

Parish of St Julie Newsletter

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Newsletter for Week commencing Sunday, 7th April 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER AND FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

Sunday, 7th April	9.30 am	Second Sunday of Easter Feast of the Divine Mercy	Julie Locke – Birthday Remembrance
Monday, 8 th April	9.30 am 2.00 pm	Annunciation of the Lord	Vivienne Gillon – RIP Rosary Group – all welcome
Tuesday, 9 th April			
Wednesday, 10 th April			
Thursday 11 th April	9.30 am		Bob Cobbold - RIP
Friday, 12 th April			
Saturday, 13 th April		St Martin I, Pope	No Confessions
Sunday, 14th April	9.30 am	Third Sunday of Easter	Francis Curran – Lately Dead

Sick - Philip Akehurst, Sylvia Armitage, Grace Bellard, Vincent Carr, Pat Chapman, Patricia Chisnall, Imelda Cowley, 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.

Lately Dead – Sheila Blanchard, Francis Curran, Pat Fraser, Christine Heaton, Arthur Kerr, Anthony Lowry, Maria Parkinson, Margaret Howard.

Anniversaries – Christine Barron

Birthday Remembrance – Sheila Scott

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

Baptisms - We welcome into the Church this weekend: Harry Paul Duckworth and Oscar James Welding.

Weekly Offertory – Last weeks' offertory was **£440.27** which is a welcome increase from previous weeks collections and is very gratefully received.

Church Income and Expenditure for the year ending December 2023 was as follows:

Income £49,156.08

Expenditure £71,393.60 Of which £13,707.37 was Electricity and Gas costs

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. 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. Please specify that you would like your gift to come to St Julie's parish.

LEPRA - Today, 600 people will be diagnosed with leprosy; 50 of those will be children. Over 3 million people across the globe are living with undiagnosed leprosy. Leprosy is not a disease of the past, it still exists and it is still destroying lives. LEPRA is an organisation that supports those affected by the disease with treatment, diagnosis and follow-up. There will be a collection after Mass this weekend to support the work of LEPRA. Thank you.

St Julie's Red Box Mission Collection – Please bring your boxes to Church on Sunday 21st April Mass, prior to counting on 22nd April. If you are unable to bring your box please ring Ken Duffy on 01744 612204 and other arrangement will be made.

St Julie's Easter Hamper Draw and Coffee Morning - Many thanks to all who supported this event last Sunday in the Parish Hall after Mass. Thanks also to those who kindly donated prizes, baked cakes, sold raffle tickets and helped in any way on the day. The winner of the Easter Hamper was Maureen Eccleston and the £300 raised will go towards the upkeep of St. Julie's Church.

Journey in Faith – Our 2nd series of talks at the De La Salle brothers' house, 7 Wokefield Way, will be at **7.30pm on Tuesday, 9th April**. If you would like to know more about the talks, please contact Dave Mc Kenna 01744 631166.

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Our Faith on Sunday

LITURGY

2nd Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)(B)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: 4 Esdr 2:36-37

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,
who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35
United, heart and soul.

PSALM: Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R.v1

R) Give thanks to the Lord for he is Good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished,
I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. (R)

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R)

SECOND READING: I John 5:1-6
Anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jn 20:29
Jesus said:
'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen
and yet believe.'
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31
Eight days later, Jesus came.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Cf. Jn 20:27
Bring your hand and feel the place of
the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing,
alleluia.



GOSPEL REFLECTION



Today we read the story of the Apostle Thomas's refusal to believe that the Lord had appeared to the others. Often we find it difficult to believe something 'unusual' has happened just on the say so of other people. There is something in our nature which makes us want to be first-hand witnesses to be really convinced. With questions of faith many of struggle with the fact that it is something invisible and cannot be proven in the normal way. When we have moments of doubt we may start to wonder if everyone is just a myth, a story to comfort us, but not something real. As long as we are on this earth we will be prone to moments of doubt; we have moments when we seek reassurance. We need to remember that Jesus himself had a huge crisis of faith when he was hanging on the cross and cried out "My God, my God, why have

you forsaken me?" Those doubts we experience are like tiny experiences of Jesus' own moment of doubt. If we are able to accept these moments as faces of the suffering Jesus, sooner or later the light will return.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



INTERNATIONAL POWER

174. Courage and generosity are needed in order freely to establish shared goals and to ensure the worldwide observance of certain essential norms. For this to be truly useful, it is essential to uphold "the need to be faithful to agreements undertaken (pacta sunt servanda)",¹⁵⁴ and to avoid the "temptation to appeal to the law of force rather than to the force of law".¹⁵⁵ This means reinforcing the "normative instruments for the peaceful resolution of controversies... so as to strengthen their scope and binding force".¹⁵⁶ Among these normative instruments, preference should be given to multilateral agreements between states, because, more than bilateral agreements, they guarantee the promotion of a truly universal common good and the protection of weaker states.

154. Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 437.

155. SAINT JOHN PAUL II, Message for the 2004 World Day of Peace, 5: AAS 96 (2004), 117.

156. Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 439.

The Fire of Love* LOVE LONGS FOR ALL THAT IS GOOD

Love longs for all that is good, beautiful and lovely. The thoughts reach out to these things and transform us into the beloved. Of course, love can sometimes go wrong but the intention, even if not wholly fixed upon Christ, is to love and be loved and that is worth something, even when love is shared with created things. True love diffuses itself, not just shining on family and friends but shining too upon enemies and strangers. Even if we do not have much to give those we love, in Christ we are made rich. He does not stint in giving even

though we are poor and needy in ourselves.

Generosity to the poor is a sign of loving God. Too many rich people will give food but not other necessities of life. They keep the best of everything for their own children and ignore the needs of others, in fact they consider the poor to be nothing but a nuisance. Those who behave in this way show how little love of God they have. They show the proverb to be true, that 'the sea will be dry before the poor person has a friend'.

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

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