

# 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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## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020

### Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially**

Fr Frank Gormley OMI, Ronald Cook, Mary Nugent, Hilda Drinkwater,  
Denis Knibb, Lilly Hemming, Freda Barker, Susan Davitt, Patricia Clifton,  
Annie Pugh, Denis Knibb, Lilly Hemming, Freda Barker, Susan Davitt,  
Patricia Clifton, Annie Pugh

**and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time**

*Katie Heron, Rosemarie White nee Riley, Jim Usher*

**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, Margaret Bradley, Raymond Doran, Peter Fraser, John Murphy, T. C. Sheila  
Willcox, Andreas Samaras, John Walker, David & Julie Pearce, J. G., Mary Mousley,  
Paul & Kate, Angela Adlen, Giles Rowe, Angela Gregory, Phyllis Cook, Anna Gawlik,  
Mick Lawrence, Joan Turner, Brian McEvoy, Agnes Sweeney*

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**



Children and families have been patiently waiting for news of when we can celebrate their First Communion. Our current plan, subject to any changes in regulations, is to have the Communion Masses in both churches on the first three Saturdays in October. We will let you know more as soon as we can.

**ONLY THE MASSES IN BOLD TYPE ARE OPEN FOR PEOPLE TO ATTEND**

**SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> August**

**6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's**

**6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> August**

**10.00am Mass: St Teresa's**

**11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> August**

**9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> August**

**9.00am Mass: St Teresa's**

**7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> August**

**9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> August**

**9am: St Teresas**

**SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

**6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's**

**6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

**10.00am Mass: St Teresa's**

**11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

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

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**Prayer and Other Resources from the Archdiocese**

New resources now available include:

- Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism – a resource that can be used to help families reflect on the sacrament in these times when it is difficult offer preparation as we may have done pre-pandemic
- 10 easy ways to share faith with your child as they grow.
- What sort of church do we want?
- Nugent's latest 'Let's stay in touch' newsletter.
- Nugent's latest 'Signpost' newsletter for the deaf community.

All can be accessed/downloaded at

<https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> or through

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/> by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

**Call for Action - Online Petition at Christian Aid**

We have all been affected in some way by the devastating impact of coronavirus. As the pandemic has spread in many of the poorest countries, our neighbours around the world have been hit even harder, often without the same safety nets we've seen at home.

The most vulnerable have been falling ill and the economic impacts have left people who were already struggling, without a way to feed their families and survive this crisis. The World Bank estimates that an additional 60 million people risk falling into extreme poverty.

Right now, you can help prevent people from suffering and dying due to the health and economic impacts of the pandemic by supporting calls for a debt 'jubilee' – requested by governments of poor and vulnerable countries. This would mean debt repayments of poor countries are cancelled during this crisis. Call on the chancellor to broker a more ambitious debt relief deal for the poorest countries. Find the online petition at [www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/debt-jubilee-petition](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/campaigns/debt-jubilee-petition)

### **Beirut Emergency Appeal**

On the evening of Tuesday 4 August, two explosions at the port of Lebanon's capital city of Beirut sent an enormous shockwave across the city killing over 200 people and leaving more than 4,000 injured. Thousands of families were affected by the explosion. Many of them have slept in shattered homes or temporary accommodation, while also facing the deadly threat of the coronavirus pandemic. We are invited to donate online to the Beirut emergency appeal via Cafod and Trocaire to give people already under stress, practical aid.

### **Volunteers**

We are still looking for more volunteers who are not in the vulnerable categories and can be available to steward at baptisms and funerals. If you can help, please email the relevant church.

### **WELCOME**

We are delighted to welcome Sophie Ella Joyce, Zara Jade Joyce, Nancy Carly Joyce & Lenny Ian Joyce who were all recently Baptised into our faith community.



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit—

Our RCIA group has continued to meet throughout lockdown in preparation for reception of the Sacraments.

Congratulations to Karl Jenkins who was fully received into the Catholic Church on Wednesday at St Teresa's. Congratulations, also, to his son, James, who was baptised during the same Mass. Please keep in your prayers the rest of the RCIA Group for the Pastoral Area who will be receiving Sacraments at Masses during August and September.

## ***Taking Christ to others***

It was 7 'o' clock and all was well as the small turkey joint was lifted from the oven. It looked good and it smelled even better. And then the phone rang. A sick call to a person in the local area. The young priest shook his head, smiled and laughed out loud at God's timing. He covered the aforementioned turkey with foil as he went to attend to more important matters. As the priest made his way through the streets to the house of the sick person, he was struck by the number of windows with posters or banners speaking of 'Liverpool: Champions 2019/2020'. Yet, when he entered the gate of the house where he was needed, he saw a different picture in the window - that of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Without seeing the number of the house he knew he had arrived at the right place.

Inside the house, he was met with gratitude and kindness for his visit. He sensed a real love for the mother from her three children who told the priest of the mother's strong Catholic faith. He said some prayers and anointed the sick lady and, as he arrived back at his car, he reflected upon the joy that had touched his heart during the visit.

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Gospel of the day recounts Mary's visit to Elizabeth and the immense joy that the Holy Spirit prompts in Elizabeth Mary appears, carrying the precious gift of the child Jesus in her womb.

Pope Francis says that "proclaiming the Lord is witnessing the joy of knowing him, helping to live the beauty of meeting him". We, too, have been blessed with a precious gift - that of knowing Jesus - and when we are able to take this gift into the presence of others, we can provide people with a deep hope and real comfort in their lives, as well as experiencing in ourselves the true joy that faith can bring.

When the young priest returned home that night his turkey was still slightly warm but it was overshadowed and came second-best to the deep warmth that he had experienced in helping to bring Christ to others.

*Fr Anthony*