

## Saint Julie - Mass Intentions

Newsletter for Week commencing Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

### SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> January	9.30 am	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God	John Traverse - Anniversary
Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	10.00 am 2.00 pm	St. Vincent	Requiem Mass for Pauline Lilian Wynn Holy Rosary Group - all welcome
Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> January			
Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> January		St. Francis de Sales, Bishop	
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 am	Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle	Ann Leonard - RIP
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January		SS. Timothy & Titus, Bishops	
Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup> January		St. Angela Merici	No Confessions
Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30 am	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Deceased Members of Carr & Marron Families

**Sick** - Philip Akehurst, Sylvia Armitage, Grace Bellard, Vincent Carr, Pat Chapman, Patricia Chisnall, Imelda Cowley, Francis Curran, Ava Davidson, Tony Devereux, Gerada D'Orsi, Dennis Edmund, Jim Evans, Elaine Fairclough, Marjorie Fairhurst, Ellen Firth, Father Tom Gagie, John & Lily Glover, Hilda Hamlett, Mary Hill, Jack Kelly, Will McDookin, Angela Monks, Brian O'Reilly, 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 Callum James, and those suffering from Covid.

**Lately Dead** – Myra Aisling, Pat Breen, Gerard Gilgannon, Peggy Gregson, Pauline Lilian Wynn

**Anniversaries** – Johanne Marie Hennigan, John Traverse

**Special Intentions** – Innocent people on both sides of the Israel/Gaza conflict, people of Ukraine.

**Weekly Offertory** – Last weeks' offertory was £278.73. Church bank details should anyone wish to set up a standing order directly into the bank, are Sort code 40 29 12 Acc. no 41545612. And remember that if you are a taxpayer, we can reclaim 25% on top of your donation if you have completed a Gift Aid form – available from the parish office.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** - Any young person in year 8 can register for Confirmation preparation at [www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk) Before March 15<sup>th</sup> 2024. Posters are on the notice board at the rear of the Church.

**Would you consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister** and take Holy Communion to those in the parish who cannot get to Mass? Or becoming a chaperone or driver to support the Eucharistic Ministers? This is a very rewarding ministry and means so much to the sick and housebound. You would not be required to distribute Holy Communion or lead Eucharistic services in church unless you wish to! Please contact Fr Michael to find out more.

**Appeal for Altar Servers** - We would love to see more boys and girls become **altar servers** in church. Anyone who has made their first Holy Communion can be a server.

**Directories** – There are Archdiocese of Liverpool 2024 Directories available from the Piety Shop. Priced at £4.00

**Used Religious Christmas Cards** – We are thinking of having a "Prayer Tree" next Christmas and need a Christmas tree and the fronts of religious Christmas cards to write prayers on. Please hand any into the office.

**A PANTOMIME:** This is a reference to a hoped-for production in St. Julies Hall at Christmas 2024. Two people have so far offered their services to form a parish social committee. They would welcome assistance from others. The brief of a parish social committee is to enhance the life of the parish community outside the liturgy. The idea of a parish pantomime has been floated for 2024. It's only an idea and would obviously take a great team effort to pull it off but the first stage is to form a social committee that can determine the feasibility of producing a pantomime, as well as other social events. If you would like to make a contribution to the parish in that way, please speak to Pat Ashcroft, Phil O'Connor, or the parish secretary.

**ST. HELENS SINGERS** – Are planning for this Christmas already and will be performing again in the Church this December with refreshments in the Hall. Watch out later in the year for details of this wonderful event!

Father Michael wishes to thank the St Helens Singers for their very kind donation from this years' performance, which will be put to the repairs to the Church.

