

St Julie's Eccleston

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Newsletter for Week commencing Sunday, 11th February 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Sunday, 11th February	9.30 am	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of Prayer for the Sick	Margaret Leake - Anniversary
Monday, 12 th February	9.30 am 2.00 pm		Lancashire Infirm Clergy Holy Rosary Group - all welcome
Tuesday, 13 th February			
Wednesday, 14th February	9.30 am	Ash Wednesday Fast and Abstinence	Ron Eccleston - Anniversary
Thursday, 15 th February	9.30 am		Dave Markey - Anniversary
Friday, 16 th February			
Saturday, 17 th February			No Confessions
Sunday, 18th February	9.30 am	First Sunday of Lent	Frank Ashcroft – Birthday Rem. Betty Eden – 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, Peter Galvin, 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.

Latently Dead – Pat Breen, Bob Cobbold, Fr. Jonathan Cotton, OSB, Vivienne Gillon, Simon Hoare, Yvonne Hunter, Monsignor George Mooney

Anniversaries – Betty Eden, Margaret Leake, Dave Markey, Veronica Mutch, Charlie McEntee

Birthday Remembrance – Frank Ashcroft

Special Intentions – For a sick person, Innocent people on both sides of the Israel/Gaza conflict, people of Ukraine

Ash Wednesday masses are 9.30 am at St Julies, and 6pm at St Thomas of Canterbury including the distribution of ashes.

Stations of the Cross – will be on each Friday in Lent starting at 7pm.

Weekly Offertory – Last weeks' offertory was **£310.60**. 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. St Julies Church (206).

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

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.

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.

Stan Pennington Allotments – Are holding a table-top and car boot sale 9-2pm on Saturday 17th 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.

LGBT+ Catholics Archdiocese of Liverpool - Our next Mass and gathering will be on Sunday 3rd March 2024

Mass 2.00pm. All Saints, Oakfield, Liverpool, L4 2QG. All are welcome. *Canon Steve Maloney*

Willowbrook Hospice – is always on the look-out for volunteers so it can continue to provide free exceptional palliative care to all in our community who needs it. To find out more, call the volunteering team on 01744 453798 between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday, or visit their website www.willowbrook.org.uk

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Our Faith on Sunday

LITURGY

6th Sunday in OT (B)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your
name.

FIRST READING: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
*The leper must live apart: he must live outside
the camp.*

PSALM: Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11, R.v7

R) You are my refuge, O Lord;
you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. (R)

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. (R)

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. (R)

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Lk 7:16
Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:40-45
The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jn 3:16
God so loved the world
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not
perish,
but may have eternal life.



GOSPEL REFLECTION



The leper having been cured by Jesus obviously wants to share his joy with everyone, just as we all do when we have some really good news. And yet Jesus had 'sternly ordered him' not to say anything to anyone. In fact, Jesus often tells those he cured not to tell others. So why would Jesus have said this? Surely he wanted people to follow him? I think the most likely reason is that Jesus wanted people to follow him, certainly, but for the right reasons. Everywhere he went large crowds followed him, but were they following him for the 'right reasons'? He didn't want some kind of fan club, he wanted people to recognise him as the

Messiah and then follow him through the 'narrow gate'. Jesus made it clear to his disciples that following him was not an easy option, in fact, it was a way paved with suffering and death. It is the same today. Jesus calls us today, as he did his followers 2,000 years ago, to take up our cross and follow him.

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THE BENEFITS AND LIMITS OF LIBERAL APPROACHES

168. The marketplace, by itself, cannot resolve every problem, however much we are asked to believe this dogma of neoliberal faith. Whatever the challenge, this impoverished and repetitive school of thought always offers the same recipes. Neoliberalism simply reproduces itself by resorting to the magic theories of "spillover" or "trickle" – without using the name – as the only solution to societal problems. There is little appreciation of the fact that the alleged "spillover" does not resolve the inequality that gives rise to new forms of violence threatening the fabric of society. It is imperative to have a proactive economic policy directed at "promoting an economy that favours productive diversity and business creativity"¹⁴⁰ and makes it possible for jobs to be created and not cut.

140. Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'* (24 May 2015), 129; AAS 107 (2015), 899.

The Fire of Love*

GOD ALONE IS WORTH ALL WE HAVE AND ARE

The human heart is made for God, and God alone can satisfy it. If we desire peace it will come to us with the gift of song. Music gives way to praise as our hearts burn with heavenly fire. Some song of sweetness will remain with us, so we will sing in solitude and do everything for the love of Christ. Once we have burned with the magic of this music, we are never the same again.

Live and act outwardly just like those

among whom you dwell. Do not try to outdo others in prayer, fasting and exterior piety. Self-discipline gives self-control in a modest and humble way. As Christ lives in us so we can sing:

Come down, Lord.

Come beloved and ease my longing.

See how I love, I sing, I glow, I burn.

Spare a thought for this poor one;

let me be brought into your presence.

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

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PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

For the current week's readings and Saints please look at Liturgy Office 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/

REFLECTION

On the 7th February the Archdiocese Social Action Network held an event on Homes, Housing and Land. Here is a prayer reflection for us to reflect on this topic:

Precious Holy Spirit, I come to You with a broken heart for all our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living with no security, no shelter, and no safety from the outside world. Please be with all the men, women, and children in our world who are homeless. Give them extra warmth, peace, and guidance like only heaven can send. Let angels hold their hands at all times, ease their worries, and provide opportunities for a better life. Give them hope where there is no hope and provide wisdom as they work through their trials. Lord, let them know they are loved, prayed for, and your precious children who will never be forgotten. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE

• RCIA - RITE OF ELECTION

The Rite of Election is taking place on Sunday 18th February at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral at 3pm. This event is for people who are to be received into the Catholic Church this Easter and are to be elected and called forward. For those attending with their families, please arrive at the Cathedral no later than **2.45pm** as you will need to register your attendance in order to sign the book of the elect. Seats are available on a first come, first served basis. The deadline for sending registration forms in has now passed, but if you have any that need to be sent, please send them to Aaron Kiely at the Liverpool Archdiocese, Croxteth Drive, L17 1AA as soon as you can.

• RCIA RETREAT DAY and MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS

– (Please note some changes to the RCIA pack sent out at Christmas).

THE RCIA RETREAT DAY will be taking place on **Saturday 16th March, at St John Fisher, Moorfield Road, Widnes WA8 3JA. We will meet at 10am for a 10.30 start.** The Sisters of the Faithful Companions of Jesus will be leading us through the day. This retreat is for Candidates and Catechumens who are to be received into the Catholic Church this Easter and their catechists. **Places are limited, so please register your place, at: rcia@rcaol.org.uk**

THE MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS will take place on **Thursday 20th June at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral at 7pm.** Anyone who had been received into the church, both this year and previous years are welcome to attend with their families and friends.



- **VATICAN II SEMINAR & LECTURE SERIES**

The fourth and final Vatican II seminar will take place **Wednesday 28 February**. The seminar will be led by Dr Patricia Jones (Durham University) focussing on *Gaudium et Spes: Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*.

The seminar will start at **3pm** at **Liverpool Hope University**. The seminar can also be attended online through Zoom. Places are limited, so please book your **free tickets** here

<http://bit.ly/3Ql4e5R>

- **CATECHIST TRAINING**

Catechist training has now begun on 24 January 2024. However, if you have missed it and would still like to attend, the next week will be taking place on **Wednesday 7 February** at **7pm** at the **St Margaret Clitherow Centre**, so it wouldn't be too late for you to come and meet the group. Whether you are considering being a catechist, or are an existing catechist, looking to refresh your knowledge, this course could be for you. Please email: training@rcaol.org.uk for more information.

