



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



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***I am the vine,
you are the branches.
John 15:5***



SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 2024

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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As with all good vine growers, God cares for his crop, nurturing it, pruning it, giving it all it needs so that it can grow and reach its full potential. We are no doubt the branches. What does it mean to be a branch? Branches must be connected to the vine or they bear no fruit. Even those branches that do bear fruit need pruning so that they can grow and bear even more fruit. As we are all too well aware, productivity seems to be the measure of success in the world today, in our education system, in the workplace, in economics; we are measured by what we produce. Is Jesus really adding to the pressure by telling us that he wants to see results or else!?

Perhaps we can read this passage in terms of connectivity. Think of your most intimate friendships and relationships. You don't measure their weight in terms of productivity, do you? But you do want to stay connected, right? It is this closeness, this intimacy that Jesus calls us to: 'abide in me'. Are you connected or disconnected? If the connection is strong, then fruit-bearing comes naturally and people will see the gospel in our lives and in the way we respond to the world. If we are connected, all manner of things are possible for us.

'People see the gospel in our lives; let them read our lives.'

Pope Francis.

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

Covid Advice

Face Coverings: are now optional for people who attend a service in church.

Hand Sanitiser: There is the opportunity to sanitise hands, before and after Mass.

Parish Finances: 2023

In the six years I have been here we have not published any Parish accounts for your scrutiny. There is now a need for such transparency, given we have become a Limited Liability charity. These are available at the back of church for the last full year 2023. We are required to prepare them and present them annually to the Archdiocese by March of each year. Our thanks go to Elizabeth who does all the hard work of recording and collating this information and has prepared this summary for you. If you have any questions. Please don't hesitate to ask.

All Saints Food Bank

If you are able to make food donations this week, could we please ask you to bear in mind that we are in need of the following Tinned Products... **Fruit, Potatoes, Soup, Vegetables, Beans. Sugar, Rice, Jars of Pasta Sauce, Long Life Milk (not soya or oat etc...)** Thank You.



We don't need any Pasta at the moment.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for May

For the formation of Religious Brothers, Sisters and Seminarians. We pray for those training for the Religious life and for the Priesthood; may they grow to be credible witnesses of the Gospel through the human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation they receive.

Memorial Service: Heath Street Methodist Church, Golborne

A memorial service will be held at Heath Street Methodist to remember and give thanks for loved ones of the recent or distant past. The service will be held on **Sunday 12th May at 3pm**. The service will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

SVP Meeting



The next SVP meeting will be held this coming **Wednesday 1st May at 7:00 pm** in the meeting room at St. Lewis Church.

This Week's Joke:

Have you heard about the blind cyclops brothers?

Neither have eye!!!!

The Rosary during May

The Rosary is said each Friday morning at All Saints beginning at 9.10am. For those unable to come to church, the Rosary will continue to be available on both St. Lewis and St. Catherine and All Saints websites. To view, go to videos and then choose The Rosary.



Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate, despise not my petitions, but, in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

Pilgrimage to Knock

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 16th June 2024.
£899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com



2nd Collection: Urgent Emergency Sudan Appeal

We have been asked by CAFOD for urgent help, to get humanitarian aid to the people of Sudan. Over 8 million have fled their homes to escape violence and more than 25million need immediate, urgent emergency help. Fears of famine are growing. Sudan's planting season starts in June, so they have a short window. Many aid agencies have already evacuated Sudan. Right now the Caritas network that CAFOD are a part of, supported by the Church in Sudan are some of the only organisations able to deliver aid to the Sudanese people. Please empower the Caritas network and the Church in Sudan today, so they can put your Christian compassion into practice.



*Please remember in your prayers: the sick of our community;
all those who have died recently especially
**Kathleen Varkulis, Brenda Cheetham, Ellen Southworth,
Alfred Hutson & Jean Cunliffe**
and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 27th April 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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| Sat 4:30 pm | All Saints | Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| Sat 5:00pm | All Saints | Mass | Patrick & Stella Currie |

Sunday 28th April 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter

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| Sun 9:00am | St. Lewis | Mass | Ann O'Brien, John Bibby |
| Sun 10:30am | All Saints | Mass | Joan Linton, Helena Williams |
| Sun 11:30am | All Saints | Baptism | Harry Dos-Santos, Adam Czernik |

Tuesday 30th April 2024 Weekday of Easter

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| Tues 10:00am | St. Lewis | Mass | Wilf & Esther Seddon |
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Wednesday 1st May 2024 Weekday of Easter

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| Wed 9:30am | All Saints | Mass | Anne Thomas |
| Wed 10-11am | All Saints | The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| Wed 11:00am | St. Lewis | Requiem Mass for Brenda Cheetham | |

Thursday 2nd May 2024 Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor

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| Thurs 10:00am | St. Lewis | Mass | John & Ellen Flynn |
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Friday 3rd May 2024 Feast of St. Philip & St. James, Apostles

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| Fri 9:30am | All Saints | Eucharistic Service | |
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Saturday 4th May 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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| Sat 10:00am | St. Lewis | Baptism | Bridget Erica Kirwan |
| Sat 4:30pm | All Saints | Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| Sat 5:00pm | All Saints | Mass | David Goodman, Catherine Barrett |

Sunday 5th May 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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| Sun 9:00am | St. Lewis | Mass | Red Evans, Paul Vernon, Bill Burke |
| Sun 10:30am | All Saints | Mass | Chris Ratigan |



The Sanctuary Lamp at All Saints will be lit
Week Commencing 28th April, **In Thanksgiving (T)**