

# Parish of Saint Julie Newsletter

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Newsletter for Week commencing Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – CYCLE A

<b>Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Luigi D'Orsi – Birthday Remembrance</b>
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	9.30 am 2.00 pm	The Holy Guardian Angels	Mary Quinn – Lately Dead Holy Rosary Group
Tuesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> October			
Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> October		St Francis of Assisi	
Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30 am	St Faustina	Val Campbell – Lately Dead
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> October		St Bruno, Priest	
Saturday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October	12.15-12.45 pm 1.00 pm	Our Lady of the Rosary	Confessions Baptisms
<b>Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Frank Billington – RIP</b>

**Sick** - Philip Akehurst, Sylvia Armitage, Peggy (Margaret) Atherton, Philip Bond, Sarah Bond, Luke Bryan, Vincent Carr, Pat Chapman, Patricia Chisnall, Imelda Cowley, Francis Curran, Ava Davidson, Gerada D'Orsi, Dennis Edmund, Jim Evans, Elaine Fairclough, Marjorie Fairhurst, Ellen Firth, Father Tom Gagie, John & Lily Glover, Grattan & Hilda Hamlett, Mary Hill, Jack Kelly, Shelagh Lowe, Will McDookin, Angela Monks, Rob Mudd, Margaret Murphy, Annie Plant, Beryl Pudifer, Tanya Rattigan, Nathan Sa Joe, Jean Sharkey, Patsy Shiel, Danny Singleton, Georgina Smith, Margaret and Frank Speakman, Stan Springford, Howard Thomas, Michael Twist, Marjorie Wills, Eden Rose Wilson, Baby Archie, Baby Callum James, and those suffering from Covid.

**Lately Dead** – Graham Ball, Val Campbell, John Chisnall, John Cowley, Jean Duffy, Maureen Eckley, Eric Prescott, Mary Quinn, Moira Smith

**Anniversaries** – Margaret Marjorie Briers, Mary Cunningham, Ken Ward

**Birthday remembrance** – Luigi D'Orsi

**Special Intentions** – People of Ukraine, those suffering from COVID 19.

**Baptisms on Saturday, 7 October** – We welcome into the Church Jacob Kevin Hall, Jacob Alan Ludden and Effie Annie Ludden.

**Weekly offertory** - Last weeks' collection was **£255.42**. Anyone wishing to donate directly into the bank the details are: 40 29 12 / 41545612. St Julies (206).

**Coffee Morning – Macmillan Cancer Support** – St. Julie's Mother & Toddler Group held a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September. **They raised £355.13**, and Irene Dillon won the hamper!

Thank you to all who helped, who supplied cakes and attended the event.

**St Julie Piety Shop** - New stock has arrived including Children's Birthday Cards, just **80p!** Also, if you want to spread the cost of Christmas ..., boxed cards, individual cards and a few Christmas decorations are available, all at reasonable prices, and support the finances of St Julies!

**SVP** – There will be a mass at 12 noon at St Teresa of Avila on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September. Bishop Tom Neylon will be celebrating along with other members of the Clergy. All members and anyone interested in the work of the SVP are welcome.

**Dementia Support Group** - next meeting **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - 1pm at St. Julie's Parish Hall**. It is an opportunity for Carers to meet up and gain emotional and practical support. Carers are more than welcome to bring along the person they care for. **Do you care for**, or have cared for someone with **memory problems**, then come along, you will be very welcome. For further information please contact Joan O'Hanlon on 07984 735590.

**St Helens Foodbank** – The foodbank is specifically asking for Cereal, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat, Instant Mash, Toiletries. Anything that you can donate is very welcome.

**The September edition of the Catholic Pic** is available to download here: [tinyurl.com/5hymvfem](http://tinyurl.com/5hymvfem)

**The Universe Catholic Weekly** – is available online by following this link: [Home - Universe Catholic Weekly](#)



# Our Faith on Sunday

## LITURGY

## 26th Sunday in OT (A)

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the  
bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:25-28

When the sinner renounces sin, he shall  
certainly live.

