

# NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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with Blessed Sacrament 474 2682*

*Holy Name and Our Lady & St Philomena 476 0289*

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

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially**  
Hanna Pugh, Daniel McKillop, Joan Stephenson, Anthony Larkin, Norah  
Coward, Bob Thompson, Basil Monks, Denis Causton, Veronica Jinks,  
Derek Trafford, Kenneth Purcell.

**and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time**  
Birdie Kane, Kath Morley, Albert Matthews,  
Vincent & Teresa Brocklehurst, Peter White, Edith Wilson

**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, 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, Joyce Rhodes.

## **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. Masses are also live streamed from the National Shrine of  
Our Lady at Walsingham [www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream).

**SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> May**

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

**TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

12.00 Rosary: Queen of Martyrs

**SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> May**

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

*All services are live streamed  
via the parish websites.*

**CAFOD has launched a coronavirus emergency appeal.** The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate as individuals at [www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal](http://www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal).

**Recruitment of Cathedral Choristers**

The Cathedral Choir is recruiting boys who in Years 2 & 3 and girls in Year 5.

All choristers are educated at Runnymede St Edward's School (Boys, Years 3-6) and St Edward's College (Boys & Girls, Years 7-11.) The Junior Choir School, Runnymede St Edward's, is becoming a Voluntary Aided School from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 so, for the first time ever, there will be NO school fees payable for any choristers at the Metropolitan Cathedral. This means that a first class Catholic chorister education for boys and girls in Liverpool is available at no cost. Full details of choristerships at the Metropolitan Cathedral can be found at: <https://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs/>

**Livestreaming of Rosary on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

Join us for a live stream Rosary at 12 noon on 15<sup>th</sup> May, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. There will be prayers, songs and crowning of Our Lady.

All welcome at our website [www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs](http://www.ourladyqueenofmartyrs).

## **Synod Reflection on our present experience**

The Archdiocese has issued a video and reflection leaflet inviting us to share what we have learned about new ways of being Church during these first few weeks of the Coronavirus pandemic. You can view the resources online at <https://synod2020.co.uk/themes/proposals/reflections> and submit your own proposal directly online or by email to the parish email addresses: our parish Synod co-ordinators need to collate the parish responses and send them in by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

### **New resources from the Archdiocese include:**

- Reflection for Fifth Sunday of Easter
- Readings for Fifth Sunday of Easter
- Resurrection Appearances: Matthew's Gospel reflection
- Domestic abuse: advice and support
- Mental health: advice and support
- How to talk to children and teens about COVID-19

All can be accessed/downloaded at

<https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> or through <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/> by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

### **FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND APPEAL - Pentecost Challenge**

As the COVID-19 crisis deepens in the Westbank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan, FHL aim increase donations to ensure the Charity can provide resources for immediate relief to our most vulnerable brothers and sisters devastated by the crisis. Long standing supporters of Friend of the Holy Land have committed to matching any donations received by 31<sup>st</sup> May. Every £1 you donate will become £2!

Donations can be made on line at [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge)

### **A message from Missio's National Director Fr Anthony Chantry**

"At Missio we try to express and build solidarity through prayer and action. Prayer focuses our hearts and minds on God's compassion for suffering humanity. Action calls each of us to give what we can to make a difference. The Holy Father has established an emergency fund to come to the aid of those people and communities who are being tragically impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. He has asked each one of us to contribute what we can to help the Church overseas, through Missio. Any gift that you can give at this time will help our missionaries reach out to the most vulnerable people and offer them spiritual and practical support; and any prayer you offer for them will surely be heard.

You can donate by phone on 020 7821 9755 or online at [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk)

## *Even greater works*

Our first reading shows the early church developing different ministries, not leaving everything to the apostles, but electing people take responsibility for different tasks in the life of the church, leaving the apostles free to preach and pray, and today there are new needs and new ways of responding to them, as more people volunteer to play their part, even by phone from home.

The second reading says we all share in Christ's priesthood and his mission: each one of us is a living stone, together making the church into a home for all who need it.

Jesus says that everyone who believes him will do the same things as he did himself, and even greater things. He invites us to trust the Father and trust him, because there's a place in the Father's house for each of us. That is the destiny to which each of us is called, but the journey into everlasting life with the Father has to begin in this life.

It starts at Baptism, when each of us is called by name to become a follower of Jesus, to carry out a mission that no-one else can do. We receive the other sacraments to strengthen us on our journey, to experience the presence of God with us in every moment of our life and at every step on the way. In the Eucharist, we are fed by the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Jesus, formed as a community and sent out to spread the Good News that Jesus is alive and active in our world. We are confirmed with the gift of the Holy Spirit to enable us to be the witnesses to God's love in the world. When we fail and hurt ourselves and others, we can experience forgiveness through the sacrament of Reconciliation. When we make major choices about how we will serve God and the community, those choices may be affirmed in the sacraments of Marriage or Holy Orders. When we are sick or approaching the end of life, we and those who love us are comforted and strengthened by the Sacrament of the Sick.

At the moment access to the sacraments is restricted, along with many other aspects of our life, but we look forward in faith and hope to the days when we can gather again to celebrate them.

*Fr Chris*