



Parish of Holy Trinity, Worsley

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14 February 2021 – Sixth Sunday of the Year

Greetings

I know this letter comes out on a Saturday, but Sunday is also St Valentine's Day – it's unfortunate that romantic candlelit dinners in your favourite restaurant are not possible this year, even if they ever were! But it must surely be a time for remembering all those whom we have loved and who have loved us. We know little about St Valentine except that he was a priest and doctor and martyred around 269AD; his feast is a reminder that at the heart of all love, romantic and otherwise, is the love of God – a love which is utterly faithful, forgiving, compassionate and joyful.

Our season of Lent begins on Wednesday and, as the Bishop will remind us in his Pastoral Letter, whilst it will be very different this year, we can still be very 'intentional'; we can still follow those three key elements of prayer, fasting and almsgiving and direct them in a very purposeful way. These times of lockdown have taught us to appreciate more deeply the things that really matter, the things that make a difference to us and our world. The Letter will be available tomorrow

Outreach Thank you for your continuing support of the Food Bank – especially important during the school half-term

This week

All our services are on Zoom; Maureen Hawes will give you the co-ordinates, if you have lost them, but please keep them to yourself for the sake of on-line security. Contact Maureen by email on MaureenHawes@live.co.uk

Saturday: (today)

12.00pm Mass on Zoom; 5.00pm Exposition on Zoom

Sunday:

11.00am Mass on Zoom; 3.00pm Rosary and Benediction on Zoom

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

5.00pm Exposition on Zoom; 6.00pm Mass on Zoom

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday – a day of fasting and abstinence

6.00pm Mass on Zoom; 7.00pm meeting of the Parish Finance and Administration Committee on Zoom

Thursday:

12.00pm Mass on Zoom; 5.00pm Exposition on Zoom; 7.00pm Meeting of the Parish Forum on Zoom – all are welcome

Friday:

6.00pm Mass on Zoom; 7.30pm Stations of the Cross on Zoom

Saturday:

12.00pm Mass on Zoom; 5.00pm Exposition on Zoom

Sunday:

11.00am Mass on Zoom; 3.00pm Rosary and Benediction on Zoom

There will be no 'quiet prayer' in church this week – but we will open as soon as we can be more sure of staying safe for everyone's sake. Please take the opportunity for vaccination as soon as it is offered.

Building Community

If you can, please print off this newsletter and deliver it safely to those who don't have access to email. There's also the 'Lord's Day at Home' for Ash Wednesday that folk might appreciate

Finance and Admin.

Parish donations and Mass intentions can be posted through the door at CTK. The HMO at St Edmund's has been further delayed by a suspected water leak on the old bowling green outside church. The contractors will be there again this week.

Prayers please

For those who are sick especially Robert, Carol, Evelyn, Lynn, Nieve, Lina, Audrey, Adela, Sylvia, Paddy, Maureen, P.J. and Anne; for Winifred, Kevin, Catherine, Norman and Helen who died recently, and for Jean and Elsie 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, pupils and parents in prayer too – let's hope that half term provides an opportunity for a little rest for them all

Masses received: Emily Louise Jones, Freda Jones, Winifred Hamilton, Kevin Malloy, 62nd Wedding Anniversary, Jean Hallahan, Norman Heyes, Elsie Scott

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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