PSALM: Ps 24:4-9. R. V6

R) Remember your mercy, Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. (R)

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R)

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. (R)

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ  
Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jn 14:23  
If anyone loves me he will keep my word  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:28-32

He thought better of it and went. Tax  
collectors and prostitutes are making their  
way into the kingdom of God before you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: 1 Jn 3: 16

By this we came to know the love of God:  
that Christ laid down his life for us;  
so we ought to lay down our lives for  
one another.



## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Last Sunday's Gospel is a warning about judging how God chooses to reward through his mercy and forgiveness. Today's Gospel warns us about categorizing people into good and bad, acceptable or unacceptable, moral or immoral. If God does not judge them, then how can we dare to do so? Jesus, much to the disgust of the chief priests and the elders, the Scribes and the Pharisees – the respectable members of Jewish society – frequently associates with disreputable people. And why? Because, unlike us, Jesus does not judge by outward appearances, but sees into the soul of each person. He sees in the prostitutes and the tax collectors, the lowest of the low in most people's opinion, a depth and a beauty which 'respectable' people cannot see. And because he sees their inner beauty they feel loved and not judged, and therefore they feel free to respond to his love.

It is too easy for to make superficial judgments of others. Even the way someone dresses, or has their hair, can lead us to judge their character. Jesus

sincerely believed that everyone was a candidate for the kingdom of heaven and he treated them as potential residents of that kingdom. He made the effort to go beyond appearances and reputations to get to the heart of the person, to draw out of them the 'new person', as St Paul calls it, and bring them to a relationship with him and with the Father.

As Christians, we too must avoid making superficial judgements of others, and see the everyone as a candidate for the kingdom. It might mean that we too find ourselves sometimes in the company of 'disreputable' people, but we will also discover that hidden beauty in so many of God's children.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM  
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)

## A UNIVERSAL HORIZON

149. For a healthy relationship between love of one's native land and a sound sense of belonging to our larger human family, it is helpful to keep in mind that global society is not the sum total of different countries, but rather the communion that exists among them. The mutual sense of belonging is prior to the emergence of individual groups. Each particular group becomes part of the fabric of universal communion and there discovers its own beauty. All individuals, whatever their origin, know that they are part of the greater human family, without which they will not be able to understand themselves fully.

## Promise Of Good Things CHRIST BASIS OF FAITH

Therefore I did what I could as a man set on unity. God does not dwell where there is division and anger. The Lord forgives all who repent if they turn back to the unity of God and the advice of the bishop. I have faith in Jesus Christ, who will free you from all your chains.

But I urge you not to do anything in a spirit of divisiveness, but only according to the teaching of Christ. For I heard certain persons saying: 'If I do not find it in the

original documents of the Old Testament, then I do not believe it'. And when I told them that it is indeed in scripture, they answered: 'That is what we dispute'.

For me, however, the original documents are Jesus Christ, the sacred original documents are his cross, his death, his resurrection and the faith we have through him, and it is in these that I desire to be justified by your prayers.

*The Letters of Ignatius*







# PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

## **LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

For the current weeks readings and Saints please look at Liturgy Office [www.liturgyoffice.org.uk](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk) , *Universalis* (Liverpool/IOM) and The Liverpool Ordo. You can find additional saints' information on [https://www.catholicireland.net/saints\\_category/saints/](https://www.catholicireland.net/saints_category/saints/)

*NOTE: In light of feedback, we will be posting Archdiocesan related news, resources, and events in the bulletin. We are in the process of setting up a notice board on the website where other information can be housed.*

## **World Day of Migrants and Refugees**

The 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is celebrated on 24 September 2023 - the last Sunday of the month. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay'. The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It's always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. The Pope's message can be found here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-francis-message-for-the-world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees/> . This prayer is taken from the South African Catholic Bishops' Conference:

*Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness, your light may shine, and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn. Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow. Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries. Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.*

## **UPDATE FROM THE PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

### **Catholic Social Action**

During the last few weeks, I have been supporting staff and parishioners to think about how we can do more to support the environment. Last week was Africa Climate Week 2023, and it ran in parallel with the Africa Climate Summit. Many countries in Africa are suffering disproportionately from the climate crisis – being some of the lowest carbon emitters but experiencing the harshest impact of changing weather systems. Despite that, African leaders, including Catholic Bishops, seek to play their part. It is both humbling and challenging to reflect on the interconnected nature of climate change, and our disproportionate contribution to creating environmental crisis. During this Season of Creation, we are invited to reflect on what we can do as individuals, to care for God's creation.

