

Parish of St Julie Newsletter

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Newsletter for Week commencing Sunday, 14th April 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, 14th April	9.30 am	Third Sunday of Easter	Francis Curran – Lately Dead
Monday, 15 th April	9.30 am 2.00 pm		Sheila Scott – Birthday Remembrance
Tuesday, 16 th April		St. Bernadette	
Wednesday, 17 th April			
Thursday 18th April	9.30 am		Joan Cunningham - Anniversary
Friday, 19 th April			
Saturday, 20 th April			No Confessions
Sunday, 21st April <i>(Children's Liturgy resumes today)</i>	9.30 am	Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations	Mary McKeon – in celebration of her 100th birthday

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 – Francis Curran, Joe Dwyer, Pat Fraser, Christine Heaton, Margaret Howard, Arthur Kerr, Anthony Lowry, Maria Parkinson, Richard Roper

Anniversaries – Joan Cunningham

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: Remi Valentina Burrows

Weekly Offertory – Last weeks' offertory was **£244.45**

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. This year's envelopes are at the back of Church with some "Spares". If you take one, please let the Secretary know.

LEPRA – Last weeks' collection raised £100.07, 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.

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.

Pilgrimage to Knock and Co. Mayo on the 16th June 2024 - Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 16th June 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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Our Faith on Sunday

LITURGY

3rd Sunday of Easter (B)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

You killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead.

PSALM:

Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9. R.v7

**R) Lift up the light of your face on us,
O Lord.**

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have
mercy and hear me! (R)

It is the Lord who grants favours to those
whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R)

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us,
O Lord. (R)

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes
at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in
safety. (R)

SECOND READING: I John 2:1-5

*He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours, but the whole world's.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Cf. Lk 24:32

**Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you
talk to us.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL:

Luke 24:35-48

*So you see how it is written that the Christ
would suffer and on the third day rise
from the dead.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Lk 24:46-47

**The Christ had to suffer and on the
third day rise from the dead;
in his name repentance and remission of
sins must be preached to all the nations,
alleluia.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION



Last week we read the account of Jesus appearing to the Apostles, who were filled with joy. This Sunday's reading when Jesus appears they react with 'alarm and fright', thinking they were seeing a ghost. As Jesus did with doubting Thomas, he showed them his hands and feet and they were filled with joy. He even eats some fish which they offer him to show he is not a ghost. Finally, he reminds them that what is written in Scripture about the Christ dying and rising from the dead. It is remarkable how, after all the time these men, specially chosen by Jesus, had spent with him, they still needed reminding and reassuring of all he had told them. We too, in our journey of faith to the glory of the Father, need plenty of reminders and reassurances. We need to

ask the Lord to keep us on the right track whenever we stray from it. The best way to think of our relationship with God, is that of a child to a father. Children cannot manage their lives by themselves. They need to be held by the hand and picked up and hugged every time they fall.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



INTERNATIONAL POWER

175. Providentially, many groups and organizations within civil society help to compensate for the shortcomings of the international community, its lack of coordination in complex situations, its lack of attention to fundamental human rights and to the critical needs of certain groups. Here we can see a concrete application of the principle of subsidiarity, which justifies the participation and activity of communities and organizations on lower levels as a means of integrating and complementing the activity of the state. These groups and organizations often carry out commendable efforts in the service of the common good and their members at times show true heroism, revealing something of the grandeur of which our humanity is still capable.

The Fire of Love* HOW LOVE IS THE QUEEN OF THE VIRTUES

Love is what counts and what gives us a true inner beauty. Love wounds us and makes us long for God, beautifying us, gladdening us, and kindling a fire within us. Every virtue must be rooted in love if it is to count for anything. Doing lots of good things without the motivation of love is like throwing precious stones down a bottomless pit. Acting well outwardly when we have no love for God or others is useless for eternity. Holding on to riches or looking for worldly comfort, without making a total renunciation of all that is opposed to God, cannot help us attain perfection. Real love takes real work, not the approach of a dilettante.

We are told in Scripture that 'the way to life is narrow' (Mt. 7: 14), and yet we expect the way to be easy. Remember Christ himself 'had to suffer and so enter into glory' (Lk. 24: 26). If we want to love and follow Christ, we must become like him who 'though he was rich became poor for our sakes' (2 Cor. 8: 9). Christ was a servant to all and yet here we are wanting to lord it over other people!

It is obvious that our love, compared with the love and service of Christ, is weak and imperfect. In fact, some even become slaves of the devil rather than servants of God; for God wishes to be served in the person of our neighbour.

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

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