

## Parish of St Julie Newsletter

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Newsletter for Week commencing Sunday, 10th March 2024

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT IN ORDINARY TIME MOTHERS DAY – YEAR B**

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| <b>Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>9.30 am</b>     | <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent Mother's Day</b>                              | <b>Colette Leake - Anniversary</b>   |
| Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> March       | 9.30 am<br>2.00 pm | St. Aengus   | Graffan Hamlet – RIP<br>Holy Rosary Group - all welcome                      |
| Tuesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> March      |                    |  |  |
| Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March    | 3.30 pm            |  | St. Julie's School Year 4 Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation (in Church) |
| Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March     | 9.30 am            |  | Gerry Pilkington – Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance                        |
| Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March       | 7.00 pm            | St. Louise   | Stations of the Cross  |
| Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March     | 12.15-12.45 pm     |  | No Confessions   |
| <b>Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>9.30 am</b>     | <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b><br><b>St. Patrick Patron Saint Ireland</b> | <b>Luigi D'Orsi – Anniversary</b>  |

**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 Gaggie, 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** – Eileen Brooks (nee Nolan), Betty Croker, Lou Gosling, Margo Mitchell, Maureen O'Brien, Maria Walsh and Irene Houghton whose requiem will be at St Thomas of Canterbury on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> at 11.00.

**Anniversaries** – John Cunningham, Luigi D'Orsi, Colette Leake, Gerry Pilkington, Leo Westhead

**Birthday Remembrance** – Gerry Pilkington

**Special Intentions** – For a dear friend recovering from ill health. Innocent people on both sides of the Israel/Gaza conflict, people of Ukraine

**Easter Triduum**. Mass of the Lord's supper (28<sup>th</sup> 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 (30<sup>th</sup> 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 (27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Weekly Offertory** – Last weeks' offertory was **£301.48**. 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). Forms are at the back of Church.

**Card Payments** – We now have a card reader so that we can take card payment donations in Church. The collectors will have it should you wish to make a card payment during or after Mass. It can also be used for purchases made in the Piety Shop.

**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](mailto: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.

**Carrying of the Cross - Saturday 23 March** - The annual Carrying of the Cross will take place on Saturday 23rd March 2024 at 2pm. The carrying of the cross will begin from Church Street, passing through Bold Street and finishing at St Luke's Church (the Bombed Out church), and will be followed by a short service. Could anyone wanting to take part please arrive at 1:45pm at the junction of Church Street and Lord Street, Liverpool for 2pm prompt start.

**St. Julie's Easter Coffee Morning & Raffle on Easter Sunday (31<sup>st</sup> March 2024)** - Raffle tickets will be on sale after Mass each Sunday in the Parish Hall for an Easter Hamper donated by St. Julie's Mother & Toddlers' Group. Other prizes would be gratefully received (chocolates, bottles, unwanted gifts etc.) They can either be passed to Audrey Baines or left in a box at the back of Church. The draw will take place on Easter Sunday (31<sup>st</sup> March) in the Parish Hall after 9.30 am Mass. Please join us for a Tea/Coffee and Biscuits. Cakes will also be on sale. All proceeds from this event will go towards the upkeep of St. Julie's Church.

# Our Faith on Sunday

## LITURGY

## 4th Sunday of Lent (B)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Is 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling  
breast.

FIRST READING:

II Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23  
*The wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the  
exile and in the release of his people.*

PSALM:

Ps 136. R. V6

R) O let my tongue  
cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not!

By the rivers of Babylon  
there we sat and wept,  
remembering Zion;  
on the poplars that grew there  
we hung up our harps. (R)

For it was there that they asked us,  
our captors, for songs,  
our oppressors, for joy.  
'Sing to us,' they said,  
'one of Zion's songs.' (R)

O how could we sing  
the song of the Lord  
on alien soil?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither! (R)

O let my tongue  
cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem  
above all my joys! (R)

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:4-10

*You who were dead through your sins have been  
saved through grace.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jn 3:16

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
God loved the world so much that he gave  
his only Son;  
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

*God sent his Son so that through him the world  
might be saved.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 121: 3-4

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one  
together.  
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes  
of the Lord,  
to praise the name of the Lord.



## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Today's Gospel is a masterpiece in explaining why Jesus came into the world and what the consequences are, both for those who believe and those who refuse to believe. One phrase in particular gives a clue as why some will be condemned. It is because they 'prefer darkness to the light'. Because of original sin, there is a tendency in each of us to prefer darkness to light. It is a tendency which causes us to do wrong, even when we don't 'want' to. St Paul himself says that he finds himself doing wrong when he is fully aware that he should not do it. In fact, the root of sin, unless we allow Jesus to uproot it, will constantly lead to do the wrong we would rather not do. And this is precisely

why Jesus had to become incarnate and die for us. He knew full well that with our own strength it is impossible to destroy the roots of sin within us. So, believing in Jesus means, first and foremost, that without him we can do nothing, and especially nothing about our tendency towards evil. The season of Lent is a good time to reflect on this truth and to ask him to give us the strength which only he can give.

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



## INTERNATIONAL POWER

170. I would once more observe that "the financial crisis of 2007-08 provided an opportunity to develop a new economy, more attentive to ethical principles, and new ways of regulating speculative financial practices and virtual wealth. But the response to the crisis did not include rethinking the outdated criteria which continue to rule the world".<sup>147</sup> Indeed, it appears that the actual strategies developed worldwide in the wake of the crisis fostered greater individualism, less integration and increased freedom for the truly powerful, who always find a way to escape unscathed.

<sup>147</sup> Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'* (24 May 2015), 189; AAS 107 (2015), 922.



## The Fire of Love\*

### TRUE LOVE IS LIKE A PRECIOUS JEWEL



If we are truly devout, we are impervious to the devil's darts and continue to think constantly of the beloved. Our meditation becomes a song of glory and praise. We pass straight from this life to heaven, for being a friend of light rather than darkness, we are lovers of life itself.

To love purely is to be like topaz, a precious jewel that needs no polishing and is found but rarely. True

contemplatives are also rare and should not be given positions of ecclesial authority or secular employment. They are like gold in their outstanding love; like the sky in the glory of their heavenly living. They surpass the life of any saint. Their sole purpose is to love and possess the life of God. Leave true contemplatives alone rather than offering them honours, and they will continue to grow brighter and brighter.

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

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