



HOLY NAME AND OUR LADY & ST. PHILOMENA PARISHES

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Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5th July 2020

Father Kevin's Desk

It was on Friday March the 20th when we last celebrated Mass with a congregation in our parish. Like everyone at that horrible time I remember feeling upset and very unsure about the future. I did however take some consolation in thinking that within a few weeks the whole thing might be over and that we could soon return to normal. As the weeks progressed it soon became obvious that this was not going to happen. It is always good to be hopeful but not so good to be naive. More than three months on and we are working hard to re-open our Churches for Holy Mass and other services. This is a very exciting time and although I would be lying if I said I wasn't nervous about it I am also really looking forward to seeing people back in church again, even though it will not be as it was before.

In order to open we need volunteers who are able to assist in ensuring all the rules and regulations regarding the social distancing, hygiene, etc. are carried out to the letter. Unlike all other business the church has no paid staff, and without trained volunteers we are not allowed to open. A risk assessment has to be carried out before any church can open. Thankfully we do have a team for both churches who will be available and Fr. Thomas and I are working with them to ensure we get everything right for next week.

I do hope that coming to Mass will not feel like a military operation but for the immediate future it will certainly feel a little odd. We need everyone's co-operation, patience and understanding as we navigate through these first challenging weeks. The Archbishop has reminded people who are shielding, not to come to Mass at this time and also anyone who is feeling anxious or unsure. The Sunday obligation is suspended so under these unusual circumstances no one should feel they have to attend Mass **and under no circumstances if you are feeling unwell.**

In addition as the seating allocation has been dramatically reduced because of social distancing it would be helpful if those able to attend Mass during the week don't attend on Sunday in order to give your place to someone else. **Everyone coming to Mass will need to wear a mask** and will be guided to a particular bench/seat which may not be the one you are used to. The Mass will be shorter as there is no singing and Holy Communion will be distributed at the very end of Mass following which you will leave the church immediately (not returning to your bench) or gathering in the porch etc. This is once again to keep everyone safe and minimise any chance of breaking the

social distancing rule. When you attend Mass everything will be explained so please do not worry and let us all praise the Lord that however different attending Mass may be for now it is a great gift and Blessing to be able to return.

Lord, we give thanks for the opportunity to re-open our Churches. Help us in all our endeavours to keep each other safe and to reduce any spread of this virus which has claimed so many innocent lives. May all our efforts lead to a total elimination of this virus so that we may be able to gather together with all our loved ones and friends and in greater numbers soon.....Amen.

God Bless Father Kevin

We remember in our prayers

We remember in our prayers those who have died recently and whose funerals are soon to take place.

Gilbert Corke (Funeral, Tuesday 7th July)

Joan Common (Funeral, Thursday 9th July)

Dave Rankin (Funeral, Monday 13th July)

The number of mourners at funerals remains limited, and to maintain social distancing, only invited family and friends should attend the funerals.

Cautious reopening of churches



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The Archdiocese of Liverpool has prepared a document and video that you may find helpful to read/view before going to church. To read the guidance document please click [here](#), and to watch the video please click [here](#).

They are also available on the parish website, Facebook page and Archdiocese website.

Live streaming of Mass

We plan to continue streaming one live Mass at either Our Lady & St Philomena or Holy Name each day. Please note our churches are not open for private prayer

Catholic chaplaincy - Vacancy

Are you interested in working with students for nine months at Liverpool Hope University as part of the Chaplaincy Team? Would you enjoy supporting students and staff on their journey of faith, liaising with faith societies and helping to plan retreats and other faith events? If so, this opportunity working for the Archdiocese of Liverpool might be just right for you!

Starting September 2020, the Catholic Chaplaincy Assistant would be required to work 20 hours per week until June 2021. The salary is £9.15 per hour, paid on a monthly basis.

