



St. Anthony of Padua Parish Newsletter

Corpus Christi

14th June 2020

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REOPENING: following discussions during the past week and a review of the risk assessment, it was determined that St. Anthony of Padua Church does not fulfil the requirements required by the Archdiocese for a possible reopening at this time. Two Churches in the deanery will open for a number of hours each day: St. Francis of Assisi, Garston and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Please consult the deanery website liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk for the hours of opening. We await patiently for the day when we will open for worship in whatever form that may be.

SACRAMENTS: First Holy Communion ought to have been celebrated yesterday and today. Please pray for the adults and children who have been preparing for the sacraments this past year.

THE CATHOLIC PIC FOR JUNE is available in the friary porch.

UPDATE ON FR. KEVIN'S HEALTH: following an ultrasound at the Liverpool Royal Hospital last Monday, it was quickly discovered that a blood clot had developed in his leg. His high blood pressure is also being monitored closely. As you all know very well, Fr. Kevin, by his own admittance, does not have a singing voice that can be compared to the great tenors such as Mario Lancia, Luciano Lanzarote or Placido Domingo, but Fr. Kevin has spent the past week singing the praises of the NHS, which all of us are happy to hear. He would like to express his thanks to everyone who has sent kind messages; to the adults and children for their get well cards and for the assistance he has received from many of the parishioners during his illness.

CONTRIBUTIONS: Please note that the figure given last week was for the envelopes that are placed through the friary front door. This did not include the contributions which are being made on a weekly basis by standing order. Thank you for continuing to support the parish and friars.

FIRST COMMUNION 2021: Families who reside in the parish of St. Anthony of Padua and who will have a child entering Year 4 in September 2020 are eligible to prepare for the reception of First Communion in 2021. If your family worships at this parish every Sunday, you may register your child for the *With You Always* programme 2020/2021. **The closing date for registration is Friday, July 31st 2020.** Applications after this date will not be accepted. The *With You Always* programme is parish based. If you worship at a parish other than St. Anthony of Padua, then that parish is responsible for the preparation of your child for the Sacrament. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on two Sundays in July 2021.

Recently Deceased: Seamus Carton..... may he rest in peace.

Masses: To be said in the Friary chapel – not the church!

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| 14. Sunday | Parishioners |
| 15. Monday | Anthony Thompson rip |
| 16. Tuesday | Frances Peers rip |
| 17. Wednesday | Albert Peers rip |
| 18. Thursday | James Whelan rip (Birthday Remembrance) |
| 19. Friday | Margaret Carson rip |
| 20. Saturday | Sheila Tristram rip (1 st Anniversary) |
| 21. Sunday | Parishioners |

Masses Received. Sheila Tristram rip (A), Stella Darnell, James Whelan rip (Seamus Carten rip (LD)).



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WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING CREATURES
THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS

Prayer during 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 who 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.

Thought for the day;

Westminster Abbey in London is the home of Poets' Corner, where many poets are commemorated in stone. At the back of the Abbey rests the Unknown Soldier, whose memorial, erected after the First World War, is dedicated to all those who died serving their country. And just a few yards away, a new memorial has been established. There is no body beneath it, because it draws attention to a war that has not ended and seems to know no end: it is a memorial to Innocent Victims of Oppression, Violence and War.

Memorials are important, and never more so than when they are to human lives, lived and lost. Poets' Corner is a celebration of literary greats, serving to honour the work of men and women of letters. The tomb of the Unknown Soldier represents so much more: it symbolises the supreme sacrifice made by thousands of men and women, many of whose bodies now rest in unmarked graves. It is a reminder of the immense human cost of war.

The memorial to Innocent Victims of Oppression, Violence and War goes a step further. It too honours human lives, lived and lost; it too serves as a reminder of the human cost of war. But it is also a call to action. The suffering and death to which it draws attention continue each and every day. This memorial symbolises the cry of suffering humanity for justice, reconciliation and peace.

Today's readings are also about a memorial. It is not made of stone, but is nonetheless real: a memorial meal. The Eucharist which we celebrate today is the memorial instituted by Jesus. It draws attention to his life; it proclaims his death; and it celebrates his resurrection from the dead. Like the new memorial at Westminster Abbey, the Eucharist draws attention to issues that have not gone away, and do not go away: sacrifice, service, presence and redemptive love.

In today's first reading, Moses reminds the people of God's saving goodness, shown to them over many years. The remembering is important, because it keeps the people alive to the continuing saving presence of God. Similarly, Paul emphasises the importance of the Eucharist, this memorial which represents an intimate sharing in the life of Christ, which binds people together more surely than war can tear them apart.

Jesus draws on the familiar tradition of God's provision for the people in the desert and takes it much further. It is not manna which now feeds and nourishes. It is his own flesh, given for the life of the world. Here we have a memorial which draws on the past, takes place in the present, and promises the future. It effects union with Christ, and so with the Father.

