

## Saint Julie - Mass Intentions

Newsletter for Week commencing Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 am	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Johanne Marie Henigan – Birthday Remembrance
Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 am 2.00 pm	St. Agatha	Eucharistic Service Holy Rosary Group - all welcome
Tuesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> February		SS. Paul Miki & Companions	
Wednesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> February			
Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 am	St. Jerome Emiliani	Eucharistic Service
Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February			
Saturday, 10 <sup>th</sup> February		St. Scholastica	No Confessions
Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 am	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of Prayer for the Sick	Margaret Leake - Anniversary

**Sick** - Philip Akehurst, Sylvia Armitage, Grace Bellard, Vincent Carr, Pat Chapman, Patricia Chisnall, Imelda Cowley, Francis Curran, Ava Davidson, Tony Devereux, Gerarda 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** – Pat Breen, Bob Cobbold, Fr. Jonathan Cotton, OSB, Vivienne Gillon, Yvonne Hunter, Monsignor George Mooney,

**Anniversaries** – Freddie Clisby, Margaret Leake

**Birthday Remembrance** – Don Carr, Johanne Marie Hennigan, Paul Williams

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

**Stations of the Cross** – will be on each Friday in Lent.

**Baptism Preparation** – is taking place this Sunday and next after the 9.30 Mass for anyone wanting their child baptised.

**Weekly Offertory** – Last weeks' offertory was **£262.12**. Church bank details should anyone wish to set up a standing order or pay 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

**Dementia Support Group** - next meeting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February - 1pm at St. Julie's Parish Hall, Howards Lane, Eccleston WA10 5HJ. 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 735 590.

**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. Instant Mash, Milk, Coffee (small), Rice, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Fruit, Sugar, Pasta in Sauce.

**Local Heritage Project** – Cllr Micahel Haw is looking at getting the old road signs across Eccleston restored as part of a local heritage project. He's asked the Borough Council who own the road signs and will provide an update when he has more information. If anyone would like to get involved, let him know.

**Stan Pennington Allotments** – Are holding a table-top and car boot sale 9-2pm on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. They are trying to raise funds to buy the land and save the allotments.

**The Catholic Herald** - Sales through churches are critical to its future but since the Covid lockdown, which forced it to become monthly to survive, very few parishes have resumed. They really need your support to promote and sell copies in our parish. If anyone is interested in receiving the Catholic Herald on a monthly basis contact the Parish Secretary. If we get 5 people interested, then we can order these in.

**Links to the Catholic pic and Universe:**

[www.Catholicpic.co.uk](http://www.Catholicpic.co.uk)

[News | Catholic Pic](http://News | Catholic Pic)

[www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk](http://www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

[Home - Universe Catholic Weekly](http://Home - Universe Catholic Weekly)

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# Our Faith on Sunday

## LITURGY

## 5th Sunday in OT (B)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING: Job 7:1-4. 6-7

*Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.*

PSALM: Ps 146:1-6.R.v3

R) Praise the Lord  
who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;  
sing to our God for he is loving;  
to him our praise is due. (R)

The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and bring back Israel's exiles,  
he heals the broken-hearted,  
he binds up all their wounds.  
He fixes the number of the stars;  
he calls each one by its name. (R)

Our Lord is great and almighty;  
his wisdom can never be measured.  
The Lord raises the lowly;  
he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R)

SECOND READING:

I Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23  
*I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 8:17

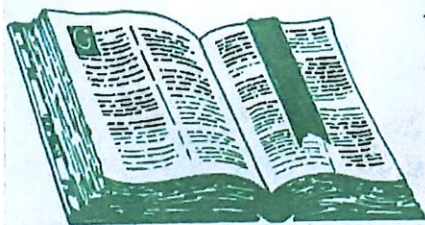
Alleluia, alleluia!  
He took our sicknesses away,  
and carried our diseases for us.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

*He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mt 5:5-6

Blessed are those who mourn, for they  
shall be consoled.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst  
for righteousness,  
for they shall have their fill



## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Today's Gospel sees Jesus carrying healing on a grand scale, starting with Simon's mother-in-law. We are told that the fever left her and she 'began to wait on them'. This may seem like a strange observation and even an unfair one. The poor woman has just recovered from a fever and she immediately sets to work serving the men! But perhaps it also is saying that she had recovered so fully that she was able to do some physical work straightaway without the need to convalesce.

Another interesting thing about this Gospel is that Jesus cast out many devils 'but he would not allow them to speak, because they

knew who he was.' So, it was the devils who knew who Jesus was, not the good people! But why did Jesus not want them to let others know who he was? Jesus was healing people because he has genuine compassion for them, not so that they would follow him. As we see in other parts of the Gospels, Jesus wants people who will follow him by taking up their cross and by becoming 'camp-followers' of a faith healer.

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



## THE BENEFITS AND LIMITS OF LIBERAL APPROACHES

167. Education and upbringing, concern for others, a well-integrated view of life and spiritual growth: all these are essential for quality human relationships and for enabling society itself to react against injustices, aberrations and abuses of economic, technological, political and media power. Some liberal approaches ignore this factor of human weakness; they envisage a world that follows a determined order and is capable by itself of ensuring a bright future and providing solutions for every problem.



## The Fire of Love\*



### THE QUALITIES OF THOSE WHO LOVE GOD

The Song of Solomon says that 'Love is as strong as death, jealousy as cruel as the grave' (Song 8: 6). So too, when the love of God takes hold of us, a complete change happens in our way of life. We are not just ready to love God but to bear any hardship or tribulation for God's sake. The mind is set only on the beloved, not passing things.

Those who are wanting to love God must study as best they can (and with the help of God's grace) not be ensnared by boredom or laziness. If we cannot raise our mind to joyful and holy contemplation, nor sing as we once did, we must not on that account give up

reading, praying or other worthwhile things, and just sink into laziness. Boredom leads people into laziness and laziness leads into carelessness and sin. So we must always try to be as fervent as possible in loving God, no matter what we feel like.

Be careful not just to affect a holy exterior in dress and devotion. People can be outwardly pious but inwardly they are lovers of money and an easy prey to temptation. God looks at the heart, and no one can hide their heart from others for ever. Truth will out as they say.

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

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