*Pablo*

### **Training**

The month of September is always a busy month for trainers and educators. Over the summer I have been gathering information about resources and training courses from other dioceses that could be utilised to offer new training in our area. I'm excited to say that there will be a new course for Catechists coming very soon, there is a workshop for Group facilitators that is being rolled out in October and there are still places available for the Loyola Certificate in Pastoral Ministry. See below for more details.

*Elizabeth*



## **UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE**

### **• LOYOLA CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL MINISTRY – APPLY NOW**

We are now accepting applications for the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry run by Loyola University, Chicago. It is for anyone interested in beginning to support their church, as well as those who already are. Whether you're a Parish Secretary, a School Chaplain, a Catechist, a general helper or involved in any other form of Pastoral Ministry, this course could be for you. There are 10 modules and topics include:

- Theology and Ministry
- Scripture
- Catechesis
- Leadership

The course runs for **2 years (October 2023 – July 2025)** and requires a commitment of approximately 3-4 hours a week. The teaching format is flexible and is perfect for those with busy lives as well as for people with a little time on their hands. There is a cost of **£2,100** but it is possible to apply for funding, so please let me know if you'd like to discuss this. For more information, please visit: <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/departments/pastoral-development/loyola-certificate>

### **• VATICAN II LECTURES**

In collaboration with Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool Archdiocese is proud to announce a series of lectures that will take place between October and February exploring the 4 constitution documents of Vatican II. They will take place at Liverpool Hope University and will also be made available to people online. Tickets will be available shortly, but can I ask anyone who would be interested in attending to save the first date of the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and to contact Pastoral Development for further details: [pd@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:pd@rcaol.org.uk)

### **• RCIA COORDINATOR WORKSHOPS**

RCIA Coordinator workshops have begun. There are still 2 workshops taking place over the next few weeks. All Coordinators and Helpers welcome. It is an opportunity to catch up, share some interesting resources and discuss the year ahead.

- 25<sup>th</sup> September at 6.45pm: St Bede's Guild Hall, WA8 6EL
- 30<sup>th</sup> September at 11am: Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

To book your free place, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/rcia-coordinators-workshops>

### **• CAFOD Family Fast Day**

Family Fast Day is on Friday 6 October. There are collections in parishes or you can give directly here <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day>

### **• SEASONS of CREATION: 1<sup>st</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Season of Creation is when the Christian family unites for a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. Why not include Season of Creation issues in bidding prayers, have a harvest meal, or take a walk in a local park to appreciate nature. For information go to <https://seasonofcreation.org> / or ideas and support contact [p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk).

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- **SVP REDEDICATION MASS: Saturday 30 September**

The Mass is at 12 noon at St Teresa of Avila Church, Devon Street, St Helens, WA10 4ES. Bishop Tom Neylon, the SVP central council spiritual director for Liverpool, will be celebrating, alongside other clergy.

- **VACANCIES AT THE ARCHDIOCESE**

We are currently advertising a number of vacancies. If you're interested in working for the Archdiocese, you can find an up-to-date list of vacancies available here:

[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers)

## **RESOURCES AND EVENTS**

- **WORLD DAY of MIGRANTS and REFUGEES: 24 September 2023**

The theme for this year – “Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay” and the Holy Father’s message, echoes many of the principles found in the Bishops’ document on refugees and migrants published earlier in 2023 – Love the Stranger <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger/> This is a very useful resources and guidance on how we as Catholics respond to this challenging issue.

- **(CANTONESE) RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

We extend a warm invitation to individuals aged 18 and above who are interested in exploring and deepening their understanding of the Catholic faith. All fellow believers are also welcome to join us on this journey of Catholic faith. Period: 5th September 2023 – 19th May 2024.

The RCIA program consists of two components:

1. ZOOM Meetings: Tuesdays, 8-9:30 pm, throughout the program period; AND
2. Physical Gatherings: on 3rd Saturday of each month at the Metropolitan Cathedral, Christ the King (Mt. Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5TQ)

The language medium for the program is Cantonese. For Enquiry : 0740 3489931 (Flora)

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