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**WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 9th May 2021
(Readings-Sundays: Cycle B, Weekdays: Cycle 1, Psalter Week 2)**

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Gospel: JOHN 15:9-17)

ST CATHERINE'S		Intentions
Sunday 9 th May: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	Tony Walsh
Tuesday 11 th May: 9.15am	Mass	Maria Shahbaz
Thursday 13 th May: The Ascension of the Lord: 9.15am	Mass and online via Zoom	Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
Sunday 15 th May: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	Susan, Mary and Peter Helsby
ST AGNES		
Saturday 8 th May: 5.30pm	Mass	Gallagher Family
Sunday 9 th May: 10.30am	Mass	Bob Dulson
Wednesday 12 th May: 9.15am	Mass	Sherlock Family
Friday 14 th May: 9.15am	Mass	Carmel and Kevin Woods
Saturday 15 th May: 5.30pm	Mass	Kennedy Family
Sunday 16 th May: 10.30am	Mass	Winefride Kearns

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

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: The gospel today continues the exhortation "to abide," simply stated: "remain in my love." In John's gospel a command is always based on a prior experience of grace, so Jesus says, "this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us." God's love is first, and it is only because of the primacy of God's love that we have the power and freedom to choose God. God's love is based on choice: he loves because he chooses to love. The supreme example of that is Jesus. Jesus says simply, "love one another as I love you." These words echo Jesus' actions at the Last Supper, when he washes his disciple's feet as an example and first gives them the new commandment that they love and serve "one another as I love you." Jesus' great hope is that we will choose to give ourselves in love, even when the giving hurts us.

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.

More information and how to get involved each Sunday can be found on our private Facebook Group 'St Catherine's Children's Liturgy'. Please email Phoebe (stcathhoylake@gmail.com) in the Parish Office for details or if you have any questions.

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.

OUR LADY OF PITY ANNEXE PRESCHOOL has places available for 2-4 year olds starting in September 2021. Please contact the Preschool Manager Jenny Jackson via: olopannexepreschool@gmail.com or 0151 632 6336. Further information can be found at www.olopannexepreschool.com.

INTER-DIOCESAN FUEL MANAGEMENT LIMITED is a Catholic organisation currently recruiting an Administrator. The Company purchases gas, electricity, fuel oil and biomass for the majority of Catholic Dioceses in England and Wales. The role is working with others in the department processing invoices, collecting data and general administration duties. This is a full-time post: 35 hours Monday to Friday based at the Curial Office, Birkenhead, Wirral. Salary: £16K to 19K dependent on experience. Closing date 28 May 2021. Please send CV to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org For further details please visit the website <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>

A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD: “Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD’s Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support.”

PAX CHRISTI: Join their Pilgrimage for Peace from 15-21 May 2021. Walk, cycle, row, run, pray, read ...whether as an individual, a group, a family. Set yourself a sponsored challenge and raise funds for Pax Christi. Further information can be found at <https://paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/>

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are now available for this year. Please contact Phoebe in the Parish Office (stcathhoylake@gmail.com) if you would like to have your box delivered. Thank you.

GIFT AID: if you have previously donated with gift aid but now do not pay tax or if you now pay tax and wish to gift aid your donation please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

FOOTBALL BOOTS: Thank you for the donations of football boots. If there are any more or any men’s trainers which could be donated to the asylum seekers (preferably adult size 11-12, but any size will be appreciated) please contact Sr Monica in West Kirby on 07531240457 or 0151 625 5592 who would be very happy and grateful to collect from any address.



Would you like to contact the Parish Office or do you have any items for the newsletter? Please email stcathhoylake@gmail.com. Thank you!

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

(Redemptorist Publications)

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Gospel: John 15:9-17



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IN THE GOSPEL TODAY...

Jesus said that he loves us just as his Father God loves him. If we listen carefully to what Jesus teaches us we will know that love. Jesus’ commandment to us is to love one another.

A PRAYER TO SAY...

Dear Jesus, we know that you love us, whatever we do. Help us to love one another as you taught us to, even though it is sometimes hard to do. Amen.

Find more resources at cafod.org.uk/families