- **FACILITATION TRAINING**

We are now offering training for people in our parishes who lead groups. Whether they are for praying, liturgy, or volunteering this 2-hour workshop will provide an opportunity to come together to discuss the format of your group and share new ideas to support the facilitation of your group moving forward. If you are interested in arranging a workshop for your parish or deanery, please contact e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk

- **ARCHDIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE 2024: Saturday 9 March 10:30-3:30**

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School (Hardybutts, Wigan, Lancashire, WN13RZ) will play host to the annual archdiocesan environment conference. Speaking at the conference is Environment and Issues Lead for the Catholics Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and Salford Bishop, Bishop John Arnold; Sister Margaret Aitken, and John Paul Dequay. In groups, delegates will begin to think about what environment and sustainability plans and pledges they can make moving forward. The event will also be attended by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon O.P. and a cold buffet-style lunch will be provided. There is a capacity of 50 places so if you are interested in attending, please book your **free tickets** below:

<https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/vr8p9ggi>

- **VACANCIES AT THE ARCHDIOCESE**

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

Director of Pastoral Development and Parish and Deanery Development Adviser roles within the Pastoral Development Department: www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers

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RESOURCES AND EVENTS

- **BOOK LAUNCH & SIGNING**

Pauline Books and Media are welcoming you to a book launch: **Pondering and Praying Vatican II** by Archbishop John Wilson on **Thursday, 22th February** at Pauline Books & Media, 84 Church Street, L1 3AY at 2.30 pm

- **BECOMING A WELCOMING PARISH: Wednesday 13 March 7-8.30pm (online)**

Find out how we can include people of all cultures and backgrounds to our parishes. Guest speakers include: Jennie Taylor, Racial Justice Officer, Liverpool Diocese and Emily Shepherd of Welcome Churches. Book <https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/he8uloch>

- **AN INSIGHT INTO TRAFFICKING: Irenaeus Centre, Wednesday 7 February 12:45pm**

An afternoon of reflection followed by a light lunch, Petra Smrckova of the Medaille Trust will be sharing her experiences of working with trafficked people at the Irenaeus Centre (32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD). For further details please email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 0151 949 1199.

- **ASH WEDNESDAY: 14 February 2024**

Walk of Witness for Peace, Repentance and Reconciliation. Assemble from 1:15pm on steps of St Luke's 'bombed out church' at the top of Bold St, Liverpool L1 2TR. The walk starts at 1:30pm, with Stations of the Cross. Organised by Merseyside Pax Christi. Contact: Jan Harper janharper20211@outlook.com

- **LENT TALK: Monday 11th March from 7.00 - 8.00 pm**

St Anne's in Ormskirk are having a Lent Talk from theologian David McLoughlin from Birmingham entitled **Jesus' Passion for the Kingdom of God. Walking with him to the Cross.** All welcome.

- **A LOOK AT MARK'S GOSPEL: Irenaeus Centre, Thursday 8 - 29 February 10:30am-12:00pm**

Over several weeks in February the Irenaeus Centre will be taking a look at Mark's Gospel:

- Thursday 8 February (10:30am-12:00pm)
- Thursday 15 February (10:30am-12:00pm)
- Thursday 22 February (10:30am-12:00pm)
- Thursday 29 February (10:30am-12:00pm)

Zoom links and further information are available by emailing jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or calling 0151 949 1199.

- **LOOKING TOWARDS THE CROSS: Irenaeus Centre, 5-26 March 7:00pm-8:30pm**

Lenten evenings hosted at the Irenaeus Centre:

- Tuesdays 5 March (7:00pm-8:30pm)
- Tuesday 12 March (7:00pm-8:30pm)

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- Tuesday 19 March (7:00pm-8:30pm)
 - Tuesday 26 March 2024 (7:00pm-8:30pm)
- Zoom links and further information available by emailing jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or calling 0151 949 1199.

- **A WEEKEND WITH ST TERESA OF AVILA - Led by Fr Matthew Blake, OCD**
The Christian Heritage Centre is offering this retreat, which explores the life and faith of Teresa of Avila (also called Teresa of Jesus), one of the great Spanish mystics who, with Saint John of the Cross, established the Discalced Carmelites.
Please note there is a cost for this event:
Single room: £210 p.p.*
Twin room (sharing): £150 p.p.*
Non-residential (includes lunches and dinners): £90
For more information, please visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/praying-with-saint-teresa/>
- **WALKING THE WAY OF THE PASSION, Wednesday 27 & Sunday 31 March**
Limited residential places available at the Irenaeus Centre so please book early. For further details email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 0151 949 1199.

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