So this celebration works on many levels at once. We hear again of the sacrifice of Jesus, his self-giving, his offering of his own life that we might live. We are reminded that in the Eucharist we enjoy communion with Jesus, and so are drawn into his life with the Father. We are also drawn together in faith and become a community with Christ's self-giving at its centre. And we commit ourselves to Christ's kingdom of justice, reconciliation and peace.

When we celebrate the Eucharist, we are caught up in a living memorial. We are challenged to deepen our commitment to each other as we reflect on the example of Jesus, who gives generously of himself, that we might live. His life of loving service inspires us and empowers us to serve as he does.

Our communion with Christ and with each other in the Eucharist is the beginning of eternal life. In Christ we are already in the tomb, and already risen and ascended to the Father. Eternal life has already begun for us. The eucharistic memorial is where we are reminded of this and taken up in it. Our communion is our salvation, tangible and very near.

Our great memorials commemorate lives lived and lost, and the Eucharist is no exception; but it is much more too. The life that was lived and lost was found again. Jesus died and was raised from the dead. And so too our lives are lived, will be lost, and will be restored to us by God's grace. A memorial which can do this can only come from God. And that God's own self is caught up in this memorial can only come from love.

Bidding Prayers

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Dearest Lord, we turn to you in passion and love. Hear our prayers that we bring before you.

We pray for Pope Francis and hear his call as he urges the Christian community to work toward a future that lifts up society's most marginalised, including migrants, the sick, the unemployed and prisoners. Lord hear us.

We pray to break down the barriers in our communities, enable us all to see the reality of racism and the damage, distress and hurt it causes. Set us to challenge and uproot it, from ourselves, our society, our children and our world. Lord hear us.

We pray to fill the hearts of mankind with the fire of your love and with the desire to ensure justice for all. May we look forward to a future whereby we can secure equality for all of God's people. Lord hear us.

As we celebrate The Feast of Corpus Christi let us rejoice in the real presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the elements of the Eucharist. Although unable to receive sacramentally, come into our hearts, let us unite wholly to you. Lord hear us.

We pray for the bereaved. Let us carry these precious people in their sadness and loss. Give their weary hearts rest and their minds sound sleep. Lord, lift their eyes so that they may catch a glimpse of eternity, and be comforted by the promise of heaven. Lord hear us.

We pray for our family, friends and colleagues as we all begin to adapt to the 'new normal'. Lord hear us.

Let us pray for a moment for our own personal petitions. Lord hear us.

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Fr. Aidan Duffy, Una Mulcahy. Bernard Hugh Lyons, Dave Marsden, Liz Green, Sheila Corcoran. Gladys Sampson, Maureen Martin, Ron Sloan, Jennifer Chung, Andrea Welsh, Shirley McGrath, Peter Rylands, Dilys Mulcahy, James & May Hegarty, Karen Rowntree, Catherine McAllister. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them

Heavenly Father, we ask you to hear the prayers we make in faith. Banish all hatred and resentment from our hearts and shape us in your perfect mould. For you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Please pray for the sick:

Margaret Barrow, Joanne & Julian Bone, Michael Brooks, Christopher Browne, Carol Bennett, Timothy Clarkson, Derek Checkland, Tom Culley, Conor Daly, Alice Feeney, Grace Fernando, Patricia Fitzgerald, Gail Flaherty, Gerry Foley, Marian Gallagher, Joan Ganner, Eunice Garforth, Clare Giblin, James Grant, John Green, Irene Gregory, Fr. Kevin Hanley OFM Conv, Juliette Hannon, Lilian Hill, Fr. Gerald Hicks OFM Conv, Adrian Hill, Lilian Hill, David Jeffrey, Mark Kelly, Joan Kemp, Denise Kennedy, Joseph Kennedy, Maureen Kerruish, David Lee, Jennie & Leighton, Maria & Clare Leonard, Sue Lethbridge, Helen Linford, Eva Littler, Freddie Keegan, Elma Kirwan, Patricia McAuley, Winnie McFadden, Joseph McKenna, Simon McLeod, Danny McSweeney, Kevin McSweeney, Stephan Malick, Angela Millan, John Monaghan, Rihanna Mughan, Marisa & Gianpietro Pacati, Cheryl Power, Terence Randles, Paul Rattigan, Hugh Reily, Tess Rice, Kenny Roberts, Therese de Rouffignac, Jacob Scott, Cecelia Shaw, David Smallwood, Jenny Spann, Patricia Steele, Eileen Stokes, Joseph Stokes, Mary Summerfield, Theo (child), Lisa Thomas, Maureen Thomas, Tony and Marie, Pat Unwin, Ewan James Vicars, Peggy Westhead, James Whelan, Sophie Williams, Michelle Worthington. and John Young.