

PARISH VISION

Illuminated by the light of Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, we St Teresa's Parish strive always to be a loving and welcoming community where all people are included and valued, and strangers are treated as friends. Fed and nurtured by scripture, prayer and the Sacraments, we journey together, seeking always to come closer to God, so that we can proclaim His love in our thoughts and words and by our actions in the world.

FR. PHILIP'S REFLECTION

We are going back to school this week and a lot of us are worried about returning to Public places where the Covid 19 may affect us. This uncertainty is making us nervous. However, we have Jesus in today's Gospel talking to St Peter, 'You're an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way, but man's.' Can we not think that we are in the hands of the Lord and in his path and he will protect us and at the end of the day like the song goes, 'everything is going to be alright.'

POPE FRANCIS'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS 2020

September - Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Further information can be found at: www.apostleshipofprayer.org

SAFETY VIDEO

Please Visit our Facebook page to watch a safety video and to look at pictures before returning to Church. Thank you.

<https://www.facebook.com/stteresasupholland/>

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Dear Heavenly Father,
For all the children returning to and starting school, send your Holy Spirit as their guide and protector. Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm. Put our sons and daughters in the right place, at the right time, to receive your grace. Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of your Spirit fill their hearts. Help us to mature as parents and caregivers.
Bless every family, oh Lord. We entrust our children to you, dear God. Since from the beginning, they are yours to keep. In the name of the greatest Son of all, Jesus Christ. Amen.

CARDS

There is now a small selection of cards available for purchase at the back of Church. Please put the money in the box labelled cards.

CLOTHING

If anyone has any men's joggers new or in good condition and underwear or socks (which should be new for hygiene reasons) please could you pass them to Eleanor in the office whose friend is collecting for a homeless charity in St Helens.

HEADSTONE

Just before lockdown the new memorial stone was erected in the Garden of Remembrance. If you have a loved one whose ashes are buried in the garden and you would like to add their name to the headstone please contact Janette at R Banks, Upholland branch, 01695-622099 to arrange this. They can also arrange to leave a line so spouses names can be added below at a later date.

Upcoming SYNOD Events

1st September, 2020

Reflections during COVID-19 Pandemic close. The online portal for receiving proposals in the light of the challenges of COVID-19 will remain open until this date.

18th October, 2020

Synod Sunday A leaflet will remind the people of the Archdiocese of our four Synod Themes which will include any new reflections from the COVID-19 experience. This leaflet will also outline the revised journey and the immediate next steps.

PASTORAL FORMATION

New resources now available include:

- Reflection for the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (also available as an audio download).
- Readings for the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- Resources for the Sundays of Creation Time.
- School of Prayer: an exploration of imaginative contemplation.
- Feedback from a meeting regarding baptisms and first communions.

All can be accessed/downloaded at <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> or through <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/> by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, 1st September: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

Sunday 13th December 3pm: The Nugent Light for Life service will take place at St Teresa's Church.

A Word from our Pastoral Associate Jo Wallace

This week will mark a change for our parish communities; Fr John will be leaving St. Marie's and St. Bernadette's and Fr Joseph will be taking over his role as Parish Priest. There will be new beginnings, new challenges and new opportunities for us all. If Covid-19 has taught us anything, I hope it is that change can come suddenly and despite our uncertainties, we can adapt and grow individually and as a community. Our faith in God and each other will reassure and strengthen us. We may not be able to say goodbye or welcome in the ways we usually do but we can certainly pray for both Fr John and Fr Joseph as they begin their new roles next week. Finally, on a personal note, I would like to thank Fr John for his support and advice in his role as Line Manager and as a friend and I wish him the very best as he continues his ministry at Holy Name Parish in Liverpool.

VOLUNTEERS

We desperately need more volunteers to help welcome people to Mass and to clean the benches afterwards. Also can anyone help with baptisms which are held at 11.45am on a Sunday? If you are able to help please speak to Eleanor, or Dave and Val Cookson.

BAPTISM REQUEST

Please contact Eleanor in the office if you would like to apply for Baptism for your child.

Newspapers

The Catholic Pic is now available in print and online. The latest edition is available to download here: <https://bit.ly/30qfl3r>. Paper copies are also available in the brown box at the house front door, along with mission magazines and newsletters.

MONEY MATTERS

Thank you for last week's offertory of £449.59

There will be no collection during Mass. There are baskets available on the way into and out of Church. Candles can be lit and paid for in the normal boxes. There is currently no piety stall available but if you need a Mass card please see Eleanor or Fr. Philip.