



PARISHES OF HOLY NAME AND OUR LADY & SAINT PHILOMENA

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 19th July 2020

Father Kevin's Desk

It is just over a week since our churches re-opened and thank God it all appears to be going well. Thank you to our volunteers and for everyone doing their best to maintain social distance. In our efforts to get everything right it is vitally important that we follow the instructions to the letter. And as returning to Mass becomes more regular we also must avoid following old or familiar habits until it is safe to do so. I would like to emphasise three specific points which we must always observe;

- 1) Ensuring you give your name and telephone number when you arrive to help in the need for Track & Trace.**
- 2) Wait to be seated and do not go to your usual seat (to avoid confusion).**
- 3) Exit the church quietly immediately following Holy Communion and avoiding the temptation of gathering around the doors for conversation.**

It is obviously going to take some time to become completely familiar with the new way of doing things but until the virus has gone we each of us must do everything we can to keep each other safe.

This weekend marks the beginning of the School holidays. Had the virus not happened we would have celebrated several School Masses last week and given thanks for all the hard working staff, governors and everyone associated with our schools; despite being denied this usual opportunity I would like to express my personal gratitude to Mrs Radford and to all involved with the care and wellbeing of our children. During these very difficult months our staff have done an exceptional job and on behalf of all our families in the parish I would like to thank each and every one of you. It is a source of sadness to me personally that I was not able to celebrate the end of year with you especially as I will not be here in September when hopefully schools return. I do however hope to pop back to say a formal goodbye and to express my gratitude for the past 11 years at some stage when life has become a little more normal. In the meantime I

do hope that everyone will have the opportunity for a break and a rest during the next few weeks.

Speaking about leaving, 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 just launched a new campaign 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.

Collette who is our Cafod co-ordinator is next week setting up a 'Just Giving Page' which will be communicated on our parish website and in next week-ends newsletter.

Donations can also be given in the traditional way via the parish collection.

God bless
Father Kevin

Parish Income Post-Lockdown

Parish Income: Message for those able to help

As we are sure you are all aware, since lockdown 15 weeks ago the parish has had no income but we still have most of the usual bills to pay.

As the Church is now cautiously re-opening we would be very grateful if those parishioners who **have not been effected financially during this time** when you do return to Church would be kind enough to bring any envelopes or donations you may have been saving from previous weeks.

We would like to stress that this message applies only to those who have not been effected financially during this crisis as sadly so many families are facing very challenging times ahead.

Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes will be available **after Mass** in the week commencing 20th July. 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.

Standing Orders

Given these recent extraordinary circumstances, setting up a standing order is clearly one of the best ways to support your parish financially. If you would like to do this, please email holyname@rcaol.org.uk or telephone 0151 476 0289, and we will send you a standing order form. Please let us know whether it is for Holy Name or Our Lady & St Philomena's. Please provide a postal address if you want the form posted, rather than emailed.

Please return the completed form to the parish office, or directly to your own bank. If returned to your own bank, please let us know, or provide a copy of the form so that

everything is recorded correctly. If requested, please use your name as a reference. The details on the form can be used to set up a standing order via on-line banking (the full parish name is required).

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Provided that we are well and able, Catholics are obliged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year during the Easter Season, but a more frequent practice is strongly encouraged. For many weeks now, the faithful have been deprived of the opportunity to receive the Lords' forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but as we begin our cautious reopening, we are keen to welcome people back to celebrate the sacrament safely.

Both Father Kevin and Father Thomas will be available upon request to hear confessions with social distancing in effect. They will also be available, at the usual time prior to the Saturday Vigil Mass to celebrate the Sacrament. The priest will wear a visor and sit at a right angle to the penitent who will be required to wear a mask to ensure their safety.

Catholic Pictorial – Latest edition

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

Synod 2020 – A message from the Synod team

When we set off on our Synod journey with the words '*Together on the Road*', we never imagined what God had in store for us. The last few months have been unexpected and they have taught us all that the road has many twists and turns on it and, as the Synod journey continues, God is calling us to listen, often in new and exciting ways.

