

*Newsletter for the Parishes of
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and St Lewis.*



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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, 28TH APRIL 2019

DAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Parish Mass Book, page 262; Order of Mass, page 7

In today's Gospel we hear that the disciples are locked away, afraid, closed off from the world. When Jesus comes to them, their hearts are opened again, they rejoice. 'Peace' is more than a wish for a good evening or peaceful day; it expresses the desire that the person receiving the blessing might be whole in body, mind and spirit. The Risen Jesus brings a peace that is life-giving.

They must have been so excited to tell Thomas this news: 'We have seen the Lord'. Sometimes, when we try to share something of our faith with others, we can meet similar responses – doubting, cynicism or mockery. In today's world, none of this is easy. Then why do it? The Risen Jesus in today's Gospel moves the disciples from total fear and despair to 'rejoicing'. The same Risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us, but we must be careful not to close ourselves off or let fear take over.

John tells us that he writes these things so that we may come to believe and have life; reminding us of the importance of the Word of God for our lives. Through the Word we come to know Jesus more deeply. Even in the darkest of times and the most hopeless of situations, this Risen Jesus can bring peace and wholeness if we unlock the doors of our hearts.

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This Week's News.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who played their parts so well for all our Easter Services and those who made the churches and the Altar of Repose look so beautiful. It was a splendid effort from so many people.

The green envelopes are still available in the church porches for those who would like to contribute to the cost of the flowers for Easter.

Thank you

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

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.



.Mercy Associates. There will be a Retreat Day at Coolock on 1st June which is replacing the May meeting. Non-members are welcome to join the retreat and would need to speak to either Kath Roberts or Margaret Kirkham about bookings.

More details will be available by next week.

Tuesday Afternoon Club. The next meeting of the Afternoon Club is on Tuesday 30th April at 2.00 pm in the Benedict Room at All Saints Church. All are welcome.

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.

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

Reminder for First Communion candidates. The final preparation session takes place on Thursday 9th May at the times you have already signed up for.

The Queen Anne Group will meet for lunch on Thursday 9th May at 12.30 pm. Please ring Anne on 01942 718192 to book a place.

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 Terry Hoarty, Joanne Collinge, Patricia Pearce
and Susan Washington
and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.*



***The Sanctuary Lamp at All Saints will be lit on
28th April - 4th May for
Terry Hoarty***



Services, Mass Times and Intentions

<i>2nd Sunday of Easter Day of Divine Mercy</i>			
<i>5.00 pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Kevin Neenan and also Pat McGoldrick</i>
<i>8.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Ann O'Brien</i>
<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Joan Linton and also Beryl Winstanley and Joanne Collinge</i>
<i>Monday 29th April</i>			
<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Ken Tickle</i>
<i>Tuesday 30th April</i>			
	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>No Service</i>	
<i>Wednesday 1st May</i>			
	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>No Service</i>	
<i>Thursday 2nd May</i>			
<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	
<i>Friday 3rd May</i>			
<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>	
<i>After Service</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<i>Saturday 4th May</i>			
	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>No Service</i>	
<i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>			
<i>5.00 pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Monica & Albert Blackwell and Eileen, and also David Goodman</i>
<i>8.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Bill Burke and also John Lee</i>
<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Recovery S.F.</i>
<i>11.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Baptism of Alexander Karl and Jasmine Nicole Abbott</i>	

The Divine Mercy Novena. For those of you wishing to complete the nine day Novena you began on Good Friday there will be a Holy Hour, Confessions and the prayers of the Chaplet at Holy Family Church Boothstown beginning at 3.00pm on this Sunday.

This week's joke...

Two silkworms had a race; it ended in a tie.