

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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*Sunday 12th April 2020
Easter Sunday*

**Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially
Henry Curran, Ellen Gilbert, Michael McElroy, Margie Underwood.**

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Stephen Bennet, Alice Rawlinson, Thomas Walker, Francis Hunt, Christian
Rose Sherry, Jack & Julia Hunt, Reynold family members, Bullen family
members, Veronica Bird (Birthday).

**Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for
those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially**

Janet Clark, Raymond Doran, Peter Fraser, John Murphy, Peter Tallon,

T. C. Sheila Willcox, Andreas Samaras, John Walker, Sr. Kathleen
Hamilton, David & Julie Pearce, J. G., Mary Mousley, Paul, Angela Adlen,
Emily Purdie, Giles Rowe, Angela Gregory.

HOLY SATURDAY

8.00pm **CELEBRATION OF THE EASTER VIGIL:** St Teresa's
8.00pm **CELEBRATION OF THE EASTER VIGIL:** Queen of Martyrs

EASTER SUNDAY

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's
11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's
10.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

TUESDAY

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's
9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

WEDNESDAY

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's
7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's
9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's
9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SATURDAY

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's
6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's
11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

Help us feed people during the Coronavirus crisis!

Foodbanks are struggling to stay open and feed the hungry. If you are out shopping, please donate items where you can and leave them at the supermarket collection points. For more information visit

www.trusselltrust.org/coronavirus-food-banks.

Caritas in Nugent also runs a weekly food market in Kirkdale.

Perhaps you could donate £5, £10 or more: every donation helps to put food on the table of those suffering increased difficulties at this time, restoring their dignity and hope. Donations can be made online via the following link

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/epsy>

LOURDES

Placing your petition at the Grotto of Lourdes this Easter Sunday

Although our HCPT group will not be making an Easter pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, you can still place a petition at the Grotto thanks to the internet. Make an online petition by visiting www.lourdes-france.org and following the 'your petition' link.

'O my mother, in your heart I placed all my anguish of my heart and it is there that I gain strength and courage'. St Bernadette.

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July has also been cancelled but...

Fr Vin McShane is hoping to lead a pilgrimage to Lourdes 7th-9th December for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. For more details ring Mike Langan at Leisure Time Travel on 07512 856045 as soon as possible.

Archdiocese helps the NHS

The Archbishop pays tribute to key workers and announces that the Archdiocese is making a donation of £20,000 to the Masks4NHSHeroes campaign for the purchase of personal protective equipment for the NHS at the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Q6P2xZ3Xrl>

Cardinal leads Easter Sunday Service on Radio Merseyside

A special service led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be broadcast on BBC Radio Merseyside, and all BBC local radio stations, at 8.00am on Easter Sunday Morning.

If you have a story or information you'd like included in on BBC Merseyside's regular 'Make A Difference' slot, you can email direct to HYPERLINK "mailto:makeadifference.merseyside@bbc.co.uk" \t "_blank" makeadifference.merseyside@bbc.co.uk or to HYPERLINK "mailto:helen.jones@bbc.co.uk" \t "_blank" helen.jones@bbc.co.uk.

EASTER BLESSINGS

On behalf of Fr Anthony and myself, I want to thank you for all the prayers, support and messages we've received during these last days. It's good for us to know that so many of you are participating in the Masses and other services via the live streaming. May the Risen Lord bless you all richly and may the power of his victory over sin and death sustain us in these challenging times. *Fr Chris.*

Easter Message from Archbishop Malcolm

It was early in the morning on the first day of the week when the women went to the tomb taking spices to anoint the body of Jesus according to their custom. When they got to the tomb they found the stone rolled away and the body of Jesus had gone, instead they saw a young man dressed in white, an angel, who told them 'He has risen, he is not here, see the place where they laid him'. Their reaction wasn't one of delight, they couldn't understand what was happening, they were afraid, and they ran to tell the disciples. Peter and John ran to the tomb, they saw, and they believed, but like the women they did not understand what had happened.

The Risen Lord then appeared to Mary Magdalen who, thinking that his body had been stolen, was standing by the tomb weeping. She didn't recognise him, she thought he was the gardener, and it was only when he spoke her name that she knew him and having seen him understood.

That same day two of the disciples were walking to Emmaus, a village about seven miles from Jerusalem, when another traveller, Jesus, joined them on the road. They didn't recognise him and told him about everything that had happened. When they reached Emmaus they invited the 'mystery traveller' to stay with them and when he broke the bread at the table they recognised Jesus and, even though it was late, they went back to Jerusalem to tell the disciples.

It was eight days later when Jesus appeared to the disciples that Thomas recognised the Risen Lord. He had refused to believe, he wanted proof and Jesus gave him that proof saying, 'doubt no longer but believe'. He then went further and said, 'have you believed because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe'.

The followers of Jesus didn't understand his resurrection. The hope which had been taken from them days before was now about to be realised and they didn't know it. They saw and they believed but it was only when the Risen Lord actually appeared to them that they understood.

The Risen Lord is the same for us today as he was for his disciples. In these days in particular, we do not understand what is happening around us, but we can see the Risen Lord in the lives and work of others. Those who are caring, those who are helping and are giving their time for the good of others.

When Jesus was crucified his followers lost everything, all they had hoped for had gone, there was no future. The resurrection changed all that and hope returned. We too can have that same hope for the future if we recognise the Risen Lord and allow him into our lives.

Let us pray that on this Easter Day the Risen Lord will greet us as he did his disciples with the words 'Peace be with you', will ease our anxieties and calm our fears that we may truly have a Happy Easter.

+ Malcolm, Archbishop of Liverpool.