopes which you will find at the back of the church. One Mass each day in November will be offered for our November Dead List 'Pious List'.

Any donations you include in the envelopes will be used as stipends for the Masses and will also enable us throughout the Year to have Masses celebrated for the Holy Souls.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Corke whose funeral took place at Holy Name last Friday, 12th October.

The Holy Father will canonise Blessed Oscar Romero on Sunday 14th October in Rome. So that people can join in the spirit of thanksgiving to mark the canonisation, Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 28th October at 11.00 am. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Alt Valley Justice and Peace Group are holding their annual **One World Taster Evening** on Friday 19th October, 6.15 pm - 8.15pm at The Good Shepherd Church. It's a family evening, sharing food from around the world with our local community whilst raising money for a school in Ghana. There is a small entrance fee. All welcome.

Prisoners' Sunday, 14th October 2018 is the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners and their families. Prisoners' Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, a Church and as a community, are serving those affected by imprisonment.

We remember in our prayers those who have died recently: Joseph Miller, Albert Devney, Frances Maloney, Patrick John King, John Cassin, Fr Kevin Kelly, Mary Riley, Carol O'Brien, Elizabeth Shaw, Samuel Crewe, Francis Cullen, Miss Sophie Sutherland, Christopher Dobson, Brian Leary, Kayleigh Fearnett,, Fr Peter Kelly, Fr Matthew O'Callaghan, John Leatherbarrow, Mary Ashton, Ann Crowley, Peter Murphy, Heidi Avis, Angela McShane, Pierce Carty, John McGowan, Christina Seddon, Mary Strode, Janet Fowler, Patricia Jones, Marie Crummie **May they rest in peace**

Mass Times, Services & Intentions

Saturday 13th October – Sunday 21st October

Holy Name

Saturday 13th 5.30pm - Reconciliation/Confessions
6.00pm – Mass – Melia and Amelia

*Optional Memorial of St. Edward the Confessor, King
Vigil of Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

Sunday 14th 11.00am – Mass – Parishioners
Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Monday 15th 9.00am Mass – Mary Riley
Memorial of St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor and Virgin

Tuesday 16th **NO MASS**
*Optional Memorial of St. Hedwig, Religious
Optional Memorial of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin*

Wednesday 17th **9.15am – Class Mass** in Church all welcome
Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Thursday 18th **NO MASS**
Feast of St Luke, Evangelist

Friday 19th 9.00am - Mass – Harry and Sheila Williams
*Optional memorial of Ss. John De Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs
Optional Memorial of St Paul of the Cross, Priest*

Saturday 20th 5.30pm - Reconciliation/Confessions
6.00pm – Mass – Margaret McDermott
*Optional Memorial of St. Edward the Confessor, King
Vigil of Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

Sunday 21st 11.00am – Mass – Parishioners
Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Our Lady and St. Philomena

Sunday 14th 9.30am - Mass – Rosanna Thomas
3.00pm - Prison Mass
Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Monday 15th **NO MASS**

Tuesday 16th 9.15am - **Class Mass** in Church all welcome

Wednesday 17th 7.00pm – Mass – Pat Morrison (RIP)

Thursday 18th 9.15am – Mass – James Cooney (RIP)

Friday 19th **NO MASS**

Sunday 21st 9.30am - Mass – Robert Parle
3.00pm - Prison Mass

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time World Mission Day
