





PARISHES OF HOLY NAME AND OUR LADY & SAINT PHILOMENA

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 9th August 2020

Father Kevin's Desk

'Jesus sent them out ahead of him'.....

This week I decided it was time to begin the dreaded packing, not just for my two weeks away, but for my final move. Packing up, following eleven years here is obviously a challenge not simply because of the work involved but because it makes the reality of leaving a lot more real. Moving is an integral aspect of life for all priests but unlike most people who decide to move house, they do so to a house and location they have personally chosen, we on the other hand are in effect 'sent' because this is the nature of our call and how Jesus instructs his disciples.

He sent them out ahead of him (Mk 6:7). I think this is the best way of interpreting each move we are asked to make in our priestly ministry. When a secular priest is ordained it is to serve the people of God within their own Diocese and it is the Bishop's responsibility to assign each priest for the greater good of the Diocese. Thankfully these days this involves much more consultation and dialogue than in the past.

That said, I recall sixteen years ago receiving the shock news of being asked to move but not just within the Diocese, to Spain, to serve at the English College in Valladolid. At that point I had never even been to Spain and likewise had never visited the college and it certainly wasn't where I would have chosen to go, however, being 'sent,' is a good way of understanding our mission as priests.

It means accepting and trusting that the Holy Spirit is the one guiding the Bishop as he makes so many unenviable decisions especially with fewer and fewer priests. I also believe that being 'sent' despite the obvious challenges and even reservations can be quite liberating because not being one's own initiative it demands trust in Jesus who promises to accompany us every step of the way.

Thankfully I have been incredibly blessed in all the various appointments I have had since leaving my retail career twenty eight years ago. I am very grateful to God for the many wonderful experiences and the privilege of meeting so many fantastic people along the way who have given me such great support and made me feel so welcome. I know that during this time of transition I can rely on your prayers that this will continue as I take up my new appointment in Holy Family Southport in three weeks' time.

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for your constant kindness, your unfailing love, your ceaseless provision for all our needs.

We thank you for your mercy, your forgiveness, your amazing grace offered to us in Jesus your Son.

We thank you for the joy, the hope and the life given to us in him....Amen.

(N. Fawcett)

God Bless Father Kevin

Mass at St Philomena on Wednesday

Due to prior commitments the Mass at Our Lady & St Philomena on Wednesday will be at 10am

Priest's holidays

Fr. Kevin begins his two week break this Sunday, so please note the reduction in Masses.

Redemptorist Publications – Pilgrimage

Redemptorist Publications led by Father Denis McBride C.Ss.R, invite you to travel with them to the dusty roads of the Camino, the lush fields of the Malvern Hills to the Holy Land's, Via Dolorosa – all from the comfort of your own home. They hope their new newsletter initiative, Christian Compass (the first of these to feature stories from the Camino from the author Johnnie Walker), may inspire you to think about setting off on your own pilgrimage one day.

However, they also appreciate many of you are physically unable to embark on such an undertaking and so they will endeavour to send you emails that will always intrigue, inspire and fascinate, to help boost your 'prayer miles' and aid you on, if not a physical voyage, a spiritual journey. For further details available at <https://www.rbbooks.co.uk/>

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

Fr Kevin's leaving donations for CAFOD - Envelopes



On Sunday 30th August, Father Kevin will be leaving Our Lady & St Philomena and Holy Name.

A number of parishioners have asked for envelopes to be made available for donations to CAFOD, and these will be available with the newsletter this weekend.

The link to 'JustGiving' page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ourladystphilomenaholyname> also remains available.

Vacancy – Parish Administrator, Warrington

An opportunity is available for a highly skilled and experienced administrator to work in the parish office at All Saints Presbytery working closely with the parish priest, Fr Gordon Abbs This is a part time, permanent post to be worked Monday to Friday, 10am to 2pm.

The role covers the parishes of St Catherine of Siena, All Saints and St Lewis, and is based at All Saints Presbytery, High Street, Golborne, Warrington WA3 3BG. Salary £10,816.00 per annum, 5 weeks holiday and pension scheme are available. **Closing date: Friday 21 August 2020.**

Interviews may be conducted via 'Zoom'. To apply, visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs
Alternatively, ring 0151 522 1102 for an application pack

Baptism Certificates

If you require a baptism certificate for a school application please contact the parish office 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.

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 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, also available as an audio download
 - Readings for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - What sort of church do we want? A church of compassion
 - More articles and video clips in 'Life During Lockdown'



- All can be accessed/downloaded at <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/>
- The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (9th August) E-Missalettes

We remember in our prayers those who have died recently: 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, John Phelan, Christine Cavanagh, Mark Lynn, Catherine Young, Rose Anne Cowan, ***May they rest in peace***

Mass Times, Services & Intentions

Saturday 8th August – Sunday 16th August 2020

		<u>Holy Name</u>
Saturday 8th	5.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
	6.00pm	Mass (Parishioners)
Memorial of St Dominic, Priest		
Sunday 9th	11.00am	Mass (Pat Clarke, RIP)
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Monday 10th	NO MASS	
Feast of St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr		
Tuesday 11th	10.00am	Mass (For students receiving GCSE and A level exam results)
Memorial of St Clare, Virgin		
Wednesday 12th	NO MASS	
Optional Memorial of St Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious		
Thursday 13th	NO MASS	
Optional Memorial of Ss Pontianus, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs		
Friday 14th	NO MASS	
	10.00am	Funeral Service – Charles O’Connell
Memorial of St Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr		
Saturday 15th	5.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
	6.00pm	Mass (Philomena (Phillis) Smith, RIP)
Our Lady on Saturday		
Sunday 16th	11.00am	Mass (Michael Wyche, anniversary)
SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		
<u>Our Lady & St Philomena</u>		
Sunday 9th	9.30am	Mass (Molly O’Dowd)
Monday 10th	10.00am	Mass (Colin Rimmer, RIP)
Tuesday 11th	NO MASS	
Wednesday 12th	10.00am	Mass (Joanne & William Sweeney, RIP)
Thursday 13th	NO MASS	
Friday 14th	NO MASS	
Sunday 16th	9.30am	Mass (Parishioners)

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.