



*Newsletter for the Parishes of
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and St Lewis.*



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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 19TH MAY 2019

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A New Commandment...

In today's Gospel Jesus gives the disciples a new commandment – to love one another. When we truly love one another, we are experiencing something of the divine as love comes from God, love is God and God is love. Surely the command to love one another was nothing new for the disciples and those of their time; the commandment was well known in the Old Testament. But the love Jesus asks of the disciples here (and of us) is to love as he has loved, and that is a controversial love for some.

It is controversial because His love is without restrictions and without exclusion. It is a love of those we may not like, a love of those it is hard to love. This love was too radical for some of the religious leaders and ultimately led to the death of Jesus.

This radically inclusive love is sometimes too much for Christians today also; to love the sinner, to love those on the extreme margins of our society, to love those who have hurt us, to welcome back those who have done wrong, to include all at the table. Let us hear those words of the Gospel more clearly today: 'love one another; just as I have loved you, you must also love one another.' We can dream and work towards a world where this is a reality.

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Serving the Catholic Community of Golborne, Lowton, Culcheth & Croft.*

This Week's News.

Animate Youth. The next “Life and Soul” evening takes place on Tuesday 21st May from 7.00-8.00 pm at St Joseph’s, Harpers Lane, Chorley PR6 0HR. This is an evening of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise, worship, music, spiritual reflection and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Details from: www.animateyouth.org

Vocations Weekend for Young Women in Liverpool, 24th-26th May. If you are in your 20s or 30s and wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more, why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come for the day on Saturday. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, a chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering whether God is calling them. Contact: lynnefcj@hotmail.com or fcjsisters.org

Tuesday Afternoon Club. The next meeting of the Afternoon Club is this Tuesday 28th May at 2.00 pm in the Benedict Room at All Saints Church. All are welcome.

Towards Synod 2020, a time to pray and listen. There is an open meeting on Tuesday 28th May at 7.00 pm at St Charles Church, 224 Aigburth Rd, Liverpool L17 9PG, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. The speaker is Monsignor Peter Fleetwood, formerly an Official at the Pontifical Council for Culture; his talk is entitled “The Church as leaven in our cult.”

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 (741472) or Margaret Kirkham (676106)

Aid to the Church in Need. On Saturday 8th June, ACN (with the help of Fr Tony Slingo) will offer a day-long retreat for the suffering Church at the Sandymount Retreat House in Crosby from 10am-4pm. There are spaces for up to 50 people

Pentecost Celebrations... "Together in one Place." The annual Ecumenical celebrations will start with a service at 3 pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral after which people are invited to make their own pilgrimage to Liverpool Cathedral and pray in various places along the way. Church Leaders will be available for a chat on the plaza at the Met after the service. Beginning at 4.30pm there is an informal Taize-style service at Liverpool Cathedral until about 5pm..

A BIG THANK YOU to all the organisers, buyers, sellers and donors who helped to make last Sunday's Plant sale such a success. We were very impressed by your generosity, which raised £564.35 in much needed funds for church. We also thank Midstream who provided beautiful plants at a generous discount.

First Holy Communion. The first group of our children will receive their First Holy Communion next Saturday at All Saints Church. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Health Update. On or two people have enquired as to the health of Fr Bernard Jackson, Parish Priest of St Mary's, Billinge. I have spoken with Fr Steve, the Episcopal Vicar for Sick and Retired Clergy (yes, we do have a priest keeping an eye on the sick and retired clergy) who stated 'Fr Bernard has been through a serious illness and at this time remains in hospital. When he comes out he will require some time for recuperation. Please do keep him in your prayers.' Parishioners have been ringing the hospital to get an update, but please be reminded: data protection means the hospital cannot give any information out to anyone but his relatives.



Please remember in your prayers: the sick of our community, those who have died recently, including Graham Leonard, Stephen Moss and Thomas Warhurst, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

***The Sanctuary Lamp at All Saints will be lit on
19th May– 25th May for
Margaret Carty***



Services, Mass Times and Intentions

<i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>			
<i>5.00 pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Ethel Birkett and also William and Catherine Barrett</i>
<i>8.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Sean O'Hara</i>
<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Stephen Boyce</i>
<i>11.30 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Baptism of Austin Chester Griffiths</i>	
<i>Monday 20th May</i>			
<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Valerie Ford (L.D)</i>
<i>Tuesday 21st May</i>			
<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Special Intention</i>
<i>After Mass</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<i>Wednesday 22nd May</i>			
<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Funeral Mass for Graham Leonard</i>	
<i>7.00 pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>James Ward</i>
<i>Thursday 23rd May</i>			
<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>John Humphrey</i>
<i>11.15 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Funeral Service for Stephen Moss</i>	
<i>1.30 pm</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Funeral Service for Thomas Warhurst</i>	
<i>Friday 24th May</i>			
<i>9.30 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Kevin Neenan</i>
<i>After Mass</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
<i>Saturday 25th May</i>			
<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>First Holy Communion Mass</i>	
<i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>			
<i>5.00 pm</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Ita Mary Harrington and also Debbie Waller Sayell</i>
<i>8.30 am</i>	<i>St Lewis</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Florita Woods</i>
<i>10.00 am</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Gerard and Lilian Prior</i>

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus!