

## Parish of St Julie Newsletter

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Newsletter for Week commencing Sunday, 17th March 2024

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

<b>Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>Luigi D'Orsi – Anniversary</b>
Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30 am 2.00 pm	St. Patrick - Patron Saint Ireland	<b>Mary Simcox - Anniversary</b> <b>Holy Rosary Group - all welcome</b>
Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> March		St. Joseph	
Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 pm	St. Cuthbert	
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>		<b>Marie Twist - RIP</b>
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	7.00 pm		<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	12.15-12.45 pm		<b>No Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</b>	<b>Audrey Devereux - 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, Maria Walsh, Ann O'Brien

**Anniversaries** – Luigi D'Orsi, Audrey Devereux, Mary Simcox

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

**Owing to Requiem Masses, there will be no exposition and Benediction at St Thomas of Canterbury on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

**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**. Standing order payments amounted to **£1,435** in the month of February. 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** - thanks for a great response to the appeal for rosary beads for hospital patients...keep them coming and deposit in the box at the back of church.

**The Archdiocese of Liverpool** has confirmed details of all families of parishes and has published these on the Archdiocese website. There are 4 families in St Helens; we are in family 2: **Corpus Christi, Rainford; St Mary, Birchley; St Mary's Lowe House; St Thomas of Canterbury, Windleshaw; St Julie, Eccleston**. It has been suggested that all families build relationships, develop communications and decide on a project for each Family to undertake. The proposals arising from our Parish Vision Day for St Mary's Lowe House and St Thomas of Canterbury and the parish forum held at St Julie's will provide a basis for discussions with Corpus Christi and St Mary's Birchley on a project to take forward.

**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.

**Journey in Faith** – Our 2<sup>nd</sup> series of talks at the De La Salle brothers house, 7 Wokefield Way, will be at 7.30pm on 9<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like to know more about the talks, please contact Dave Mc Kenna 01744 63166.

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# Our Faith on Sunday

## LITURGY

### 5th Sunday of Lent (B)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Cf. Ps 42:1-2  
Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that  
is faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue  
me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**FIRST READING:** Jeremiah 31:31-34  
*I will make a new covenant and never call  
their sin to mind.*

**PSALM:** Ps 50: 3-4, 12-15 R. v12

**R) A pure heart create for me, O God.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. (R)

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R)

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
that I may teach transgressors your ways  
and sinners may return to you. (R)

**SECOND READING:** Hebrews 5:7-9  
*He learnt to obey and became for all the  
source of eternal salvation.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Jn 12:26  
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the  
Word of God!

If a man serves me, says the Lord,  
he must follow me;  
wherever I am,  
my servant will be there too.  
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the  
Word of God!

**GOSPEL:** John 12:20-33  
*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and  
dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Jn 12:24  
Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain  
of wheat  
falls to the ground and dies, it remains a  
single grain.  
But if it dies, it bears much fruit.



## GOSPEL REFLECTION



In this passage from John's Gospel Jesus speaks more clearly than ever of his impending death. He asks if he should ask the Father to save him from 'this hour' and then says that it was for this very reason that he came on earth: to give his life for us and thereby also glorify the Father's name. The image Jesus uses, of the grain of wheat, is a powerful one. The grain of wheat is buried in the darkness of the earth and has to die, in order to come out into the light and produce a rich harvest. He also makes it clear that whoever wishes to follow him must, in some way, lose his or her life, in order to produce a rich harvest. Our natural reaction to any suffering, whether physical or spiritual, is to want to be rid of it as quickly as possible. But for the Christian, every suffering is also an opportunity to carry the cross and to let

Jesus transform it into love and make a contribution towards the building of the kingdom of heaven. The most extreme examples of this way of living one's faith are the martyrs, but very few of are asked literally to give our lives in that way. All of us, however, experience illness, or disappointment, failure or tragedy during our earthly lives. Each of these can be an opportunity to grow in our love for God and be partakers with him in the building of his Kingdom.

### EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



### INTERNATIONAL POWER

171. I would also insist that "to give to each his own – to cite the classic definition of justice – means that no human individual or group can consider itself absolute, entitled to bypass the dignity and the rights of other individuals or their social groupings. The effective distribution of power (especially political, economic, defence-related and technological power) among a plurality of subjects, and the creation of a juridical system for regulating claims and interests, are one concrete way of limiting power. Yet today's world presents us with many false rights and – at the same time – broad sectors which are vulnerable, victims of power badly exercised".<sup>148</sup>

[148] Address to the Members of the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization, New York (25 September 2015): AAS 107 (2015), 1037.

## The Fire of Love\* HOW RICHARD CAME TO THE FIRE OF LOVE (1)

My life was that of a usual boy until God's grace curbed my youthful passions and transformed my earthly longings into a longing for God, who wanted me to follow the solitary life. Rejecting all flattery from others, I gave myself completely to Christ with all my powers.

From then on I continually sought quiet, going from one place to another in my search, even though others criticised me for moving around. Yet I never gave up on the things that helped my soul, such

as study. And in the course of time I was granted true spiritual joy.

It took four years before I really began to feel in my heart the warmth of eternal love. It came about like this: One day I was sitting in a certain chapel delighting in the sweetness of prayer and meditation when I suddenly felt an unusually pleasant heat. Not knowing where the heat came from, I soon realised that it came from the Creator himself and was something more fervent and pleasant than I had ever known.

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

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