Archbishop Malcolm has issued a video message and a revised Synod timetable has been published. Our Synod weekend will now take place on 18, 19, and 20 June 2021. You can watch the message and find full details of the changes on the Synod 2020 website: synod2020.co.uk

Woodlands Hospice Annual Forget-Me-Not Campaign

If you can't get out for all the right reasons at the moment our new and exciting online virtual forget-me-not meadow means that you can still dedicate a forget-me-not flower in memory of a loved one and help the hospice without leaving your home. Please help us fill our field with flowers along with a photo and message for your loved ones.

<https://www.woodlandshospice.org/forget-me-not-2020>

Alternatively you can dedicate one of our beautiful metal Forget-me-not flowers which will go out on display and help Woodlands Hospice continue to improve the lives of our patients and supporting their families. To dedicate a flower visit <http://bit.ly/2U1D72h> or call Carole Riley, Individual Giving Manager on 07801 482157 for her to send you out a form to complete. Additionally, you can call Woodlands Hospice on 0151 529 2630 to dedicate a flower over the phone and pay by card and have the flower posted out to you.

Our Lady & St Philomena Catholic Primary School

Our Lady & St Philomena's Catholic Primary School are looking for a Mid-Day Assistant to help supervise pupils over lunch time. The hours are 12:00 - 13:00 daily starting in September 2020 Please contact the school office on 0151 525 8552 or via email at philomenas-ao@ourlady-st-philomenas.liverpool.sch.uk for further information or to express an interest in the post.

Our Lady & St Philomena's Church Flowers

We would be very grateful for volunteers to undertake the flower arranging, on a weekly basis at St Philomena's. This would involve the purchasing of flowers, with a limited budget, and the arrangement of displays for Sunday Mass and various liturgies throughout the year. Professional experience is not required. If you are happy to volunteer please contact the parish office at holyname@rcaol.co.uk or by telephone on 0151 476 0289. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

Parish Prayer Intentions for the Coming Week

Monday - for happy and safe holidays for children and school staff.

Tuesday - for people to receive the medical care and treatment that they need and for trials to begin again.

Wednesday - prayers of thanksgiving that our churches are open and the joy of meeting and chatting to people after Mass.

Thursday - that a vaccine for Covid-19 may be found.

Friday - for those who feel alone and that God may send what they need.

Saturday - for our own intentions.

Sunday - for priests and parishioners.

Thank you

To Father Kevin and all parishioners,
Thank you for all the prayers and support during Dave's final weeks.
My love to you all
Cathy Rankin

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

Mass Times, Services & Intentions

Sunday 19th July - Sunday 25th July 2020

Holy Name

Saturday 18th	5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Angela Campion
<i>Vigil Mass for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
Sunday 19th	11.00am	Holy Mass	Parishioners
<i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
Monday 20th	10.00am	Holy Mass	Rita Murphy
<i>Optional Memorial of St Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr</i>			
Tuesday 21st	10.00am	Holy Mass	John 'Gerry' Brennan
<i>Optional Memorial of St Laurence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor</i>			
Wednesday 22nd		No Mass	
<i>Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene</i>			
Thursday 23rd	10.45am	Requiem Mass	Marcella Owens (RIP)
<i>Feast of Saint Brigid, Patron of Europe</i>			
Friday 24th	10.00am	Holy Mass	Christina D'Souza (RIP)
<i>Optional Memorial of St Shabel Makhluf, Priest</i>			
Saturday 25th	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Alan Houghton
<i>Vigil Mass for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			
Sunday 26th	11.00am	Holy Mass	Parishioners
<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>			

Our Lady & St Philomena

Sunday 19th	9.30am	Holy Mass	Maureen Pe Jeses
Monday 20th		No Mass	
Tuesday 21st	10.00am	Holy Mass	Rita Gibbons
Wednesday 22nd	10.00am	Holy Mass	John Lowe
Thursday 23rd	10.00am	Holy Mass	Brian Robinson
Friday 24th	10.00am	Holy Mass	Joe Flaherty
Sunday 25th	9.30am	Holy Mass	Anna Allmark

When attending 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 consult the parish Facebook page for the Mass times.