

Sunday 10th of May 2020



First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
The early Christian community chooses seven people to serve at table so that the Twelve can devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
The Lord is merciful toward those who trust in him.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9
Those who have faith are chosen in Christ to be a holy priesthood.

Gospel Reading John 14:1-12

Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

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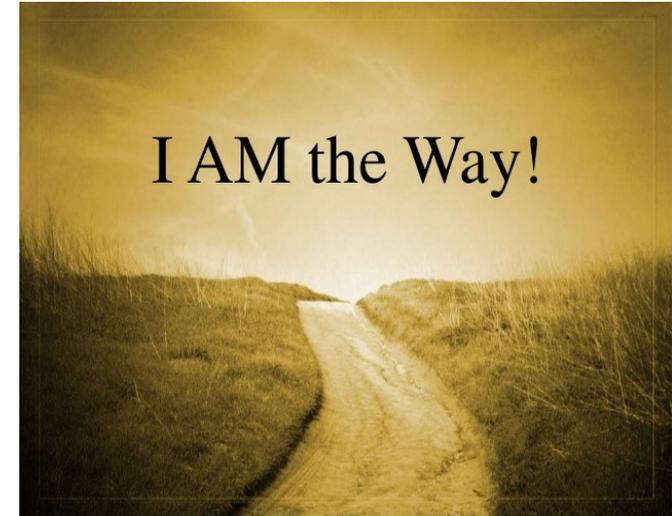
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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 10th May 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trustees Inc.
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Mission Statement of the Archdiocese of Liverpool

Taking to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus, we will go into the world and proclaim the Good News to the whole of creation.

Prayer Requests

For those who are sick or in special need of our Prayers

Amy Adair, Tricia Andrews, Carol Atkinson, Baby Grace, Baby Sonny,
Elsie Blundell, Philip Bromwell, Triona Bromwell, Sophie Bond,
Aaron Carmichael, Margaret Chandler, Thomas Clegg, Nicholas Cragg,
Janet & Ray Cragg, Eileen Critchley, John Cunningham, Marie D'Arcy, Mary Davis,
Nathan Davies, Annette Devine, Graham Dawson, Sarah Doherty, Eddie Doran, Maria Edge,
Margaret Edmondson, Nancy Evans, Margaret Flynn, Philip Gallagher, Collette Garlick,
Janine Garvey, George Gibbons, Wyn Graham, Nick Gregory, Fr. Bernard Higham, Amanda Hill,
Joseph Hill, Christina Hill, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Ann Holden, Barbara & Mike Holman,
Kathleen Hughes, Marie Hunter, Joe, Jimmy Jones, Eileen Joyce, Kathleen Keenan,
Marie Keight, John Kennedy, Molly Kennedy, Kathy Latham, Kathleen Lawrence,
Margaret Leadbetter, Sr. Ann, Christine Lees, Averyll Fairfield Logan, Peter Lovelady,
Mary Lydiat, Mrs Lynch, Brenda McArdle, Lawrence McClintock, Bernard McCormick,
Susan McDougalle, Maureen McGurk, Caelan McKeown, Patrick McKeown, Jennifer McKeown,
Susan & Alan McKeown, Jennifer McLaughin, Alan McMahan, Kay McNeill,
Roisin & Padraig McRory, Pat Madden, Christine Malone, Marion, Colette Martin, Kayleigh Martin,
Terry Martin, Jerome Mitchell, Laura Mitchell, Mave Mooney, Steve Moore, Aidan Morris,
Fr. Simon, John Mulcahey, Jane Murney, Margaret Murphy, Hazel Naylor, Terry Naylor,
Maisie Linda O'Keefe, Paul, Jacqueline Patel, Wendy Paveley, Clare Pendleton, Wyn Pickup,
Chrissie Pearch, Maisie Pritchard, Alison Randles, Alan Ratcliffe, Josie Riley, Bernard Riley,
Sandra Rowley, Rose Sankey, Philip Simmins, Steve Smith, James Soundie,
Mary Waldron, Fr Nicholas Wild, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson, Anthony Winrow,
Maggie Steward, Michael O'Brien, Kathleen Keenan, Rita McCartney, Frances Walsh,
Norma Mudge, Bob Singleton, Rita Connelly

There are a number of young adults in our parishes who are terminally ill at the moment. Please remember them and their families specially in your prayers.

Lately Deceased Rose Leigh, Fr Joe Weston, Mark Weston

Anniversaries - Patricia Maddock, Thomas Leather

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 10th May 2020

St Aidan - Those involved in trying to find a vaccine/ cure for Covid 19.

Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass Intention, an Anniversary or anyone adding to the Prayer List.
Thank you for your support during this difficult time.

Virtual Gathering

This weekend we continue to meet at our usual Mass times. By now we will have started to establish what works in each of our homes. There is something powerful in knowing that the community we are part of is still spending time together at a particular time of the week.

If it suits you, play some quiet music and light a candle. Bring to mind the people you meet on your way into church, those who you would greet on your way to your seat, those who you would see in their regular places in the church. Call to mind the familiar faces, voices and names and bring them into your quiet time.

Make the sign of the cross and either read through the daily readings or you can listen to them being read via the parish Facebook page. Listen to Fr. Anton's message and read through the reflection in the newsletter.

Allow yourself time for prayer and quiet reflection.

Together pray the Our Father and the following prayer:



Generous God,

fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old,
that we may look after one another in these challenging days.

Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families.

May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace.

Comfort their family and friends.

Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick
and all who work in our medical facilities.

Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance
that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people.

We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in
the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all.

Bless them and keep them safe. Amen

Close with the sign of the cross

Blessing in the Chaos”

To all that is chaotic in you,
let there come silence.

