

St. Joseph's Newsletter – 7th May 2023

Sanctuary Lamp

King Charles III on his
Coronation

Marian Candle

Una Redmond
(In Loving Memory)

Lately Dead

Barrie Davies, Bernadette Garner, Joe Dawe, Marie Murphy, John Harkin,

Bonus Ball Winner 26th April

No. 17 – Betty Jones

Gospel Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Finding the Best Way



Prisons are full of people who have never set out to be bad. Our path in life is often set from childhood. Our futures are often decided for us by our upbringing, by good parents or by bad parents, by mistakes we have made and never corrected, or by exams that we have either passed or failed. But our past doesn't have to equal our future. If we want God to prepare us a place in heaven, we have to live by God's teaching, and that starts with a simple decision. We only have one life, and we have to find the best way to live it.

If you have faith in God, you also have faith that Jesus is preparing a place for each and every one of us. So how do we find our way to that place? Jesus' only advice is, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." To the early disciples Jesus must have sounded like he was talking in riddles, but to have tied up all the loose ends for the early disciples would not have helped us future generations. We have to find our way to the Father through Jesus without maps or answer books. How could Jesus have left specific answers two thousand years ago on subjects like embryology for instance, cloning, or IVF? Jesus simply trusts us to work things out in the light of his teaching, just as he trusted his first disciples.

"No one comes to the Father except through Jesus". There are many rooms in God's house ... room enough for everybody who acts in good faith room enough for everyone who lives their life the way Jesus has taught.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for May 2023

For church movements and groups

This month Pope Francis reminds us that it is the job of everyone to evangelise. We are asked to make a daily commitment to igniting God's love around the world, in prayer, in giving and in action. This month we are invited to join Pope Francis prayer, "... that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world."

Peace Actions for May 2023



- **Pray the Rosary** every day this month for world peace
- May 13th is **World Fair Trade Day**. Play your part in bringing about trade justice.
- 14th -20th May is **Christian Aid Week**. Consider how you and your family can play a part in eradicating poverty.
- Join in '**Walk to School Week**' from the 15th May.

The Big Help Out

Monday 8th May

To mark The King's Coronation thousands of organisations are getting together to give us all the chance to help out in our own local communities. Churches across the UK are invited to join #TheBigHelpOut on Monday 8 May 2023 to recognise the contribution of volunteering to our communities. The idea is to give us all an appetite for making our communities happier and better connected.

For Our Younger Parishioners

Over the next days and weeks our younger parishioners will be busy taking exams. Remember to keep the young people of the parish in your prayers. We petition for clear thinking, inspiration, guidance and calm.

Care for Our Common Home.

To celebrate the King's Coronation, thousands of schools have been sent free flower seeds. This is a great time to sow flowers in gardens and pots. Think particularly of flowers that will attract and protect our bees.

Bitesize

Have courage for the great sorrows of life and patience for the small ones; and when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake.

Victor Hugo

French dramatist, novelist, & poet (1802 - 1885)

Highway to Heaven'

Introducing a new feature to our Newsletter called 'Highway to Heaven'. Each week we will publish a different street/road name from our local area and ask you to pray for the residents in that location. This week's location is: **CLIFFORD ROAD**

Thanksgiving Mass for Bishop Tom Williams

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Tom Williams' 20 years' ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool on Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King Everyone is invited to the Mass and the Drinks Reception which will follow.

There will be a **Memorial Mass of Thanksgiving** on **Friday 19th May at 7.30pm** at St. Joseph's for the life and service of **Fr. Vincent McShane** who died on 4th April 2023. Monsignor John Butchard will officiate. All are Welcome to attend.

Please remember in your prayers:

**Sienna Grace Currie
Hettie Rose Hughes
Rosie Reading-Sergeant
Sonny Patrick Collins
Abigail Mae Murray**

who were baptised last Sunday 30th April at St. Joseph's. God Bless them and their families.

Please remember in your prayers all the children from St. Vincent's and St. Joseph's who will be making their First Holy Communion next Saturday at St. Joseph's Church. May God Bless them and their families.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 7th May	8.30am 4.00pm	Francis Hawley (RIP) Lucy Roach
Monday 8th May	10.00am	Pat McShane (RIP)
Tues 9th May		
Weds 10th May	6.30pm	Christine Blackburne
Thurs 11th May		
Friday 12th May	9.30am	Pat Caddell
Sat 13th May	11.00am 2.00pm	St. Vincent's First Holy Communion St. Joseph's First Holy Communion
Sunday 14th May	8.30am 4.00pm	Barrie Davies Marie Regan

Please visit the new St. Joseph's website for all the news, Mass times, newsletter and much more! www.stjosephpenketh.co.uk

Exposition at St. Joseph's 10am until 12 Noon every Monday and Friday.

FUNERALS

There will be Requiem Mass for Barrie Davies at St. Joseph's Church on Friday 26th May at 11.00am. Fr. Joe Bibby will officiate.

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s & 30s)
Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life

Dates: 26-28 May 2023

Location: Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). **Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you.**

If you are 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 along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

**For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ
at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org**

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**Thursday 11th May - 1pm in Church - Crowning of Our Lady and Rosary
followed by Coronation Celebration with shared meal.**

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Walk

The Prayer Walk is on Ascension Thursday, 18th May.

It starts at 9am at St, Mary's (Great Sankey)

10am at St. Joseph's

11am at The Oaks where refreshments will be available.

12noon at Penketh Methodist. **Everyone is welcome** (Please poster in the Notice Board.