



## 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

Today's gospel asks a question which is also a question for us. "Who do people say the son of man (Jesus) is?" It is also asked to the disciples and they all have answers. He is John the Baptist come back. He is Elijah, or Jeremiah or one of the prophets come back to life. Peter as always has a good answer: "You are the Christ, the son of the living God". The word Christ was a very important title for the Jews because it meant Messiah, and the Messiah was the Saviour. The same question is also put to us, the modern day disciples, and we have to ask "What role does Jesus play in MY/OUR lives?" In our daily hustle and bustle does Jesus mean much to us and does what he said and did impinge on our lives in such a way that we as followers of Jesus make a difference to our world? We are the ones today who are asked the question. So ponder it and come up with an answer!

### POPE FRANCIS'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS 2020

August - The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Further information can be found at: [www.apostleshipofprayer.org](http://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/>

### 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.

### 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.

Cardinal Heenan House is able to accept new residents. The home for elderly persons has a warm and friendly atmosphere served by a team of loving, caring and committed staff. All staff are trained in Dementia Care. Set in beautiful, picturesque surroundings. Many services are provided including chapel in house with daily services, all single rooms, hairdresser, laundry, wheelchair access, activities and entertainment programme. Please contact 01695-622885 for more information, or email [manager.heenan@orionecare.org](mailto:manager.heenan@orionecare.org)

### FOOD BANK

Unfortunately we cannot currently collect for the foodbank. Donations can be taken straight to The Ecumenical Centre Skelmersdale on Monday and Thursday mornings from 9.30-12.30. contact number 07989052832. We are currently running short of cereal, rice, tinned carrot, instant mash, chocolate, tinned pies, sponge puddings, washing powder and capsules, sugar, and basic toiletries. We could really use some more anti bacterial hand gel for around our warehouse and office. Thanks for any help you can give

### PASTORAL FORMATION

New resources now available include:

- [Reflection for the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time \(also available as an audio download\).](#)
- [Readings for the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.](#)
- [School of Prayer: an exploration of Lectio Divina.](#)

All can be accessed/downloaded at

<https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> or through <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/> by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

### Upcoming SYNOD Events

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Newspapers

The August issue of 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.

### BRITISH RED CROSS FIRST AID TRAINING

Everyday first aid skills - <http://www.redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/First-aid/Everyday-First-Aid>

Baby and child first aid resources -

<http://www.redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/First-aid/Baby-and-Child-First-Aid>

Our free first aid app featuring simple, easy advice on 18 everyday first aid scenarios, as well as tips on how to prepare for emergencies - <http://www.redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/First-aid/Mobile-app>

### From our Pastoral Associate

Last week, I took some time off to spend with the family. We had a great afternoon in Liverpool, visiting a new attraction that is based on optical illusions, with mazes and upside-down rooms, which was good fun. A board outside the attraction reads, "I must try to see things differently". 'How apt for the year 2020', I thought! In fact, it has occurred to me how the term '20/20 vision' is used for those who have clear vision and I wonder if 'Year 2020 vision' is what we have been given; it has indeed helped us to see things more clearly and clarify our aims, desires and needs in life. In the gospel this week, Simon Peter has the clarity to see Jesus for who he is – the Messiah. I hope that as a society and parish community, we can continue to have the compassion and vision that 2020 has reminded us we need, so we can be the church God has called us to be.

Joanne Wallace

### MONEY MATTERS

Thank you for last week's offertory of £444.50

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 Father Philip.

