


# PARISHES OF HOLY NAME AND OUR LADY & SAINT PHILOMENA

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**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 2nd August 2020**

## **Father Kevin's Desk**

This weekend will be the first time those who have been shielding for over four months will eventually be allowed a little more freedom. I am sure we all recognise that this horrendous virus has affected everyone but perhaps we do not always appreciate how severely it has affected some people more than others. For those living alone and shielding and without the use of the internet the days must have been extremely long with an ever increasing sense of isolation. Hopefully even with the continued threat, future lockdowns will not prove so severe and as we continue to share our experiences, it would be great if we as 'church' may have learned some valuable lessons and be even better prepared to help those most vulnerable in the future.

In light of these very strange and challenging months and given how bad the situation remains in some countries, St. Paul provides us with some spiritual wisdom and much needed encouragement in today's second reading;

***Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothing, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.***

***For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

What an incredibly powerful statement this is. St. Paul however is not simply expressing a theological statement he is speaking from the heart and from his own very personal experiences. Since his conversion to Christianity and becoming a leader he has had many hardships to endure which he states in his second letter to the Corinthians, these include; being in prisoned many times, being whipped three times by the Romans and five times receiving thirty nine lashes from the Jewish courts, he was once stoned in the streets, was shipwrecked three times even spending twenty four hours in the water, in addition to many other setbacks and challenges.

God certainly did not make it easy for him and nor for us at times, however, Paul remained resolute despite the hardships or crosses and viewed them all as a means of growing closer to

Christ. May we likewise grow through our sufferings and remain steadfast like St. Paul that we too will not allow **anything to ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.....Amen.**

**God Bless Father Kevin**

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## First Holy Communion

It was with great sadness that this year's First Holy Communion had to be postponed due to the Coronavirus. At this present time with current restrictions for Church attendance and my departure at the end of the month, I am unable to confirm precisely when they will take place.

Fr. John Hindley who is replacing me on the 1st of September will no doubt be able to decide how best to proceed as the schools re-open and please God there are no further spikes in cases. I wish all the families involved in this year's Holy Communion every blessing for their Sacred day and beyond.

**Fr. Kevin**

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## Thank You

To Margo Dwyer who is a parishioner of Our Lady & St Philomena and who has for the last two years given three pounds a week for flowers, we are very grateful Margo.

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## Baptism Certificates

If you require a baptism certificate for a school application please contact the parish office [holyname@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:holyname@rcaol.org.uk) or 0151 476 0289; providing details of your child's name, place and date of baptism, your telephone number and postal address so that the certificate can be sent to you.

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## Catholic Pictorial – Latest edition

The August edition of the Catholic Pictorial is now available, bringing you news from across the Archdiocese. Please click [here](#) to read.

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## Priest's holidays

Fr. Thomas is on the second week of his two week break, so please note the reduction in Masses. When Fr. Thomas returns on Sunday 9th August I will be away for the following two weeks returning for my final week on Monday 24th August. **Fr. Kevin.**

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## Fr Kevin's leaving gifts and donations for CAFOD



On Sunday 30th August, I will be leaving Our Lady and St Philomena and Holy Name following 11 very happy years! Some parishioners who are able, like to give priests a gift before they move on, as a mark of gratitude, but can I please ask anyone who is contemplating giving me a gift to make a donation to CAFOD instead.

CAFOD have launched a new appeal called 'Summer of Hope' which is part of the disaster emergency appeal for people in poorer countries who, as we have seen on TV, are in desperate

need of help especially because of this pandemic. The difficulties we face in England we know are real, but for so many families in other countries without a decent health care system or financial support, they are in an utterly hope-less situation. Colette Byrne, our local CAFOD representative in Liverpool, has set up a 'JustGiving' page on my behalf.

This summer, like never before, we are called to be signs of hope for our world. Your action for hope can mean fewer families have to ask: how do I keep my child safe if we don't have water for hand-washing?

Many thanks, Fr Kevin McLoughlin

The link to 'JustGiving' page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ourladystphilomenaholyname>  
The link is also on the parish website.

Donations can also be made by phone, post or via the parish office.

To donate to CAFOD by phone: 0303 303 3030

To donate to CAFOD by post: CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7JB

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## Parish website – Additions this week

The parish website is updated regularly throughout the week, additions this week include:

- New prayer resources from the Archdiocese of Liverpool:
  - Reflection for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, also available as an audio download. Please click [here](#) to view or listen
  - Readings for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Please click [here](#) to view
  - Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism – a resource that can be used to help families reflect on the sacrament in these times when it is difficult to offer preparation as we may have done pre-pandemic. Please click [here](#) to read
  - 10 easy ways to share faith with your child as they grow. Please click [here](#) to read
  - What sort of church do we want? Please click [here](#) to view
  - Nugent's latest 'Let's stay in touch' newsletter. Please click [here](#) to read
  - Nugent's latest 'Signpost' newsletter for the deaf community. Please click [here](#) to read
- The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (2nd August) E-Missalettes



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## Offertory envelopes

The majority of gift aid offertory envelopes have been hand delivered. The remaining offertory envelopes (both gift aid and non-gift aid) are available for collection after Mass. A separate table will be set aside to safely distribute envelopes. For your own safety please sanitise your hands before and after collecting your box of envelopes. If your box is missing, or you wish to start using envelopes please contact the parish office on 0151 476 0289 or [holyname@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:holyname@rcaol.org.uk). Please note your box number may have changed, this is okay.

***We remember in our prayers those who have died recently: Anna Fessey, Irene Hartless, Marcella Owens, Dave Rankin, Joan Common, Gilbert Corke, Anne Murphy, Ann Fitzgibbon, (Baby) Albie Cooper, Joseph Stone, Anne Eagan, Ellen (Nellie) Cox, Margaret Dunn, Bishop Vincent Malone, Peter Jones, Nora Ellison, Elizabeth Doran, John Phelan, Christine Cavanagh, Mark Lynn, Catherine Young, Rose Anne Cowan, Margaret Rita Woods, **May they rest in peace*****

**Mass Times, Services & Intentions**  
**Saturday 1st August – Sunday 9th August 2020**

		<b><u>Holy Name</u></b>
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	5.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
	6.00pm	Mass (Cullen Family)
Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor		
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	11.00am	Mass (Dave Rankin)
<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>		
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Mass (Joan Moran, steady recovery)
	Memorial of St John Vianney, Priest	
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Mass (Brian Robinson)
	Optional Memorial Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</b>		
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Mass (Mary Molly Murphy, RIP)
	Optional Memorial of St Sixtus II, Pope and his Companions, Martyrs	
	Optional Memorial of St Cajetan, Priest	
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	5.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
	6.00pm	Mass (Parishioners)
Memorial of St Dominic, Priest		
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	11.00am	Mass (Pat Clarke, RIP)
<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>		

		<b><u>Our Lady &amp; St Philomena</u></b>
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	9.30am	Mass (Parishioners)
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Crematorium service – Anna Fessey</b>	
	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	7.00pm	Mass (Deacon Terry Gilvin, RIP)
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Mass (Kenny Douglas, RIP)
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Funeral Service - Irene Hartless</b>
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Mass (Molly O'Dowd)

**When coming to Church for a Mass or funeral, a face covering must be worn.**

**The number of mourners at a funeral remains limited to a maximum of 30, and to maintain social distancing, only invited family and friends should attend the funeral.**

For the time being, we will continue live streaming Mass regularly throughout the week for the benefit of those who are still shielding. Please see the parish Facebook page for the Mass times.