



## Parish of Holy Trinity, Worsley

Served by the churches of Christ the King, St Edmund and Our Lady and the Lancashire Martyrs

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### 3 January 2021 – Second Sunday of Christmas

#### Greetings

We now look towards the New Year and the possibilities and opportunities that it may bring for us in the parish, the diocese, our nation and our world. There really are opportunities for a global rethink and Pope Francis suggests some practical steps. Let's see what we, as individuals and in our communities, can be doing to begin the change. Please try to get hold of a copy of 'Let us Dream' by Pope Francis – it's a good read during these dark nights. Thank you for all the adaptations you have made in parish life and pastoral care during these months. They will certainly bear fruit.

I have been writing up the Annual Returns which get sent to the diocese and then forwarded to the central office in Rome. They include data on baptisms, marriage and deaths. It is no surprise that numbers of children coming for baptism dropped off, although they are beginning to pick up, albeit within very strict guidelines; sadly, marriages have been postponed – sometimes several times. However the number of deaths has gone up considerably, some to Covid; please pray for those families who are mourning the loss of their loved ones and unable to do so as they might have wanted and needed. There will be no 'private prayer' in church this week

**Outreach** The Food Bank is grateful for our continuing support – thank you

#### This week

We will maintain our **booking-in strategy** – Maureen Hawes has taken responsibility for the booking in process. Contact Maureen by email on [MaureenHawes@live.co.uk](mailto:MaureenHawes@live.co.uk) or text her on **07974 560 319**

#### Saturday:

12.30pm Mass at Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs; 5.00pm Mass at Christ the King

#### Sunday:

9.00am Mass at St Edmund's; 11.00am Mass on Zoom;

#### Monday:

6.00pm Mass on Zoom; 7.00pm Poetry Evening on Zoom – all welcome

#### Tuesday: Feast of the Epiphany

12.00pm Mass at Lancashire Martyrs; 6.00pm Mass at Christ the King

#### Wednesday: Feast of the Epiphany

10.00am Mass at St Edmund's; 12.00am Mass on Zoom; 3.00pm Funeral Service for Angela Williamson at Howebridge

#### Thursday:

6.00pm Mass at Christ the King

#### Friday:

10.20am Funeral Service for John Byrne at Peel Green Crematorium; 12.00pm Mass on Zoom

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12.30pm Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs; 5.00pm Christ the King

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9.00am Mass at St Edmund's; 11.00am Mass on Zoom;

#### Building Community

If you can, please print off this newsletter and deliver it safely to those who don't have access to email. These cold and dark nights can increase the sense of loneliness and isolation that some people feel; please reach out to them as best you can.

#### Finance and Admin

Thank you to everyone – people have been very generous in their support of the parish during this period of the pandemic. Many have adopted the method of Standing Orders for their donations, and your kindness means that we have been able to maintain essential maintenance works on all three sites. Parish donations and Mass intentions can be posted through the door at CTK.

#### Prayers please

For those who are sick especially Lina, Jean, Brian, Audrey, Angela, Adela, Sylvia, Paddy, Maureen, P.J. and Anne; for Angela, Jean, Bob and John who died recently, and for Baby Max and all those whose anniversaries are at this time  
In prayer, we remember all those on the 'frontline' in any kind of way – Laura, Jenny, Carmel, Joseph, Lisa, Patrick, Chris, Catherine, Anne, Terry, Mark, Theo, Clare, Richard, Anthony, Jane, James, Andrew, Mary, Francis, Ruth, Tony, Sue, Dan, Fiona, Katy. Ian & Bethany - we are grateful for their courageous work. Let us keep all our teachers in prayer too.

**Masses received:** Baby Max, Freda Jones, Emily Louise Jones, Barry Williamson, A brother's Anniversary, Special Intention, Jean Hallahan, Bob Taylor

#### Safeguarding

For many months now we have been told to stay safe. Home should be place of safety but for some this is not the case. If you feel you are under domestic pressure or are concerned about someone who might be, the Diocesan Safeguarding Office is able to support you confidentially. More information is available from the Diocesan Safeguarding Co-Ordinator on 817 2206, Fr John or our Parish Safeguarding Representatives. Healing through Community Project also offers help. Their number is: 0161 236 2182.

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