

# NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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*Deacons: Chris Housbey, Malcolm Fletcher, Donagh McKillop*

*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020 Palm Sunday*

**Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially**  
Alan Farley, Ronnie Sudbury, John Francis Vaughan,  
Mary (Marie) Oldroyd.

**and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time**  
Bill Morley and Veronica Bird

**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.

## **New Live Streaming System**

All public worship in churches is still suspended but you can now follow  
Mass and other service live from both our churches via the links on the  
parish websites.

## Holy Week Services

The times of the Holy Week Services in both churches, all live streamed, are listed on the next page.

### **PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY**

#### **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

### **MONDAY**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

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### **TUESDAY**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

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### **WEDNESDAY**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

9.00am Morning Prayer: St Teresa's

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7.00pm **EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:** St Teresa's

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### **GOOD FRIDAY**

9.00am Morning Prayer: St Teresa's

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12.00pm Stations of the Cross: Queen of Martyrs

3.00pm **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION:** St Teresa's

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7.00pm Watching at the Tomb with Mary: St Teresa's

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

9.00am Morning Prayer: St Teresa's

9.00am Morning Prayer: Queen of Martyrs

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

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### **EASTER SUNDAY**

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

## **Foodbanks**

Foodbanks are struggling to stay open and feed the hungry. With supermarket shelves empty, and volunteers being told to stay at home, foodbanks are depleted and under pressure. In addition to this, it is harder for us to donate to foodbanks when we are limited to buying only one or two items. The advice at the moment is, that when we are out shopping, and only when we have to be out shopping in any case, to donate items where we can, and where foodbanks are still operating. For more information visit [www.trusselltrust.org/coronavirus-food-banks/](http://www.trusselltrust.org/coronavirus-food-banks/)

## **St Teresa's Parish Lottery**

Due to the current situation with the Covid19 virus we will not be selling any more tickets for the parish lottery until further notice.

## **City Council Volunteer schemes : Please follow these links.**

- Liverpool - <https://liverpool.gov.uk/communities-and-safety/emergency-planning/coronavirus/coronavirus-volunteer-to-help/>
- Knowsley - <https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/community-hub>
- Sefton - <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/miscellaneous-pages/volunteering-during-covid-19.aspx>

## **NEW WAYS OF PRAYING**

The current situation is both a challenge and an opportunity for all of us. Some of us are having to work in situations that put us at risk, others are having to stay home and find new ways of relating to each other, new ways of communicating, new ways of teaching and learning, new ways of working. And the same challenge affects our ways of praying. We cannot go to church as we usually do, but we need to pray now more than ever. All the Holy Week services in both our churches will be live streamed, so you can participate in those. Our diocesan website [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk) has reflections and services you can pray at home and there are more resources on the Bishops' Conference website [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk), including a video by Cardinal Nichols explaining that the obligation to make our Easter duties is lifted for this year and one in which he discusses with the Chief Rabbi and the Archbishop of Canterbury the call to deepen our personal prayer and to remember that our homes are holy places too. Let's take the opportunity to pray in ways both old and new this Holy Week.

## *New Life, even in Death*

Holy Week is sometimes known as The Great Week, because it is the most important week of the Church's year, celebrating the events that are at the heart of our Christian faith. The central truth of our faith is that God loved the world so much that he sent his only Son to live like us, to die for us and to rise again to new life that he shares with us. If that were not true, our faith would be meaningless.

This week we relive the familiar stories that give shape and meaning to our life in strange and difficult circumstances. The pandemic doesn't change the central truths of our faith but makes them even more important. Now more than ever we need to recall Jesus washing the feet of his disciples and giving them his Body and Blood in the form of bread and wine at the Last Supper, which was the first Eucharist. We need to remember Jesus being betrayed, condemned, tortured, executed and buried in the story of his Passion. And above all, in the darkness of Holy Saturday night we need to celebrate, in each of our homes, his bursting forth from the tomb, the bright light of his victory over sin and death.

Easter assures us that God's love for us is stronger than anything that can harm or depress us, including the deadly effects of the Coronavirus and the trials it brings for those who are sick, those caring for them, those keeping essential services going and the rest of us playing our part by staying at home. Easter assures us that death is followed by resurrection as surely as day follows night. It's a time for giving thanks to God for everything that has been good in our lives, in our families, in our community and in the world, and for putting our trust in the newness of life that is our constant hope, and that we see in the goodness of those rising to the current challenge and in the creation all around us.

David Hockney, aged 83 and staying at home in Normandy, named one of his new paintings of daffodils 'Do remember they can't cancel the Spring!' Let's be on the watch for every sign of new life around us, so that our hearts can be filled with the joy and hope of Easter.

*Fr Chris*