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# Our Faith on Sunday

## LITURGY

### 3rd Sunday in OT (B)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Cf. Ps 95:1,6  
**O sing a new song to the Lord;  
 sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
 In his presence are majesty and  
 splendour,  
 strength and honour in his holy place.**

**FIRST READING:** Jonah 3:1-5. 10  
*The people of Nineveh renounce their evil  
 behaviour.*

**PSALM:** Ps 24:4-9.R.v4

**R) Lord, make me know  
 your ways.**

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.  
 In your love remember me,  
 because of your goodness, O Lord. (R)

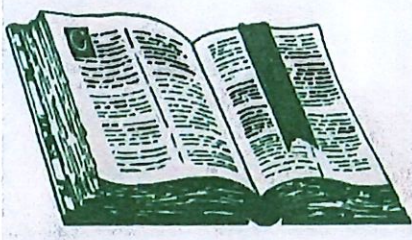
The Lord is good and upright.  
 He shows the path to those who stray,  
 he guides the humble in the right path;  
 he teaches his way to the poor. (R)

**SECOND READING:** I Corinthians 7:29-31  
*The world as we know it is passing away.*

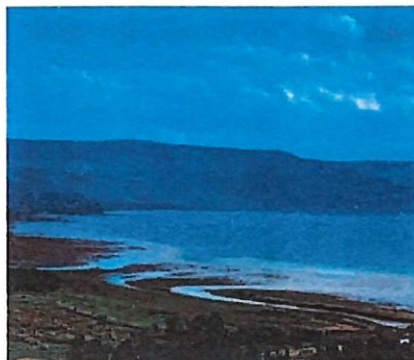
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Mk 1:15  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**The kingdom of God is close at hand;  
 believe the Good News.  
 Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** Mark 1:14-20  
*Repent, and believe the Good News.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Jn 8:12  
**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
 whoever follows me will not walk in  
 darkness,  
 but will have the light of life.**



## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Last week we heard John's version of how Simon and Andrew came to follow Jesus. This week we have Mark's version, which is more detailed and dramatic. This time, Jesus sees these fishermen as he walks along the by the Sea of Galilee. However, in both these accounts the men accept Jesus' call to follow him 'at once'. Such is the power of Jesus' presence that they don't stop to think through the consequences of giving up their livelihoods. They don't even ask what exactly is required of them. It would be reasonable to assume that their wives would have objected to their husbands packing in their jobs to follow this unknown person. It would be interesting to know what conversations went on between the former fishermen and their families. However, we are all called to follow Jesus in one way or another, and that usually requires making choices which are not shared by our friends or

family. It would be wrong for someone to abandon their wife and children, and certainly not the will of God. But we need to constantly ask ourselves if we are putting God in the first place in our life.

POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL  
**FRATELLI TUTTI**  
 BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL



### THE BENEFITS AND LIMITS OF LIBERAL APPROACHES

165. True charity is capable of incorporating all these elements in its concern for others. In the case of personal encounters, including those involving a distant or forgotten brother or sister, it can do so by employing all the resources that the institutions of an organized, free and creative society are capable of generating. Even the Good Samaritan, for example, needed to have a nearby inn that could provide the help that he was personally unable to offer. Love of neighbour is concrete and squanders none of the resources needed to bring about historical change that can benefit the poor and disadvantaged. At times, however, leftist ideologies or social doctrines linked to individualistic ways of acting and ineffective procedures affect only a few, while the majority of those left behind remain dependent on the goodwill of others. This demonstrates the need for a greater spirit of fraternity, but also a more efficient worldwide organization to help resolve the problems plaguing the abandoned who are suffering and dying in poor countries. It also shows that there is no one solution, no single acceptable methodology, no economic recipe that can be applied indiscriminately to all. Even the most rigorous scientific studies can propose different courses of action.



### The Fire of Love\*

#### ACQUIRING PATIENCE AND HUMILITY



Being honoured in this life is easily destroyed by shame. Receiving earthly glory can ultimately result in confusion. So it seems that an insult is better than honour, confusion better than success, grief better than glory; for in facing difficult things, we learn humility and patience.

Becoming holy

These are the things that belong to holiness:  
 Never to think, say or do what displeases God; rather, try to please God in everything.

Do not pretend to be holier than you actually are, that is a foolish ambition.

There are some things which are neither good nor bad in themselves. We can reverently see, hear, touch and taste many things. Everything depends on our intention.

Sin means doing something to harm our neighbour or harm one's self, and shows a contempt of God; whereas to be despised and treated as a fool helps us to rise to the joy of the angels.

\*The Fire of Love by Richard Rolle Published by Aeterna Press

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