



7 February 2021

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B)

The whole town came crowding around the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another. (Mark 1: 33)

Faith in Focus

Sign of things to come

‘Life is but a breath and my eyes will never again see joy.’ We can all sympathise with Job. He feels so downhearted that nothing seems worthwhile any more. And from time to time we can all end up asking what’s the point of life and whether it’s worth all the effort. We take our fair share of knocks and it’s easy to stay down rather than pick ourselves up and dust ourselves down.

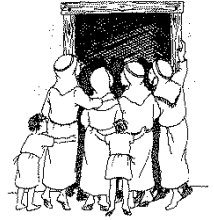
That’s why the cures that Jesus worked came as such a bombshell to a people that had grown cynical about life. St Mark tells us that from the outset of his ministry Jesus attracted large crowds eager to see him perform cures on those who were sick.

Of course, Jesus was no doctor. But it was as if, for the crowd, these miracles validated his preaching claims. Anyone can preach, but someone who can back up their preaching with healing is surely worth listening to. And for Jesus these cures were not the be-all and end-all of his mission. They were signs of something else: the setting up of the kingdom of God.

From the start Jesus never claimed any credit for these miracles. He was up-

front about where he got his power from: his Father. And it was his Father who had sent him to

inaugurate a new way of life, a new style of living according to the values of the kingdom which was about to come.



Two thousand years on the Church continues this mission of proclaiming the kingdom to a world that is often as weary as Jesus’s listeners. In the midst of war, scandal, opposition and sheer human frailty we keep in mind that we are not trying to compete with other agencies, with governments or lifestyle promoters. Our message is radically different from any other. It says that God intends us to live in a way that puts others first, that thrives on self-sacrifice after the fashion of Christ and that has no time for the self-centred idealism of much of what advertisers and spin-doctors present us with today. For Christians are in the world but not of it. That’s because, warts and all, they are part of the kingdom of God. And as Jesus’s audience found out, despite the problems that each day might bring, the kingdom is very near.

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Parish Office at Holy Name: Open Monday,
and Wednesday to Friday from 9.00 am to
5.00 pm.

Baptisms: By prior arrangement. Please
see Father John or Father Thomas at
weekend Masses.

Confessions: Holy Name on Saturday from
5.30 pm, Our Lady & St Philomena on
Wednesday from 6.30pm or by request.
Currently suspended.

Funerals and Marriages: By arrangement.

Visits to sick and housebound: Currently
suspended.

Hospital Visits: If you wish to see a priest
please let the hospital staff know.

Mass Requests: Please complete the pre-
printed envelopes and place in the Mass
intention box or with weekly collection.
Please also specify the reason for the
intention, i.e. recently deceased, anniversary
etc. For a particular day, please request
early.

Newsletter Notices: Please e-mail to
holyname@rcaol.org.uk or hand in to the
Parish Office by Thursday morning.

Repository: Currently closed.

Parish Social Media

Facebook: HolyNameandStPhilomena

Instagram: [holynome_stphils](https://www.instagram.com/holyname_stphils)

Twitter: @holyphilomena

YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26>

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Your offerings this week total £980.87

Mass times

Due to Synod 2020 meetings, please
note the change of Mass times this week:

Wednesday 10th; Mass at Holy Name at
9.30 am and at St Philomena at 10.00 am

Thursday 11th; Mass at Holy Name at
9.30 am and at St Philomena at 10.00 am

Friday 12th; no Mass at St Philomena

Red Mission boxes

Thank you for your continued support of
Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. If
you feel safe doing so, please bring in
your boxes/donations during February.

Mass cards

News supplies of padded Mass cards
have been ordered and will arrive in the
next couple of weeks. Smaller Mass cards
are available at the back of church or from
the parish office.

Catholic Pic

A few printed copies of the Catholic Pic
are still available in church. A 'soft' copy
is also available on the parish website or
at <https://bit.ly/3cmeZRE>

St Philomena church

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of St Philomena church. We are starting to plan how to mark and celebrate this event. If you have any suggestions please email the parish office at holyname@rcaol.org.uk

Care for the Family: 'The Mum Show'

Care for the Family, a charity who provide excellent support for families has prepared a new online event '*The Mum Show*'. This is a twelve-part series on being a mum in today's world ... whatever that may look like.

Each 30 minute episode will feature honest conversations, moments of soul-searching, expert advice and even the occasional light-hearted digression.

The first episode, '*Parenting in a Pandemic*', is released on 8th February, after which you'll have access to the rest of the series. To book: <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/event/s/events-online-2>

Nugent 'Together' magazine

The latest edition of Nugent's '*Together*' magazine is available on the parish website or at <https://tinyurl.com/2rxmbguf>

The magazine provides updates on Nugent's fundraising and volunteer departments, and details on up-coming events.

It also includes articles on Nugent's commitment to diversity and inclusion, collaboration with Liverpool Hope University and updates to the community food market.

An Economy without Human Trafficking

On Tuesday 9th February from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm - '*An Economy without Human Trafficking*' with Sr Imelda Poole and Julie Bayton, facilitated by Liverpool J&P.

To register and help understand the issues of Human Trafficking: <https://jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk> or <https://www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk/>

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Archdiocese of Liverpool Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass will be celebrated online and broadcast on Thursday the 11th February 7.00 pm from Our Lady's, Lydiate. The Celebrant will be Fr Des Seddon.

To watch, use the link <https://tinyurl.com/yypxgs19> or use the CSTV link for Our Lady's Church <https://www.churchservices.tv/liverpool>

Right to Life: Fetal pain motion

Right to Life UK is asking Catholics to ask their MP to sign a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain.

Right to Life UK have created a simple tool to help you contact your MP www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion

Word for today

Whenever Jesus encountered suffering he always brought relief. This was a sign that he was establishing the kingdom of God on earth. In our prayer and worship today we ask for that healing presence of Christ and we renew our baptismal pledge to work for the coming of God's kingdom.

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 6 th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Mary Garforth (Recently deceased)
Sunday 7 th	9.30 am	St Philomena	People of our Parishes
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Maureen Riceputi (nee Burrows)
Monday 8 th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Pat (O'Neill) Meyer (Lately dead)
Tuesday 9 th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Brenda Lewis
	10.00 am	St Philomena	Anthony Clark
Wednesday 10 th	9.30 am	Holy Name	Pat Hodgson
	10.00 am	St Philomena	Patty Osbourne
Thursday 11 th	9.30 am	Holy Name	William Durr (RIP)
	10.00 am	St Philomena	Michael Cullen
	11.30 am	Holy Name	Funeral: John Platt, RIP
Friday 12 th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Alan Jones
	1.00 pm	Holy Name	Funeral: David Rimmer, RIP
Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 13 th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	People of our Parishes
Sunday 14 th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Margaret & Joseph Roache (Anniversary)
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Paul Green (12 year anniversary), RIP
COVID-19 Guidance			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When coming to Mass or a funeral, a face covering must be worn. • The number of mourners at a funeral is limited to a maximum of thirty, and to maintain social distancing, only invited family and friends should attend. 			
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently: Elizabeth Lewis, Eileen McQuaid, Canon Giles Goward, Elizabeth Bullock, David Rimmer, John Platt, Monica Matthews, John Carroll, Mary Lloyd, Maureen Riceputi (nee Burrows) May they rest in peace</p>			
Mass is uploaded daily to https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26			



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