



## Parish of Holy Trinity, Worsley

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### Sunday 16 August 2020 – Feast of the Assumption

#### Greetings

I hope you are all keeping well during these ever-so-strange times. For those of you who are accustomed to receiving the daily email/newsletter, this format will seem both different and familiar. It's the normal heading for our weekly newsletter but now delivered by email and by hand. If you have received it by email, please feel free to print it and deliver it to parishioners who might not be on the email list and who might feel themselves to be cut off from parish life these days. You might also want to deliver 'The Lord's Day at Home' sheets – they are another valuable way of staying in touch with the Universal Church and its Sunday worship.

#### Open Church

As you know we are not opening any of our churches in the parish for worship at the moment. You might have heard that some churches do have Mass for limited numbers and under very strict cleaning and distancing guidelines. It is felt that it is probably too soon to do so here but we hope to be able to have a limited programme of Masses across the three churches in the near future.

There are many other aspects of parish liturgical life which have been put on hold; we have had no Baptisms, no First Communion, no reception of converts, no weddings, and no Requiem Masses. Parishioners have been very patient and I am grateful for the generosity of spirit which has enabled us to persevere. I know that many people have taken this opportunity to grow in their personal prayer lives, developing their capacity for contemplation – recognising the Lord's presence in all parts of their lives and not just within the four walls of church. Missing Mass and communion is a huge wrench; most of us have grown up in an era when Mass is almost 'available on demand' – we need to remember that this is only very recent in the history of the Church and across the world it is relatively unknown. Let us keep each other, especially the lonely and isolated in our prayer, trusting in the guardianship of St Joseph.

#### Building Works

We are still hoping to make progress with the conversion of St Edmund's presbytery into a house of multiple occupancy. This will be ever more necessary when the lockdown is over and homeless men and women are forced back onto the streets. In the meantime, following Diocesan guidelines, we are having full health and safety checks on all our parish buildings across the three sites. These include asbestos surveys, electrical compliance, gas certification and fire and emergency compliance.

#### Finance

As you well know, since the suspension of Masses across the Church income has gone down and we are not exempt. Many people are making their regular contributions via their bank through Standing Order; it would be helpful if more parishioners could do so. If this is not possible, could you please consider making your offering by cheque – simply post it through the front door of Christ the King presbytery

#### Events this week

##### Monday

Mass 12.00pm; Exposition 5.00pm; 7.00pm Poetry Evening on Zoom – please let Cecelia know your selection

##### Tuesday

Mass: 5.00pm; 7.30pm meeting on Zoom of the Bereavement Support Team

##### Wednesday

Mass: 12.00pm; Exposition: 5.00pm; 7.30pm Meeting on Zoom of the Eco-Team

##### Thursday

Mass: 12.00pm; Exposition: 5.00pm

##### Friday

12.00pm: Funeral of Alan Calvert at Wardley Cemetery – please pray for him, his family and friends

5.00pm: Mass

#### Private prayer

Christ the King church will be open – Monday: 2-3.00pm, Wednesday 6-7.00pm, Friday 2-3.00pm.

#### Prayers please

For those who are sick especially Adela, David, Winnie, Sylvia, Joe, Susan, Irene, Paddy, Jimmy, Maureen, Steve, P.J., Declan, Jac, Kay and Anne

And for those who have died in recent times especially Audrey, Bridget, William, Maree, Joe, Joseph, Gerard, Keisha and Alan, and for Elizabeth Ross and all those whose anniversaries are at this time

**Masses received:** Emily Louise Jones, Freda Jones, Elizabeth Ross, Joseph Youseff, the people of Beirut, Gerard, Marina Luke, Agnes Lomas, in honour of Maximilian Kolbe and Our Lady

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