

Parish of St Julie Newsletter

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Newsletter for Week commencing Sunday, 3rd March 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Sunday, 3rd March	9.30 am	Third Sunday of Lent	Dr. Patricia Tunstall - Anniversary
Monday, 4th March	9.20 am 2.00 pm	St. Casimir	Betty Mudd and Mary Littler – Anniversary Holy Rosary Group - all welcome
Tuesday, 5 th March			
Wednesday, 6 th March	3.30 pm	St. Colette	St. Julie's School Year 5 Eucharistic Adoration (in Church)
Thursday, 7th March	9.30 am	Ss. Perpetua & Felicity	Pat Breen - Lately Dead
Friday, 8 th March		St. John of God	
Saturday, 9th March		St. Frances of Rome	No Confessions
Sunday, 10th March	9.30 am	Fourth Sunday of Lent Mother's Day	Colette 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, Peter Galvin, Father Tom Gage, 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, Irene Houghton, Maureen O'Brien, Maria Walsh

Anniversaries – Colette Leake, Mary Littler, Betty Mudd, Arthur Simcox, Harriet Carr, Dr. Patricia Tunstall

Birthday Remembrance – Ron Eccleston

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 at 7pm.

Easter Triduum. Mass of the Lord's supper (28th March): St Julie's 6.00pm (this replaces the 9.30am Mass that day). Good Friday: Passion of the Lord: 3.00pm Lowe House. Easter Vigil (30th March): St Thomas of Canterbury 6.00pm. Easter Sunday: 9.30am St Julie's and 11.00am Lowe House. It has been suggested that a coach could be laid on for the Chrism Mass (27th March) at the Cathedral. If anyone would be prepared to organize this across the three churches, please speak to Fr Michael or the Parish Secretary. **CHRISM MASS 2024 - Wednesday 27 March** - The Chrism Mass, which this year will take place on Wednesday 27 March at 7.30pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral.

Note that Mass on Monday 4th March is at 9.20am, not the usual 9.30am.

Weekly Offertory – Last weeks' offertory was **£299.95**. 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).

Legacies - After providing for your loved ones in your will, you may wish to leave a gift to St Julie's. Your solicitor will advise you or you can contact the Archdiocese team on: [01515221018](tel:01515221018) or email gift@rcaol.org.uk. Please specify that you would like your gift to come to St Julie's parish.

ROSARY BEADS - if you have any rosary beads to spare, they would be a very welcome comfort to some local hospital patients. Please put beads in the box at the back of church. Remember - if you have children or grand-children they will need a set of rosary beads for school.

TRIP TO BOUNDARY MILL – St Thomas Church, Westfield Street, St. Helens have organised a trip to Boundary Mill on the 19th of March, leaving the Church at 9.30am and returning at 3pm. Anyone wishing to go please contact Magdalen Scott on 01744 608150.

Dementia Support Group - next meeting Tuesday 5th March - 12 o'clock 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 735 590.

WIDNES 9 YEARS ON - Thursday 29 February 7:30pm – Open to all. No need to book, just turn up! Venue – St. John Fisher Hall, WA8 3JA. It is now over 9 years since the parishes of Widnes, after much consultation and discernment, became one parish with 4 churches. In that time people and priests have changed. We want to invite you to hear the story and ask questions. Has it worked? What can we learn? Is this a model that should be copied? What is it like to be a parishioner/priest/deacon in Widnes? Can this model teach us anything about Families of Parishes?

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Our Faith on Sunday

LITURGY

3rd Sunday of Lent (B)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ez 36: 23-26
When I prove my holiness among you,
I will gather you from all the foreign lands;
and I will pour clean water upon you
and cleanse you from all your impurities,
and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

FIRST READING: Exodus 20: 1-17
The Law was given through Moses.

PSALM: Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

R) You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R)**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **(R)**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R)**

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. **(R)**

SECOND READING: I Corinthians 1:22-25
Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

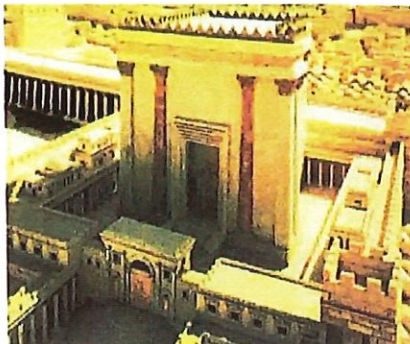
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 3:16
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
God loved the world so much that he his only son;
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL: John 2:13-25
Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 83: 4-5
The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young;
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King
and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.



GOSPEL REFLECTION



The image we normally have of Jesus is one of a peaceful, loving and compassionate person. He was such a person, but the Gospels also recount a number of times when he became angry with those around him. His anger was reserved almost exclusively for religious people, the Scribes and the Pharisees, and in this case, people who had come to the temple. If Jesus were to come on earth today he would probably still have problems with those people who practise their religion by observing every detail of the 'law', but who miss the point of Christianity, which is essentially to love God and neighbour.

As in last week's Gospel, Jesus speaks about the destruction of 'this sanctuary', which he will then raise up in three days. Not surprisingly, the Jews take literally what Jesus says and dismiss it as ridiculous. This time, however, it

seems that the disciples did understand what he meant. As 21st century disciples of Jesus, we too must be careful to understand what Jesus is saying to us, otherwise we run the risk of being the Scribes and the Pharisees of today.

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THE BENEFITS AND LIMITS OF LIBERAL APPROACHES

169 (Cont.). This, however, must happen in a way that will not betray their distinctive way of acting as "sowers of change, promoters of a process involving millions of actions, great and small, creatively intertwined like words in a poem".¹⁴⁴ In that sense, such movements are "social poets" that, in their own way, work, propose, promote and liberate. They help make possible an integral human development that goes beyond "the idea of social policies being a policy for the poor, but never with the poor and never of the poor, much less part of a project that reunites peoples".¹⁴⁵ They may be troublesome, and certain "theorists" may find it hard to classify them, yet we must find the courage to acknowledge that, without them, "democracy atrophies, turns into a mere word, a formality; it loses its representative character and becomes disembodied, since it leaves out the people in their daily struggle for dignity, in the building of their future".¹⁴⁶

¹⁴⁴ Address to Participants in the World Meeting of Popular Movements (5 November 2016): L'Osservatore Romano, 7-8 November 2016, pp. 4-5.

¹⁴⁵ Ibid.

¹⁴⁶ Ibid.

The Fire of Love* THE REWARDS OF SOLITUDE

Loving Christ above all involves three things – warmth, song and sweetness. And from my own experience I know that these three gifts require great inner and outer quiet. I found that if I walked or stood or even prostrated myself when engaged in contemplation, I seemed to be left in dryness. What really helped me was sitting. I understood that by standing or walking the body gets tired, and so the soul gets tired too. But sitting establishes us in inner and outer quiet.

I cannot equate myself with the great

saints, but I want to press forward with greater fervour, so that my song becomes more fluent and my experience of love's sweetness fuller. Fervour means that the mind is truly ablaze with love, and the heart feels that it is burning with a love that is real and not imaginary. Song means that there is within us a sweet feeling of heavenly praise. Thought then turns into song and the song into sweetest harmony. These are not attained except through utmost devotion. And from fervour and song spring ineffable sweetness.

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

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