



PARISHES OF HOLY NAME AND OUR LADY & SAINT PHILOMENA

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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 23rd August 2020

Father Thomas's Desk

I recently came into possession of a Papal Blessing signed by Pope Saint John Paul II, commemorating my late grandparents silver wedding anniversary in 1982. Once I have it reframed, I intend to hang it alongside the Papal Blessing that I received on the day of my First Mass, signed by Pope Francis in 2019.

These blessings reminded me of the blessing that is the Papacy. For 2000 years, some 266 Bishops of Rome have steered the Church through treacherous waters, preserved unity, and kept its focus on Christ our Saviour. Although there have been some controversial holders of the office that Jesus established, it is nonetheless a great gift, by which Christ's saving work continues today in His Church.

Let us pray this weekend in a special way, for His Holiness the Pope, that he may be filled with the Holy Spirit and given all the graces that he needs for the momentous responsibility of governing the Church in our times.

“You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give to you the keys of heaven”. (*Mt* 16, 18)

May God bless you and your families.

Father Thomas

A message from Father Kevin

I am returning this Sunday evening following my 2 weeks away which I spent at my brother John's parish with my sister Margaret, who because of shielding I had been unable to visit indoors until recently. Despite her dementia continuing to deteriorate Margaret is reasonably well and I am very grateful for your continued prayers for her. It has been really special spending this time together.

I now return for my final week with you and it is very unfortunate not to be able to celebrate a final Mass together as would normally have happened. I am however celebrating a few extra Masses this week to give anyone who wishes to the opportunity to say farewell. I will also endeavour (weather permitting) to come outside after Mass (socially distance of course) to see you.

Due to the current restrictions and our strict observance of places in Church could I please appeal to those attending during the week not to come at the weekend. With limited capacity we do not want to turn anyone away but we will have no choice. By attending during the week you are effectively helping others who can only attend at the weekend.

In my final Fr. Kevin's desk next week I will also give you an update of how you have helped CAFOD with your generosity as I move on. I have a sneaking suspicion that this could be an emotional week ahead. God Bless,

Masses celebrated by Father Kevin this week

Following Fr Kevin's message about his final week, see below are the Masses that Fr Kevin will celebrate or be present at this week.

Holy Name

Monday 24th August at 10.00am
Wednesday 26th August at 10.00am
Friday 28th August at 7.00pm
Saturday 29th August at 6.00pm
Sunday 30th August at 11.00am

Our Lady & St Philomena

Tuesday 25th August at 10.00am
Wednesday 26th August at 7.00pm
Friday 28th August at 10.00am
Sunday 30th August at 9.30am

Masses live streamed this week

For the benefit of those who are still shielding, the following Masses will be live streamed this week:

Sunday 23rd August at 11.00am at Holy Name
Wednesday 26th August at 7.00pm at Our Lady & St Philomena
Sunday 30th August at 9.30am at Our Lady & St Philomena



Congratulations and welcome

Congratulations to Amara Grace Wilson who recently celebrated the sacrament of baptism. We are delighted to welcome Amara into our faith community.

Supporting adults living with the loss of a child or sibling

A Message from 'Care for the Family'

Dear Friend

Are you supporting people grieving the loss of a child, brother or sister?

Supporting people who have lost a child, or a brother or sister can be one of the hardest aspects of pastoral work, so we wanted to let you know about our special online support events taking place in 2020.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we're not currently able to run our face-to-face events. However we know that bereaved people are desperate for support, so these online events will offer understanding and encouragement to any parent or adult sibling who has suffered the death of a son or daughter, brother or sister, in any circumstances and at any age.

Dates for these online events are:

Saturday 19th September – Bereaved adult siblings

Saturday 10th October – Bereaved parents

Saturday 7th November – Bereaved parents

Saturday 21st November – Bereaved parents

For further details and how to book, please see the 'Care for the Family' website at

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk>

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 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, also available as an audio download
 - Readings for the Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - School of prayer; this series will enable people to explore different ways of praying. Session 2, an exploration of Lectio Divina
- All can be accessed/downloaded at <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/>
- The Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (23rd August) E-Missalettes



We remember in our prayers those who have died recently: Tony Brennan, Dennis Menezes, Joseph Furmedge, Frances McPartland, Charles O'Connell, Mary Price, 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, **May they rest in peace**

Mass Times, Services & Intentions

Saturday 22nd August – Sunday 30th August 2020

		<u>Holy Name</u>
Saturday 22nd	5.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Veronica Bullen, RIP)
Memorial of the Queenship of Mary		
Sunday 23rd	11.00am	Mass (Parishioners)
TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Monday 24th	10.00am	Mass (Brenda Lewis)
	Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle	
Tuesday 25th	10.00am	Mass (Pat Gallagher, recently deceased)
	Optional Memorial of St Louis, King Optional Memorial of St Joseph Calasanz, Priest	
Wednesday 26th	10.00am	Mass (Joan Malick)
	Memorial of Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Mother of God	
Thursday 27th	NO MASS	
Memorial of St Monica		
Friday 28th	7.00pm	Mass (Mary Godfrey) [Note, change of time]
	Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor	
Saturday 29th	5.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Parishioners)
Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist		
Sunday 30th	11.00am	Mass (Brian Homan, sick)
	TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	

		<u>Our Lady & St Philomena</u>
Sunday 23rd	9.30am	Mass (Collette Lundon)
Monday 24th	NO MASS	
	10.30am	Requiem Mass – Joseph Furmedge
Tuesday 25th	10.00am	Mass (Nellie Cox, RIP)
Wednesday 26th	7.00pm	Mass (Holy Souls)
Thursday 27th	10.00am	Mass (Nora Ellison)
Friday 28th	10.00am	Mass (Joseph Stone)
Sunday 30th	9.30am	Mass (Ellen Sutherland, RIP)

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.