



3 April 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light: can you not see it? (Isaiah 43:18-19)

Faith in Focus

Looking back?

Wiping the slate clean...forgiving and forgetting...turning over a new leaf....beginning again from square one.... We all know what these things mean but we find it hard to put them into practice.

First of all we have difficulty in forgetting what others have done to us, even if we have forgiven them. There's always that niggling raking-over of how we've been mistreated or taken advantage of. And in this sense our forgiveness becomes only partial.

Then we have difficulty in believing that God doesn't behave in the same fashion with us when we commit sin. Despite God's assurances, we still have a tendency to believe that we come to God with a "reputation" and that our past offences are somehow still lying on the record.

But when Jesus is confronted with the woman taken in adultery he makes it clear how God acts towards us. No one has condemned the woman and neither does he. He simply tells her to go away and not to sin any more.

Jesus's words are about the future, not the past. What's done is done and all that anyone can ever ask of us is not to repeat the same mistakes. And in

today's reading from Isaiah God tells us, "No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed".

A new deed. That's what happens when God grants pardon. God's forgiveness makes a completely new person of us since we are restored to the likeness of our maker. God's forgiveness is not about cobbling together the best of a bad bunch or botching up what is still usable. When God forgives he creates a brand new situation, a fresh opportunity, a vast horizon, a complete rehabilitation and a "new deed".

As we approach the last part of Lent we have the chance to come clean before God and to ask for the forgiveness that the gospel offers. Lent summons us to live in this passing world with our hearts set on the world that will never end. We do this in confidence, knowing that God is not here to condemn us but simply to say, "Forget the past and look to the future".



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Parish Office at Holy Name: Open Monday
to Friday from 9.00 am to 12.30 pm, and 1.30
pm to 5.00 pm.

Baptisms: By prior arrangement. Baptisms
take place on the 1st Saturday of the month at
11.00 am at St Philomena's, and 3rd Sunday
of the month at 11.00 am Mass at Holy Name.
Please see Father John at a weekend Mass.

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

Funerals and Marriages: By arrangement.

Visits to sick and housebound: Please
contact the parish office.

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 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: Open before and after Mass.



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Parish Social Media

Facebook: [HolyNameandStPhilomena](https://www.facebook.com/HolyNameandStPhilomena)

Twitter: [@holyphilomena](https://twitter.com/holyphilomena)

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

QR code



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to the Mass readings. If the QR
code does not work, download
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Google Play store.

Readings at Mass

1st reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

2nd reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Psalm Response: What marvels the Lord
worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Thank you

Your offerings this week total £808.32
and for Nugent £238.87

Baptism

Congratulations to Nova Rae M^cKenzie,
Amelia Lillie Hemmings, Esmé Elizabeth
Bird and Finnlay Paul Smith who
celebrate the sacrament of Baptism at Our
Lady & St Philomena on Saturday 2 April.

Easter Triduum

Mass on Holy Thursday will be at Holy
Name at 7.30 pm.

Good Friday service will be at Holy
Name at 3.00 pm.

Easter Vigil will be at St Philomena at
7.30 pm.

Easter Day Mass times as normal.

Easter Triduum: Readers

If you are interested in reading at the
Easter Triduum, please add your name to
the sign-up sheet in church/on noticeboard.

Numbers Galore

Numbers are 25 and 33. Double rollover.

A prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.

Amen

Reconciliation service

Our parish Lenten reconciliation service will be held at St Teresa's, Utting Avenue East, L11 3BW on Tuesday 12 April at 7.30 pm. All welcome. Father John and Father Carl will be hearing confessions.

Carrying of the Cross

The annual Carrying of the Cross takes place on Saturday 9 April at 2 pm. It starts from Church Street, passing along Bold Street and finishing at St Luke's Church. It will be followed by a short service.

For further information contact Jim Ross jimmy.ross7@gmail.com

Daffodil Flowers Project

The total raised to date is £383.67 and will be used to fund young people going to Lourdes. Thanks to Gary Lundon for designing and preparing the plaques.

Archdiocesan recruitment

The Archdiocese is recruiting a Retreat co-ordinator at Animate Youth Ministries.

For further details and to apply www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs

Liverpool Passion Play

This takes place at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral on Monday 11 April from 6.30 pm.

Using the Cathedral's architecture and artwork as a backdrop, the audience 'walk with Jesus' through his story, starting as a young boy, and witnessing his entry into Jerusalem, his betrayal by Judas, and his trial and crucifixion.

Entry is free, donations are welcome. For more information go to

<https://liverpoolcathedral.org.uk/events-calendar/the-liverpool-passion-plays-this-is-our-story/>

Ukrainian families

The sisters who live in St Philomena's have signed up to be willing to host two families from Ukraine.

Offertory envelopes

New offertory envelopes are available.

Envelopes 1 to 45 (35 at St Philomena) are for those who gift aid their donation.

Envelopes 46 and above (36 at St Philomena) are for those who do not gift aid their donation.

If you believe you are not in the right category or cannot find your envelope, please contact the parish office.

Catholic Pic

The latest edition of the Catholic Pic is available in church.

Word for today

We learn by our mistakes. But dwelling on the past prevents us from moving forward since it fails to look the present full in the face. God knows the sins of our past, but is much more concerned for us to grow into fullness of life. Accepting God's forgiveness and moving on is the first step in this process.

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Fifth Sunday of Lent			
Saturday 2nd	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Patrick Long (Anniversary)
Sunday 3rd	9.30 am	St Philomena	People of our Parishes
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Peter James Barnicle (Birthday remembrance - 90 years)
Monday 4th			No service
Tuesday 5th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Maureen Cassano, lately dead (Followed by Lenten exposition)
	1.30 pm	HMP Altcourse	Thomas M ^c Loughlin
Wednesday 6th	11.00 am	Holy Name	Requiem Mass: Francis (Frank) Reeves, RIP
	6.30 pm	St Philomena	Confessions until 6.50 pm
	6.30 pm	St Philomena	Stations of the Cross
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	David England (46 th anniversary) (Followed by Novena)
Thursday 7th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Maureen Scoggins, lately dead
Friday 8th	10.15 am	St Philomena	Requiem Mass: John Woods, RIP (Followed by Lenten exposition)
	7.00 pm	Holy Name	Stations of the Cross
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord			
Saturday 9th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	People of our Parishes
Sunday 10th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Maureen Conroy, RIP
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Doreen Fisher
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently: John Woods, Francis Reeves, Gerard Molyneux, David Atherton, Joan Faulkner May they rest in peace</p>			
Covid19 guidance: Face coverings are recommended, unless exempt or a child 11			
Mass is uploaded daily to https://tinyurl.com/yyto5d26			

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