



# St. Anthony of Padua Parish Newsletter

Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter)

19th April 2020

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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Kevin Hanley OFM Conv.

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**Parish Office hours, Monday to Friday:** 9.30 - noon; 2 pm - 5.30 pm.

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## Pastoral Area Website

[www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk)

**Prayer Companion:** Please consider becoming a prayer companion to the front line workers. We have many parishioners who are key workers in the NHS, Education and in the food industry. Once the responses come in, you will be paired with a prayer companion.

**Friary & Church Grounds:** A complaint was made to the Archdiocese regarding the misuse of the Carpark and Church grounds by individuals who were flouting the social distancing guidelines. The Parish Priest was instructed to close and secure the carpark as it was being used as a playground, roller rink and skateboard arena.

**Please note:** Access to the friary is at **Greyfriars, 1, Elmsley Road only.**

**Prayer Requests** to the Carmelite Sisters, Maryton Grange, can be made via the pastoral area website.

**Family Offering Envelopes** have been delivered to a number of subscribers. Those living in the L19 & L25 areas who worship at St. Anthony of Padua have yet to receive their envelopes. The friars are very grateful for your continued support and care for us.

**Photographs** of the Easter Ceremonies held in the friary chapel are attached with this newsletter.

**Easter flower bouquets:** Grateful thanks to Gemma Lewis and Carl Mackie for organising the distribution of flowers for Easter. The bouquets were left at locations in the parish for people to take home. There was a prayer card attached and Easter greetings from St. Anthony of Padua parish. The flowers were donated by Tesco's on Mather Avenue at the close of business on Holy Saturday.

**Sacramental Programme:** Two weeks ago, when delivering the remaining workbooks for the First Communion, a number of children commented that they were following Mass online and didn't get the stickers to record their Mass attendance. The children have now received their Day by Day Easter prayer books along with the stickers for their journal. The children are to be reassured that First Communion will take place as soon as public worship is permitted again. Please continue to pray for the children and adults preparing for the sacraments.

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**Church Masses: (Private - not public)**

19. Sunday	Parishioners
20. Monday	Donors Intention
21. Tuesday	Arthur Scanlon. Funeral service at Springwood Crematorium at 3pm.
22. Wednesday	Donors Intention
23. Thursday	Sandra Foley rip (Anniversary), Margaret Whelan rip (Anniversary) John Ainsworth. Funeral service at Springwood Crematorium 12.15pm
24. Friday	Donors Intention
25. Saturday	Donors Intention
26. Sunday	Parishioners

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**Ministry:** Priests aged 70 years and over (and those in ill-health) are not permitted to leave their homes to exercise ministry. Therefore, priests under 70 years of age have been asked to take care of hospitals in their area. Fr. Kevin has been assigned as temporary Chaplain to the Spire Hospital on Greenbank Road / Penny Lane to administer the Sacrament of Viaticum.

**Catholic Pictorial** is available in the friary porch from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. The *Pic* is also accessible online.

**All Sacraments** except the Sacrament of the sick are suspended until further notice. (From the Archdiocese).

**Church Collections.**

If you wish to contribute to the parish collection by standing order please contact Fr Kevin.

**Recently deceased.** + Arthur Scanlon and +John Ainsworth.

**Prayer during the time of the Coronavirus crisis.**

**Generous and Merciful God**, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old; that we may look after each other in these challenging times, especially those among us who are vulnerable. May your example give us the courage we need to go to the margins, wherever they may be. Heal us of our fear.

**Healing God**, bring healing to those who are sick with the Coronavirus and be with their families and neighbours. We pray especially for those who are isolated, that they may know your love. Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

**God of Strength**, accompany all those who serve us with such love and generosity in the medical profession and in all our healthcare facilities. We give thanks for their continued work in the service of people. We ask you to bless them, strengthen them and guide them with your abundant goodness.

**God of Wisdom**, we ask you to guide the leaders in healthcare and governance; that they may make the right decisions for the wellbeing of people.

**O God of creation and God of life**, we, your people here in Mossley Hill, place ourselves and our world in your protection and love. May your peace be with us and enfold us today, tomorrow and during the time ahead. Amen.