

## St. Joseph's Newsletter – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023

### **Sanctuary Lamp**

Brian Watson

(4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)

### **Marian Candle**

Fr. Raymond's sister

Sylverline Ezenwanne (RIP)

### **Lately Dead**

Sylverline Ezebwanne,

**Bonus Ball Winner 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**No. 17 – Winner : Betty Jones**

### **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: **WELL LANE**

### **Gospel Reflection for the Seventh Sunday of Easter**

#### **What Is On Your Mind Today?**



What is on your mind today? Perhaps you have to get the car through its MOT. Perhaps you have to do the shopping with not enough money in your purse. Perhaps you have to get some work done with not enough hours in your day. Perhaps you have to visit a family member who is ill, or help your child fix a failed friendship at school. There is so much to do. Continuing Jesus' mission on earth problem doesn't figure much in the pages of our diaries.

Today we are privy to Jesus' prayer made on our behalf at the close of his ministry on earth. In this prayer, we are reminded that Jesus had finished the work that he had come to do. Jesus had made God's name known, so that all could share in eternal life. However, for this to happen, we have to carry the baton and keep Jesus' teaching alive in a world bursting with conflicting values.

The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples we are all very familiar with the promise of eternal life, even though these words were spoken over two thousand years ago. It doesn't matter how busy we are, life is so much easier for us than it was for those early disciples. We really don't have much excuse. We have been entrusted with an important job, yet for most of us, it is something we don't think about nearly enough. We are told not to let the world tie us down, but that's most definitely easier said than done. In truth we are very much of this world.

On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. We have all the benefits of a twenty first century world at our fingertips, now we just need to capture some of the passion that drove those early disciples.

We all know at least one person who sets a shining example. Perhaps it's here that we will find our motivation. Perhaps the people we most admire provide us with a model of who we ourselves would like to be. With a good example to emulate and our twenty first century means to spread God's love, change is not beyond any of us.

'Eternal Life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent....'

### **World Communications Day 2023**

**Speaking with the heart. "The truth in love" (Eph 4: 15)**

***Touching even the most hardened hearts***

"In a world that 'so inclined towards indifference and indignation', at times even on the basis of disinformation which falsifies and exploits the truth, it is particularly important there is space for proclaiming the truth, even if at times it is uncomfortable."

Pope Francis calls for words capable of doing good for others and of touching even the "most hardened of hearts." He exhorts communicators, even in our dramatic global climate, to convey the "gentle strength of love."

While the message is primarily geared toward those working in communications, Pope Francis highlight that everyone has the responsibility to communicate "with an open heart and arms."

## **Saint Rita of Cascia**

**22<sup>nd</sup> May**

In 1710 Saint Rita was first described as the 'advocate of impossible causes'. In fact, St Rita's life was a series of trials that she managed to overcome thanks to her trust and faith. In particular we remember how she turned her violent husband to God. We remember her courage and patience, and pray for her intervention when we face impossible and violent circumstances.

## **Day of Prayer for Missing Children**

**25<sup>th</sup> May**

There is nothing we all want to hear more, than a happy conclusion to a missing child case. But for many parents around the world the pain of uncertainty endures year in and year out. On this day we are all asked to pray for missing children and for their families. We pray for a happy conclusion, or where this is not possible, at least for closure and eventual peace.

## **Care of Our Common Home**

### **Protecting our Bees**

#### ***Grow bee-friendly herbs***

Herbs are easy to grow, and some are a valuable source of food for our bees and other pollinating insects. They also have the benefit of adding fantastic flavour to our meals. Short of space? Try marjoram, thyme, chives, sage or creeping rosemary in a pot. If you have more space in a sunny border, try a rosemary shrub.

*[www.friendsoftheearth.uk/nature/gardening-bees](http://www.friendsoftheearth.uk/nature/gardening-bees)*

## **Bitesize**

You are not here merely to make a living. You are here to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, and with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world. You impoverish yourself if you forget this errand.

*Woodrow Wilson*

**Fr Richard Ebo** celebrates the **Silver Jubilee** of his ordination this year. He extends an invitation to the parishioners of Warrington West Parishes. Mass of Thanksgiving on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm** at St Anthony's Church, Scotland Road, Liverpool L5 5BD. A reception will be held at the **Sandon**, Oakfield Road, Liverpool L4 0UH

### **UCM**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May** – short meeting followed by Speaker from St. Rocco's

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – Annual Mass at the Cathedral. Mini Bus and cars will leave car park at 1pm.

**Bingo** – Apologies, the Bingo on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May has had to be cancelled as the hall is unavailable.

Next **Bingo** will be on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm. All are Welcome.

### **Mass Intentions**

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>8.30am 4.00pm</b>	<b>Antony Bell Brian and Martin Watson</b>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Peter Ryan (Birthday Remembranc)</b>
<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>		
<b>Weds 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Mass for the Sick and Housebound</b>
<b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>		
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for Barrie Davies</b>
<b>Sat 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>		
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>8.30am 4.00pm</b>	<b>Mary Guy (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Michael Owen (RIP)</b>

Please visit the new St. Joseph's website for all the news, Mass times, newsletter and much more! [www.stjosephpenketh.co.uk](http://www.stjosephpenketh.co.uk)

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

### **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**

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### **A Call to Serve as Altar Servers**

We invite our young people to embrace the call to serve as Altar Servers. No age is too old for this call. We appeal to all parents' to not only encourage this initiative but promote it by bringing their little ones to Mass.

God Bless, Fr. Raymond

Please note any items for inclusion in the newsletter from parishioners at St. Joseph's must be received by Thursday morning. Also, please can you ensure that the brown Mass Offering envelopes are fully completed in block capitals. The Mass Intention is clearly written, ie 'Lately Dead', Anniversary etc. and finally the donor name is clearly written and if a tax payer, their post code written on the back of the envelope. Thank you.