Closing date: **Friday 17th July**

Informal enquiries should be directed to Fr Stephen Pritchard, on 0151 487 9372 or via email to pritchards@hope.ac.uk. Full details including a job description and application form are available at www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk or <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs>

New parish email address

Emails across the Archdiocese are being standardised, the new parish email address is holyname@rcaol.org.uk. Emails sent to the previous address (holyname@rcaolp.co.uk) will continue to be received and followed up

Our Lady and St. Philomena's parish group

This week we would like to offer special thanks to Joey Orrs in Walton Vale who have supplied many of our parishioners with a free hot meal - or more - through this lock down period. They have provided over 1,000 free meals during lockdown. We, as a group have nominated many local people for the Sunday roasts and they have all received them with gratitude! Thank you to Libby, Nicola, Paul and their team for the fantastic job they have done. We wish them lots of blessings and a safe reopening this weekend.

Our prayer intentions this week are:

- Monday For all those who have lost their jobs or whose jobs are threatened due to the pandemic
- Tuesday For people struggling with disabilities and all those who care for them
- Wednesday For all those who live alone
- Thursday For a safe return to our churches and for people to be sensible and patient
- Friday For all those estranged from families or loved ones. May they find a way back
- Saturday Our own intentions
- Sunday For priests and parishioners

Have a good week everyone. Stay safe, Allison

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 Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, also available as an audio download. Please click [here](#) to view or listen
 - Readings for the Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Please click [here](#) to view
 - Reflections to sustain and encourage in uncertain times – hope. Please click [here](#) to view
- Please click [here](#) to view all the prayer resources prepared by the Archdiocese of Liverpool
- The latest edition of the Churches Together in England. This month it focuses on social justice and the coronavirus. Please click [here](#) to read.
- The Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (5th July) E-Missalettes



We remember in our prayers those who have died recently: 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, Edward Crawford, George Chaderton, Bernard Joseph Riley, **May they rest in peace**

Mass Times, Services & Intentions

Saturday 4th July – Sunday 12th July 2020

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| Saturday 4 th | Mass (<i>Margaret Swinburn</i>) Mass (<i>Parishioners</i>) |
| Sunday 5 th | Mass (<i>Rebecca Carroll</i>) Mass (<i>Stephen Frackleton</i>) |
| Monday 6 th | Mass (<i>Edward Grant</i>) |
| Tuesday 7 th | Mass (<i>Sharon Bond</i>) Mass (<i>Danny Smith</i>) |
| Thursday 9 th | Mass (<i>Charles Clark, RIP</i>) |

Holy Name

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| Saturday 4 th | NO MASS <i>Optional Memorial of St Elizabeth of Portugal. Our Lady on Saturday</i> |
| Sunday 5 th | NO MASS FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME |
| Monday 6 th | NO MASS <i>Optional Memorial of St Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr</i> |
| Tuesday 7 th | NO MASS 10.00am Funeral service – Gilbert Corke |
| Wednesday 8 th | 10.00am Mass (<i>Phyllis Moakes, RIP</i>) |
| Thursday 9 th | NO MASS 11.45am Funeral service – Joan Common <i>Optional Memorial of St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Martyr and Companions, Martyrs</i> |
| Friday 10 th | 10.00am Mass (<i>Dave Rankin</i>) |
| Saturday 11 th | 6.00pm Mass (<i>Parishioners</i>) Feast of St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe. Day for Europe |
| Sunday 12 th | 11.00am Mass (<i>Jose Ramos Estabillo, 2nd anniversary</i>) Sea Sunday FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME |

Our Lady & St Philomena

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| Saturday 4 th | NO MASS |
| Sunday 5 th | NO MASS |
| Monday 6 th | NO MASS |
| Tuesday 7 th | NO MASS |
| Wednesday 8 th | NO MASS |
| Thursday 9 th | 10.00am Mass (<i>Thomas Disley, RIP</i>) |
| Friday 10 th | 10.00am Mass (<i>Patricia MacGowan, RIP</i>) |
| Sunday 12 th | 9.30am Mass (<i>Pat Paxton</i>) |