

Saint Julie - Mass Intentions

Newsletter for Week commencing Sunday, 28th January 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

RACIAL JUSTICE DAY

Sunday, 28 th January	9.30 am	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Racial Justice Day	Deceased Members of Carr & Marron Families
Monday, 29 th January	9.30 am 2.00 pm		Eucharistic Service Holy Rosary Group - all welcome
Tuesday, 30 th January			
Wednesday, 31 st January		St. John Bosco	
Thursday, 1 st February	9.30 am		Eucharistic Service
Friday 2 nd February		Presentation of the Lord Candlemas Day	
Saturday, 3 rd February 12.15-12.45 pm		St. Blaise, St. Ansgar, Bishops	Confessions
Sunday, 4 th February		Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Johanne Marie Hennigan – Birthday Remembrance

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.

Latelly Dead – Myra Aisling, Pat Breen, Gerard Gilgannon, Peggy Gregson, Pauline Lilian Wynn. William Smith, Fr. Jonathan Cotton OSB (Monk of Ampleforth, formerly PP of St. Mary's, Leyland)

Anniversaries – Freddie Clisby

Birthday Remembrance – Shelagh Conroy, Johanne Marie Hennigan, Gerry Pilkington

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

Weekly Offertory – Last weeks' offertory was **£428.10**. 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.

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

We have a Reply to our Christmas Greeting of Last year to the parish at Birzeit. Mary Piedot has printed out their friendly reply which you can read in the porch. Just ask Mary.

Retreat St St Joseph's Prayer Centre Can you feel your soul calling for some rest and relaxation? Is God calling you to greater intimacy with him? We invite you to experience some time away with the Lord in the peaceful surroundings of the Formby Pinewoods and Beach. Laudato SI invites us to become more alive to all that is in us and around us. Here in the beautiful Formby Pinewoods and beach, we will have time to reflect and pray with nature. This group retreat will focus on different aspects of daily life. St Joseph's Prayer Centre, June 16th – 22nd 2024 (arrival time 4pm, evening meal 6pm). Director: Fr Dermot Byrne MMM. Cost: £580.00 (inc. accommodation and meals). To book call: 01704 875850. Mobile No 07485378620 WhatsApp only.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) The PPC is looking for two parishioners to join the parish council to replace members of the PPC who wish to retire. The PPC meets four times a year and its role is to assist "the development and nurturing of the pastoral, liturgical, catechetical and social life of the community of the faithful in the parish of Saint Julie" and to assist Father Michael in his ministry to the parish community. If you are interested, please contact Christine Sterry or a current member of the PPC.

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 contribute to the parish in that way, please speak to Pat Ashcroft, Phil O'Connor, or the parish secretary.

FOODBANK - Thank you for your wonderful support last year. Here is the current list of items we are short of, although anything you donate is gratefully received. Milk, Sugar, Rice, Coffee (small), Rice pudding, Instant Mash.

Nugent: Our Charity Shop on Allerton Road in Liverpool is currently very low on stock, we would be extremely grateful for the following items: Clothing, Shoes, Accessories, Handbags, Books, Jigsaws, Bric-a-brac, No toys, soft toys, furniture, or electrical items. Donations can be dropped off at: Our charity shop, open Wednesdays, and Saturdays 10am-5pm, 73 Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 2DA. Or open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm, 99 Edge Lane, Liverpool, L7 2PE. Do not bring items to St Julies, please take them directly to Nugent.

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Our Faith on Sunday

LITURGY

4th Sunday in OT (B)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 105:47
 Save us, Lord our God,
 and gather us from the nations,
 to give thanks to your holy name
 and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth.

PSALM: Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R.v9

R) O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
 hail the rock who saves us.
 Let us come before him, giving thanks,
 with songs let us hail the Lord. (R)

Come in; let us kneel and bend low;
 let us kneel before the God who made us
 for he is our God and we
 the people who belong to his pasture,
 the flock that is led by his hand. (R)

O that today you would listen to his voice!
 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
 as on that day at Massah in the desert
 when your fathers put me to the test;
 when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R)

SECOND READING: I Corinthians 7:32-35
An unmarried woman can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy

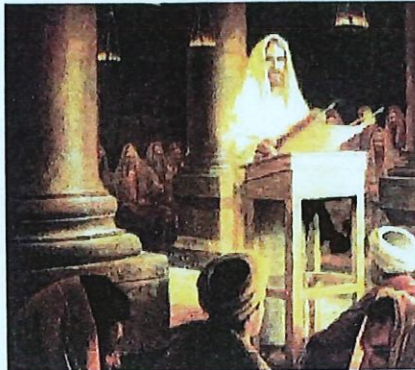
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 4.16
Alleluia, alleluia!
 The people that lived in darkness
 has seen a great light;
 on those who dwell in the land and
 shadow of death
 a light has dawned.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28
He taught them with authority.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt 5:3-4
**Blessed are the poor in spirit,
 for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
 Blessed are the meek, for they shall
 possess the land.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION



Jesus 'taught them with authority'. No wonder the scribes took a dislike to him. Here was this 'outsider' who was preaching in the synagogue and winning a lot of support. We have all had the experience of listening to a preacher whose sermons are 'different' to the norm. Every word seems full of meaning. No one is made to feel inadequate or inferior, rather they feel inspired and uplifted by what they hear. Then we move to the strange scene of the man possessed by an unclean spirit. It is difficult to understand what this means. It could mean that the man is mentally ill, that he has lost his inhibitions and is not afraid of saying out loud what many others are thinking to themselves. Whatever, Jesus calms the man down and unclean spirit leaves him. Yet another reason why the people

saw in Jesus something completely different from their usual teachers. Now, we don't have the physical Jesus present our churches, but when we love one another he is spiritually present and we can experience something similar to what the people in today's Gospel experienced.

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166. Everything, then, depends on our ability to see the need for a change of heart, attitudes and lifestyles. Otherwise, political propaganda, the media and the shapers of public opinion will continue to promote an individualistic and uncritical culture subservient to unregulated economic interests and societal institutions at the service of those who already enjoy too much power. My criticism of the technocratic paradigm involves more than simply thinking that if we control its excesses everything will be fine. The bigger risk does not come from specific objects, material realities or institutions, but from the way that they are used. It has to do with human weakness, the proclivity to selfishness that is part of what the Christian tradition refers to as "concupiscence": the human inclination to be concerned only with myself, my group, my own petty interests. Concupiscence is not a flaw limited to our own day. It has been present from the beginning of humanity, and has simply changed and taken on different forms down the ages, using whatever means each moment of history can provide. Concupiscence, however, can be overcome with the help of God.

The Fire of Love* ADVICE ON TOUCHINESS

Give up being conceited and touchy over mere nothings. Don't keep defending yourself when challenged, and don't be continually laying down the law. Be humble, and later you will hear Christ saying to you: 'Friend, come up higher' (Lk. 14: 10). Whatever life brings, so long as you do not sin, you will arrive at the courts of heaven.

Whatever happens we should praise the Lord with delight and devotion. Rest in Jesus.

Truly all will be well if we make it our only concern to love others and to love Christ.

We should ask the Lord to enlarge our heart and give us a greater capacity for both the love and the laughter that spring from a good conscience and spiritual buoyancy.

We must avoid flattery from others and look at ourselves with clear eyes – remembering that a good and holy conscience is all that counts in the end.

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