Let there be a calming
of the clamouring,
a stilling of the voices that
have laid their claim on you,
that have made their home in you,

that go with you
even to the holy places
but will not let you rest,
will not let you hear your life
with wholeness
or feel the grace that fashioned you.

Let what distracts you cease.
Let what divides you cease.
Let there come an end
to what diminishes and demeans,
and let depart all that keeps you
in its cage.

Let there be an opening
into the quiet that lies beneath the chaos,
where you find the peace
you did not think possible
and see what shimmers within the storm.
~ Jan Richardson

Spiritual Resources Little Church

There are a number of links to live Mass streams, prayer suggestions and messages from Archbishop Malcolm on the Liverpool Archdiocese website:

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Home-Page>

We encourage you to take a look.

We would recommend tuning into the live Mass of Fr Peter Morgan at St Anne's Parish. This can be found at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzmZorKVDC04H7FNifNIX9A>

Little Church

There are resources for the little church on the parish Facebook page. -*Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan*' and the Parish Website -<http://www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk/about>



Mass Intentions

During the lockdown Fr. Anton is celebrating Mass each day at 3pm (this may change due to funerals) in the presbytery and Fr. Richard will also celebrate at 10am in his home. We already have a number of Mass intentions for Masses that were already scheduled, but if you would like a Mass said, please will you contact the Parish Office (0151 489 3085).

Saturday– 9th May

Mass 3pm — Thanksgiving (Pvt intention), The Lonely and Homeless.

Sunday 10th May –Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass 3pm — Nora and Christopher Lloyd , Gardeners of St Agnes and St. Aidan.

Monday - 11th May : Feast of The English Martyrs

Mass 3pm — Joan Cliff , Mark Weston

Tuesday – 12th May

Mass 3pm — Frances Walsh, Waste –collectors/ binmen

Wednesday—13th May (Solemnity—Dedication of the Liverpool Cathedral of Christ the King)

Funeral Service — Norah and Christopher Lloyd (Springwood Crematorium)

Funeral Service — Eileen Campbell (Knowsley/Fox-bank Cemetery)

Funeral Service — Philomena Lowrey . (St. Helen's Crematorium)

Thursday– 14th May (Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle)

Mass 3pm — Mrs. Kenny

Funeral Service — Honora 'Mary' Organ (Allerton Cemetery)

Friday– 15th May

Mass 3pm— Barbara King, Parish volunteers and their families.

Saturday 16th May

Mass 3pm — Staff and Students of Sts. Aidan, Joseph and Anne primary schools.

Sunday –17th May- Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass 3pm — Eric and Rose Mountain, World Leaders(heads of State and Govts)

Don't let your hearts be troubled

'Worrying is carrying tomorrow's load with today's strength – carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying doesn't empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength.'

Corrie ten Boom had plenty of cause for worry over the course of her lifetime. During World War II, she, along with her father and sister, provided a refuge in their home for a number of Jewish friends, playing a pivotal role in the Dutch 'underground' who sheltered Jews. Their home was eventually raided and the entire family arrested, her father dying in prison and her sister in a concentration camp. Corrie was sent to a series of camps but was released, and afterwards told her story in a book called *The Hiding Place*. Corrie's heart must have been troubled, often, but her strong faith sustained her and became the lens through which she viewed her life story: 'Every experience God gives us, every person he puts in our lives is the perfect preparation for the future that only he can see.' None of us knows how the future is going to turn out, and that is precisely why we tend to worry. (*Triona Doherty*)

Neuroscience can now demonstrate that the brain has a negative bias; the brain prefers to constellate around fearful, negative, or problematic situations. Our negative and critical thoughts are like Velcro, they stick and hold; whereas our positive and joyful thoughts are like Teflon, they slide away. When a loving, positive, or unproblematic thing comes your way, you have to savour it consciously for at least fifteen seconds before it can imprint itself in your "implicit memory;" otherwise it doesn't stick. We must indeed savour the good in order to significantly change our regular attitudes and moods. And we need to strictly monitor all the "Velcro" negative thoughts. (*Richard Rohr*)

"Just beyond the storms of personal chaos lies the profound indwelling power of love, the Source and true Centre" (*Cynthia Bourgeault*) Dwelling in that Love we find a new way of being, a new way of seeing what is real and true, a new way of truly living life to the full.

Parish Funding During the Coronavirus Lockdown

It is always difficult to broach the subject of financial matters but having discussed with those directly involved in the parish finance and with the advice from the Archdiocese to the parishes, we feel we need to explain the financial situation to all our parishioners during this current crisis. We have had a number of enquiries as to how parishioners can continue to support the parish financially while there are no Masses and therefore no collections.

A portion of the parish income comes from parishioners who have a monthly standing order in place, while a large portion of the parish income comes from the collections at Mass.

We are acutely aware that the implications of the lockdown have had far reaching consequences for many. Some people may be feeling financial hardship at present and as such, we would fully understand if they decided to temporarily suspend their monthly standing order to the parish.

With no Sunday Masses at this time of lockdown, and all churches temporarily closed, the parish will receive significantly less income. In addition, the reduction in income will materially outweigh any reduction in expenditure, resulting in an ongoing weekly deficit.

In these circumstances, we would like to invite those parishioners who normally give to the weekly collection at Sunday Mass, either in envelopes or cash, and feel able to continue to do so, to consider setting up a monthly standing order for an equivalent amount.

Please contact us by e-mail (agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk) or phone (0151 489 3085) and we will provide you with the relevant account details.

In the event you would feel more comfortable continuing to use your giving envelopes, we are currently arranging to safely drop these at your homes. We would ask that you keep these until the churches are open again, as we currently have no safe way of collecting and counting them.

Many thanks for your ongoing support and prayers.

*Thank
You!*