

3rd Sunday of Easter Mass times, intentions + this week

Sat 13th April	6.00pm	Special Intention (EJ) Parishioners of Holy Rosary
Sun 14th April Easter 3	10.30am	Arthur + Josie Young Mary + John Murphy Geoff Young
Monday 15th April	9.10am	Margaret Mullen
Tues 16th April St Bernadette	9.10am	Michael Feuilherade
Wed 17th April	11.30am 12 noon	Confessions Les Westhead
Thurs 18th April St Stanislaus	9.10am	Gerard Conyngham Ann + John Gannon (Rem)
Friday 19th April	9.10am	Margaret Eastwood (Sp Int)
Sat 20th April	6.00pm	Kathleen Deering (birthday)
Sun 21st April Easter 4	10.30am	Kath Harris All breast cancer patients

Praying the Parish Mass Book: The readings are on Page 263.

Confessions

by appointment with Fr Philip.

PRAYING THE PARISH: WE PRAY FOR OUR TEAMS OF CHURCH CLEANERS AND FLOWER ARRANGERS.



Parish of Holy Rosary

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3rd Sunday of EASTER 14th April 2024

As we journey through the Easter season, the readings invite us to reflect deeply on the themes of repentance, forgiveness, and the power of the Resurrection. The call to turn back to God and the assurance of His forgiveness are central messages offering us a path to renewal and hope.

In the first reading from the Acts of the

Apostles, Peter addresses the people with a powerful message of repentance. He acknowledges that both the people and their leaders acted in ignorance when they rejected Jesus and chose a murderer instead. However, Peter's words are not of condemnation but of invitation. He invites his listeners to repent and turn back to God so that their sins may be wiped out. This passage highlights a fundamental truth of the Christian faith: God's mercy is greater than our sins, and His desire is always to bring us back into full communion with Him.

The theme of repentance + forgiveness is in the Gospel. The risen Jesus appears to the disciples, offering them peace, not fear. By sharing a meal with them, Jesus demonstrates the reality of resurrection. He then opens their minds to understand the Scriptures, showing how His suffering, death, and resurrection were all part of God's saving plan. This moment is not just a revelation of the mystery of Resurrection but an invitation to the disciples to become witnesses to the forgiveness of sins through Jesus' name.

Becoming a Catholic: If there is any adult who wants to become a Catholic or make 1st Communion and Confirmation please get in touch with Fr Philip. **What Catholics believe about....** There will be more after Easter,. On Thu 18th Fr Chris Fallon will lead a session on Catholic life at 7.00pm. Open to everyone but with a special invitation to those adults who would like to become Catholics or make their Holy Communion - all welcome.

Warm Lunch: The warm lunches will take place on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month. The next one is on Friday 19th April. Just turn up to the Parish Hall from 12 noon (food usually served at 12.30). All welcome. Warm lunches will continue until the end of May.

Churches Food Share: Suggested items: Spices, tinned meats, baby food.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Eucharistic Ministers: We are hoping to have a course to commission some more Eucharistic Ministers, those who can help at Mass and / or take communion to the housebound and sick. Please let Fr Philip know if you could do this.

The **Parish Hall** will be closed to all users the week beginning Monday 22nd April. This will enable us to refurbish the toilet and to rebuild broken walls, put new flooring down and re-tile the bathroom. No one will be allowed to use the building that week. Many thanks for donations given towards the cost of this work.

Holy Rosary Wednesday Pensioners are having a coach trip to Boundary Mill. There is space in the coach if anyone else wishes to join them. Tue 14th May - leaving at 0930. Seats cost £15 - ring Bobbie on 07736776416.

Free Concert: Bach Cantata 67: Sun 14th April in SFX Church at 6.30pm. An account of the risen Christ's appearance to his disciples by the Liverpool Bach Collective. The chorus, three soloists and a string quartet are joined by trumpet, flute and oboes d'amore. (Fr Philip is going and has space in his car - let him know if you would like a lift there - and back!)

Music at the Cathedral: During 2024 the Metropolitan Cathedral are celebrating the return of their restored grand organ with a series of concerts and events that will demonstrate the versatility of the instrument. - Eastertide Carol Service, Sunday 21 April, 3pm. Choral Evening Prayer with the Rededication of the Grand Organ followed by the Opening Organ Recital by Martin Baker, Sunday 12 May, 3pm

LGBTQ+ Catholics: The next gathering for LGBTQ+ Catholics will take place on Sunday 28 April at St John Stone, Ainsdale PR8 3RN. There will be Mass at 2.00 pm followed by a social gathering. All are most welcome.

Our Catholic Schools: The Digest of the 2023 Census Data for Schools and Colleges in England is now available on the CES website: www.catholiceducation.org.uk The data remains the most accurate and reliable depiction of England's 2,087 Catholic schools, colleges and academies. Key findings include:

⁺ 821,549 pupils are educated in English Catholic schools, making up 9% of the state-funded sector.

⁺ 58% of pupils at state-funded Catholic schools are Catholic. (In HR it is 98%). 47,307 teachers are employed, 46% of whom are Catholic.

⁺ 45.5% of pupils are from ethnic minorities, compared with a 37.4% England average.

⁺ Contrary to media reports, Catholic schools take in 50% more pupils from the most deprived areas and approximately a quarter fewer pupil from more affluent areas, compared with the state sector.

⁺ Catholic schools also outperform national GCSE English, Maths and Religious Education.

Escorted Tour to Knock: 16th June 2024 from Liverpool. £899.00. Price includes flight, 10kg luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport - Dinner, Bed + Breakfast. Lunch - 3 days. Entertainment + excursions. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick. Single supplement on enquiry. Contact Patricia: 01268 762 278 (This is not a parish pilgrimage - it is an advert we have been requested to share.)

Pour out your grace - a new Pentecost: guest speaker Michelle Moran, Saturday 11 May 2024, 10am-4pm Event hosted at the Irenaeus Centre. Contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 01519491199