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**WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 16th May 2021
(Readings-Sundays: Cycle B, Weekdays: Cycle 1, Psalter Week 3)**

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Gospel: JOHN 17:11-17)

| ST CATHERINE'S | | Intentions |
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| Sunday 16 th May: 9am | Mass and online via Zoom | Susan, Mary and Peter Helsby |
| Tuesday 18 th May: 9.15am | Mass | Deceased Priests of our Parish |
| Thursday 20 th May: 9.15am | Mass and online via Zoom | People of India |
| Sunday 23 rd May: 9am | Mass and online via Zoom | McCarthy Family |
| ST AGNES | | |
| Saturday 15 th May: 5.30pm | Mass | Kennedy Family |
| Sunday 16 th May: 10.30am | Mass | Winefride Kearns |
| Wednesday 19 th May: 9.15am | Mass | Kearney Family |
| Friday 21 st May: 9.15am | Mass | Mrs E Lewis |
| Saturday 22 nd May: 5.30pm | Mass | Barry Family |
| Sunday 23 rd May: 10.30am | Mass | Finn Family |

MASS READINGS can be found at universalis.com/mass.htm.

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: Since the sixteenth century, it has been customary to refer to chapter 17 of John's gospel as Jesus' high priestly prayer, because he intercedes on behalf of his disciples and those who come to believe through them. But a more accurate description is "the prayer of God's Son." In John 17 Jesus prays as the Son of God that his followers may share in his intimate relationship with God as the Father. Jesus prays for himself (17: 1-5), for his disciples (vv. 6-19) and for those who come to believe through them (vv.20-26). Unfortunately, the Lectionary excerpt that we hear at Mass today (17: 11-19) is poorly chosen since it breaks up both the unity of chapter 17 and Jesus' prayer for his disciples. Nevertheless, what we hear today is how Jesus prays for his disciples in a way that portrays them more positively than they appear in the rest of John's gospel. They are the ones to whom Jesus has revealed God and God's glory, and they have received Jesus' words and have come to know that he was sent by God. Moreover, though they remain in the world, as Jesus' disciples they belong to God and participate in the relationship between the Father and the Son. Jesus prays that "they may be one, as we are one," and that God will protect them from the world and the evil one. He also prays that they may enter into the chain of mission ("as you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world" 17:18), and that they share in divine holiness and truth.

PLEASE PRAY FOR all who have died recently and their families especially Dr Timothy Colum O'Toole.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Margy Tapper.



ONLINE MASS via Zoom is on **Sundays** at **9am** and **Thursdays** at **9.15am**. The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84015861524> All those who have contacted the Parish Office for the Zoom link will automatically be sent the link weekly.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP is this Sunday at 11.15am via Zoom. This will be our last Zoom liturgy before we take the next step to return to church. Further details soon! Thank you to all the families who have joined us over the last year. It has been wonderful to join together online when we haven't been able to do so in person.

NATIONAL LOCKDOWN: "You can attend places of worship for a service. However, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble. You should maintain strict social distancing at all times."



GUIDANCE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS: In line with governmental and diocesan guidelines we have the following safety measures in place:

- on arrival for Mass, a steward will ask you to sanitise your hands and guide you to a suitable bench depending on whether you have come as part of a household or as an individual observing at all times the minimum 1m+ social distancing procedures.
- everyone must wear face coverings; please bring your own covering with you and **ensure it is worn correctly over your nose and mouth**. There will be some available if you do not have one.
- **please remain in your bench at the end of Mass and wait to be asked to leave by a steward. This ensures safe distancing on exiting the church.**
- please fill out on the Test and Trace form on your bench. This information will be kept by the Parish for 21 days and destroyed after this time. Please place your completed form and pen in the designated baskets at the end of Mass.
- booking is not required.
- please do not mingle after Mass and please leave the premises promptly.
- **Please bear in mind that the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days remains suspended.**

Thank you very much for your co-operation and understanding.

SVP PROJECT - PLANNING APPLICATION - ASSISTANCE NEEDED: The SVP nationally is exploring the possibility of having a centre in Birkenhead. Negotiations for the grant of the lease are ongoing and it will be necessary to make a planning application for change of use. The team who are working to get the project off the ground are seeking someone with experience of CAD who may be able to draw plans of the existing building to assist in submitting a planning application for change of use so the building can offer the provision of food and training. Anyone who could assist in drawing up the building plans please contact Rose Mullarkey on 07905 952798 or any SVP Member. Many thanks.

Ss Catherine and Martina, Hoylake

AED DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING: for both new certification and renewal will be arranged for one evening in the near future at St Catherine's. Please let Simon O'Connell know on 07711 163922 or the Parish Office (stcathoylake@gmail.com) if you wish to be included. (NB. Our AED is located in the Church Hall.)



Would you like to receive the weekly newsletter electronically or do you know anyone who doesn't have access to the Internet and would like a paper copy sent to them? Please contact Phoebe in the Parish Office (stcathoylake@gmail.com).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

(Redemptorist Publications)

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY... Jesus prays to God the Father, asking God to look after his disciples. Jesus has taught his friends all about God the Father and how much God loves them. Jesus wants us all to know God's joy in our hearts.

A PRAYER TO SAY... Dear Jesus, we know that you love us – thank you! May we feel the joy in our hearts that loving you brings. Help us to share our joy with other people. Amen.

