

Newsletter for the Parishes of St Catherine of Siena & All Saints and St Lewis.



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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 21ST APRIL 2019

Today we celebrate the highpoint of the Christian calendar, Easter. The gospel tells us that Mary Magdalen is the first witness to the Resurrection. 'It was still dark ...' when Mary went to the tomb but it



was also the 'first day of the week', a new beginning. We might recall those situations in our lives which seemed so dark, where we felt that there was no light at the end of the tunnel.

Let the stone and linen wrappings in this text today represent all that keeps us from being free; all that keeps us captive, emotionally, physically, spiritually, in our broken relationships and struggling communities. However big that stone appears to be, our faith in the resurrection of Jesus tells us that this stone can be moved. Think of all the situations in our world which need transformation, the homelessness crisis, the violence on our streets, our own sorrow. The Easter Gospel shows us that these situations can be transformed, even though it is often a painful journey. Once we experience the resurrection we are called to radical change and to share this transformative joy with others.

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This Week's News.

The New Readers' Rota for 10.00 am Mass at All Saints Church is available for collecting by the notice board in the church porch

Green Envelopes are available in the church porches for those who would like to contribute to the cost of the flowers for Easter. Thank you.

Synod 2020.



As the Archbishop mentioned in his recent Pastoral Letter, please do complete the on-line survey for the Synod. It is one of many ways in which the Synod wants to hear your opinions and receive your contributions. Go to the website Synod2020.co.uk and click on the Synod Survey section.

Animate Youth. The National Faith in Action scheme has grown in strength and numbers since it was launched two years ago. This year we have over 1100 young people taking part. To assist with the award we are looking for individuals who might have a few hours free in May/June to help moderate the work the young people have done.

No specific background in teaching, youth work or religious studies is necessary; we are simply looking for people who can spend time looking at pieces of work and writing a short affirmation of the work the young person has done; this can be done in your own home and your own time. For info call Fr Simon Gore on 01744 740467 / 740460

A Walking Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne for young adults (20s and 30s) from Wednesday 24th April to Sunday 28th April. Walk in the footsteps of the Northern Saints

This is an opportunity to walk along part of St Cuthbert's Way, reflect, pray and share life with other young adults and spend time on the

beautiful island of Lindisfarne. Accommodation is in a basic bunkhouse near St Cuthbert's cave.

The £85 cost covers food and accommodation.

For more information email lynnefcj@hotmail.com tel: 0151 733 5475

Mercy Associates. The next meeting of the Mercy Associates is on Friday 26th April in the Benedict Room at All Saints Church.

There will be no meeting at the end of May because of the Retreat Day at Coolock on Saturday 1st June. Non-members are welcome to join in this retreat and should speak to Kath Roberts or Margaret Kirkham to secure a seat on the coach. More details shortly.

Understanding CAFOD. On Tuesday 7th May there will a meeting at All Saints Church at 6.45 for 7-9 pm for anyone who is interested in supporting CAFOD and getting to know more about this charity.

Ged Edwards, who came to speak to us recently, will be explaining what they stand for, where they work and why they need our help.

To0 book a place, contact 0151 228 4028 or Liverpool@cafod.org uk

Please do not buy your bedding plants yet!! The annual Plant Sale at St Lewis will take place this year after 8.30 Mass on Sunday 12th May... ... in the Meeting Room if it is raining, otherwise outside church as usual. All proceeds will go to Church funds

Walsingham Pilgrimage.

We are going on pilgrimage to Walsingham this year! It will be led by Father Gordon, and will take place from Monday 13th to Friday 17th May.

There is a sign-up sheet in both churches for those of you who wish to go and the non-returnable deposit is £10.





Please remember in your prayers:

the sick of our community, those who have died recently, including Ronald Taylor, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

The Sanctuary Lamp at All Saints will be lit on 21st - 27th April for John Lawrence



Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Easter Sunday	of the Resurre	ction of the	Lord
8.30 am	St Lewis	Mass	Margaret McCaffrey (LD)
10:00 am	All Saints	Mass	People of the Parish
Monday 22nd	April		
9.30 am	All Saints	Mass	Nora McCormack
Tuesday 23rd	April		
9.30 am	St Lewis	Mass	Mary Gorman
Wednesday 24	th April		
7.00 pm	All Saints	Mass	Ita Mary Harrington
Thursday 25th	April		
9.30 am	St Lewis	Mass	Ann O'Shea
Friday 26th A _l	pril		
9.30 am	All Saints	Mass	Bernard, Margaret, Peter Jnr, and Peter Snr O'Hare
After Mass	All Saints	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
12.30 pm	All Saints	Funeral Service for Ronald Taylor	
Saturday 27th	April		
10.00 am	St Lewis	Mass	Special Intention
2nd Sunday of	Easter Day o	f Divine Mei	rcy
5.00 pm	All Saints	Mass	Kevin Neenan and also Pat McGoldrick
8.30 am	St Lewis	Mass	Ann O'Brien
10.00 am	All Saints	Mass	Joan Linton and also Beryl Winstanley and Joanne Collinge

Last week's joke.....continued. REMEMBER: the Abbot has been told by the young monk that the manuscripts are being copied but not from the originals, so there is the chance that mistakes could be made.....So the Abbott goes down into the dark caves below the monastery where the original manuscripts have been held for hundreds of years. Some hours go by without any sign of the Abbott so the young monk goes looking for him. He finds him down below banging his head against the wall and wailing. "We missed the 'R', we missed the 'R'. His forehead is bleeding and he is crying uncontrollably. The young monk asks 'what's wrong Father?' with a choking voice the Abbott replies 'the word was CELEBRATE!' Was it worth the wait......?