



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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14 March 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare)

Greetings

Happy Mothering Sunday – an opportunity for us to give thanks to God for all our mothers – those still with us and those of blessed memory. As spring and Lent are harbingers of new life so we are grateful for those who gave us life. We remember, of course, that all the celebrations motherhood this month derive from the Feast of the Annunciation (25th) when Mary agreed to be Mother of God. You might possibly share your Lenten journey by donating on line at cafod.org.uk/give or by texting **LENT** to **70460** to donate £10. You can also sponsor me on my 10,000 steps a day raising funds for Cafod and the Alzheimer's Society – only 18 more days.

Church opening – As you can see, the three churches will be opening for Mass this week. We are still in a period of uncertainty; whilst many of us have had the first vaccination, there is still no space for any kind of complacency. Our Masses will be stewarded by our teams of volunteers to whom we are greatly indebted – they have helped to ensure that there is very little chance of transmission in church. Please remember – hands/face/space. Remember too that there is no obligation to attend Mass, particularly if you are in any way vulnerable – for your sake and for the sake of others with whom you might come into contact. I hope that many more of us have had the vaccination.

Feasts - I remember when I was in Kenya, this week was of crucial importance to the Mill Hill Missionaries and the Kiltegan Fathers – it sorted out the 'bragging rights' for the next twelve months. The tension was between which patron saint was the stronger, St Joseph for Mill Hill or St Patrick for Kiltegan. The stronger one would ensure that the annual rains fell on their feast day! And if the rains didn't start then, the matter was resolved in the annual golf match – typical clergy!

Pope Francis has declared this year to be dedicated to St Joseph – we'll share some prayers next week

Outreach Thank you for your continuing support of the Food Bank – ever more essential. Tins and dry goods only please

This week

Please remember to book on for Mass in church by contacting Maureen Hawes: her email is MaureenHawes@live.co.uk

Saturday: (today)

12.30pm Mass at Lancashire Martyrs; 5.00pm Mass at Christ the King

Sunday:

9.00am Mass at St Edmund's; 11.00am Mass on Zoom; 3.00pm Rosary and Benediction on Zoom

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

10.00am Mass at Lancashire Martyrs

Wednesday: Feast of St Patrick

10.00am Mass at St Edmund's

Thursday:

6.00pm Mass at Christ the King; 7.00pm Parish Forum meeting on Zoom with John Griffin

Friday: Feast of St Joseph

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

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12.30pm Mass at Lancashire Martyrs; 5.00pm Mass at Christ the King

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9.00am Mass at St Edmund's; 11.00am Mass on Zoom; 3.00pm Rosary and Benediction 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.

Finance and Admin.

Parish donations and Mass intentions can be posted through the door at CTK, along with any sponsorship donations

Prayers please

For those who are sick especially Susan, Robert, Marie, Evelyn, Lynn, Nieve, Lina, Audrey, Adela, Sylvia, Paddy, Maureen, P.J. and Anne; for Tom and Tom who died recently, and for Maggie, Warren, Amanda, Christine 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 – their return to school has gone well albeit that the children go home very tired in the afternoon – let alone the teachers

Masses received: Emily Louise Jones, Freda Jones, Jean Hallahan, Tom Maguire, Maggie Lomas, Warren Dale, Amanda Varney, Christine Lilley, Susan McCabe

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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