

St. Anthony of Padua Parish Newsletter



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Easter Sunday

12th April 2020

This year, the Easter Triduum has been celebrated in many homes in a rather unique style. Much like the early Christian community, the events surrounding Easter were marked in a small family settings. It allows for the opportunity to be creative in your prayer. Many photos have been posted on the pastoral area website showing the various displays of palms for Palm Sunday. Privately, photos of the family altars have been sent in to me.

Every Year, on Holy Thursday, priests are invited to renew their promises and commitment to the priesthood before the Bishop. This year the Chrism Mass will take place at a later date. On Good Friday, we commemorated the death of Jesus, a death that came following much suffering. In the current climate of covid-19, many innocent people are suffering a similar fate.

To be an Easter people, is to be a people filled with hope. For many, this will be a traumatic year, especially for the families of victims, with concerns for the NHS personnel and key-workers tackling this pandemic. We continue to applaud and pray for the dedicated professionals of the NHS, and other emergency services especially those in our parish who are on the frontline providing care and support to the sick. To honour our parishioners working on the frontline, the Church bells of St. Anthony of Padua will ring out on Thursday evening at 8.00pm.

Here at St. Anthony's the friars have been celebrating the Easter Triduum in the Friary Chapel. Yesterday evening the Easter Vigil was celebrated in what can be described as the "upper room". A miniature Paschal candle was blessed and lit symbolising the Light of Christ coming into the world. Photographs will be attached which are also available on the Pastoral Area Website: www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

In and around Mossley Hill you may have seen flowers located on the roads. These were for people to pick up when out walking. There was also a prayer card with the prayer for the pandemic and a prayer to St. Francis. I wish to thank Gemma Lewis for suggesting the idea and for making it happen. St. Anthony of Padua was mentioned on BBC Radio Merseyside, Sunday morning programme.

The innocence of children speaks for itself in their understanding of Easter in light of the pandemic. Last week, some Altar Servers asked if the pandemic would be over by Good Friday as it was their first Easter to be a server and they had important jobs. When the storm passes we shall be the Easter people that the Lord has called us to be. A people filled with hope. In the meantime let us pray for another.



Church Masses: (Private - not public)

12. Sunday	Parishioners
13. Monday	Donors Intention
14. Tuesday	Donors Intention
15. Wednesday	Donors Intention
16. Thursday	Donors Intention
17. Friday	Donors Intention
18. Saturday	Donors Intention
19. Sunday	Parishioners

Continued.

Mgsr. Marco Frisina, composed lyrics and a score for World Youth Day which has become the theme for WYD. It is entitled "Jesus Christ You are my Life" and is worth listening to on YouTube.

May you and your families have a Happy, Holy and safe Easter.

Fr. Kevin and the community.



All Sacraments

except the Sacrament of the sick are suspended until further notice.

(From the Archdiocese).

The Family Offering Envelopes are now available for 2020-2021. We shall try and deliver as many as possible over the coming week. In keeping with the government requirements, the envelopes will be left on your doorstep [if they cannot fit through the letterbox].

In line with government guidelines, the Queens Drive entrance to the friary is closed. Access to the friary is on Elmsley Road.

Prayer during the time of the Coronavirus.

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.