

Sunday 26h April 2020



First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41
Peter and the other apostles baptize
3,000 people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6
The Lord is my shepherd.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20b-25
We have been healed by the wounds of
Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10
Jesus is the gate for his sheep.

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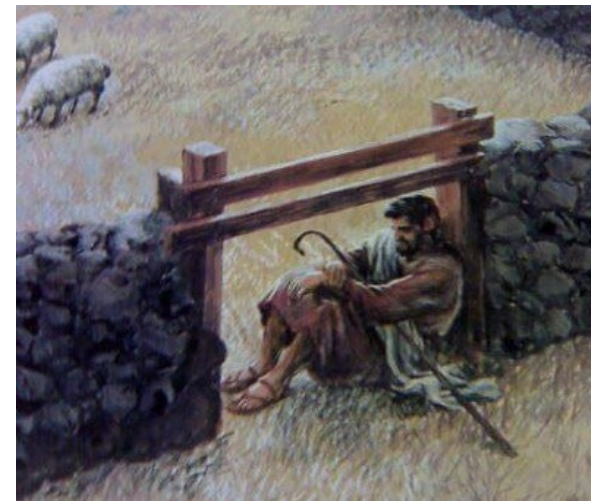
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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 3rd May 2020

Fourth 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 McLaughlin, Alan McMahon, 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, Mary Organ, 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.

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 Honora Mary Organ, Philomena Lowrey, Eileen Campbell, Nora and Christopher Lloyd, Rose Leigh

Anniversaries - Thomas Keenan, Tommy Smith, Thomas Leather, Christina Bell

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 2nd May 2020

St Aidan - Parish Volunteers and their families, Mentally and physically challenged

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.

Mass Intentions

During the lockdown Fr. Anton is celebrating Mass each day at 3pm 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 2nd May

Mass 3pm — Brown Family, Michael O'Brien

Sunday 3rd May- Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass 3pm — Gerry Ball, Tommy Smith

Monday - 4th May : Feast of The English Martyrs

Mass 3pm — Hannah Moody (Nee Martin), NHS staff and Essential workers

Tuesday – 5th May

Mass 3pm — Paul Ingram, Thomas Keenan

Funeral Service — Brian Christopher Wallace (St. Helen's Crematorium)

Funeral Service — Peter John Caribine (Springwood Crematorium)

Wednesday—6th May

Mass 7.30pm— Maureen Hamilton, Asylum seekers and refugees

Funeral Service —Anthony Kehoe (Tony) - St. Helen's Crematorium

Funeral Service — Thomas Joseph Doherty (Springwood Crematorium)

Thursday– 7th May

Mass 3pm — Deceased members of the S.V.P (St. Vince de Paul Society)

Funeral Service — Patrick Maypothor (West Derby Cemetery)

Friday– 8th May

Mass 3pm— Thanksgiving, WHO (World Health Organization)

Saturday– 9th May

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

Sunday 10th May –Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass 3pm — Gardeners of St Agnes and St. Aidan.

Staying Connected

Fr. Anton and the office staff have been trying to make contact with all the parishioners. Just to say hello and check how everyone is doing. We have a large database now of numbers, but obviously there will be people we don't have numbers for. If you have not received a call and would like one, please can you let us know your number. We will try our best to contact people and least once every two weeks, just to stay connected.

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/UCzmZorKVDC04H7FNiNIX9A>

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>

Volunteer and help schemes

Since stricter measures have now been enforced by the Government, we have been advised that all volunteer and help schemes need to go through the appropriate channels.

We would like to thank all those who volunteered to help in the event it was necessary, if you would still like to help, please go through the following channels, so that all necessary health and safety procedures are followed and adhered to.

- Knowsley - <https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/community-hub>
- Liverpool - <https://liverpool.gov.uk/.../c.../coronavirus-volunteer-to-help/>

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

I Am the Gate

When we reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we have a cornucopia of themes on which to feast: loving; following; listening; being known; pastoring; nourishing; giving life; gentle caring; being lost and found. Each theme is a meal in itself, nourishing us as we reflect on its relevance in our own lives. In today's second reading Peter speaks about Jesus' response to suffering, especially undeserved suffering, leaving an example for us so that we can 'return to our Shepherd'.

"When we suffer, everything in us wants to blame somebody. We may feel that it releases our anger, but it doesn't really heal. Many studies have shown that most of the pain that we suffer is not from the incident itself, but it's our resistance to it. It's that constant voice that shouts, "This isn't fair. This shouldn't have happened to me. This is not right." Although these reactions may be justified, the trouble is that they destroy the soul, because we keep replaying those voices over and over again. Jesus shepherds the soul by walking through the gate first and then he says, "I am the gate." Life isn't fair and if we expect it always to be fair, we are going to live every day angry, bitter and disappointed. It's said that every expectation is a resentment waiting to happen. The way Jesus shepherds our soul is by leading us to a much deeper place where we don't immediately fight, resist and oppose everything that happens to us. I offer you the following prayer. When we first read it, we will probably think, "This is impossible. I can't do that." But when we can, we will find the grace to say 'Yes' to life before we start with 'No'. Most of us start the day with 'No. I don't like it; I resist it; I have to fix it, change it or even understand it' – when most of the time we can't. I offer this prayer, not because I know how to live it but because Jesus did it first and he will show us the way. (adapted from Richard Rohr)

The Welcoming Prayer (by Father Thomas Keating).

Welcome, welcome, welcome. I welcome everything that comes to me today because I know it's for my healing. I welcome all thoughts, feelings, emotions, persons, situations, and conditions. I let go of my desire for power and control. I let go of my desire for affection, esteem, approval and pleasure. I let go of my desire for survival and security. I let go of my desire to change any situation, condition, person or even myself. I simply open to the love and presence of God and God's action within. Amen.

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!*