

## 8th Sunday of the Year Mass times, intentions + the week ahead

Sat 1st March	6.00pm	Anne Freeman
		Paul (Ossie) Osbourn
Sun 2nd March	10.30am	James Bromilow Snr + Jnr.
8th Sunday		Special Int (granddaughter)
Mon 3rd March	9.10am	Val + Tommy Stanton
		Terry Valleley
Tues 4th March	9.10am	Tony Peeney, Williams Family
		Special Int (Great granddaughter)
ASH Wed 5th March	11.30am	Confessions
	12 noon	Tony Grayston, Joseph Cochrane
	7.00pm	Ashes Service
Thurs 6th March	9.10am	Ann Tierney
		Patricia Crowley
Fri 7th March	<u>10.00am</u>	Funeral Mass: Teresa McGivern
Sat 8th March	6.00pm	Con Clifford
		Pat Bradley
Sun 9th March	10.30am	Rita Krouge
1st Sunday of Lent		Mary Kevan

The Pope's prayer intention for March is for families in crisis. The hope is that families can find healing through forgiveness and rediscovering each other's gifts.

**PRAYING THE PARISH:** WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN ORCHARD HEY, PRIMARY AVE, PROSPECT WAY

**Praying the Sunday Missal:** The readings are on **Page 161** in the new Sunday Missals - and on page 819 In the blue missals.



## **Parish of Holy Rosary**

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## 8th Sunday of the Year 2nd March

In the Gospel Jesus says that every tree is known by its fruit. You can tell the difference between the good and the rotten trees by their fruits, he says; but he is really talking about us. Every person in whom the Holy Spirit dwells has the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Scripture

lists nine fruits (see Galatians 5:22-23), but traditionally the Church has listed twelve. Here is that list: Love, Joy Peace, Patience Long-suffering Goodness Kindness Gentleness Fidelity Modesty Continence Chastity. When you are a good tree, you have the Holy Spirit dwelling in you. With the indwelling Holy Spirit, you are your beloved Lord's, and he is yours in love and joy and peace. In that loving relationship, you can also bear better the troubles of this life, and so patience and long-suffering are on the list.

When you are inclined to wish the other good you have goodness; and when you are inclined actually to help another in good ways, you have kindness. You have gentleness when you put up with another who is troublesome, and you have fidelity when you are inclined to forego getting revenge on anyone who has been unjust to you. You have modesty when you are inclined to be content even if you are not the centre of everyone's attention. You have continence if you are inclined to discipline yourself with regard to morally acceptable things. You get your exercise in because you got yourself to turn the TV off, for example. And you have chastity if you are inclined to discipline yourself about those things that tempt you but that are not morally acceptable.

**Foodshare**: need jams, porridge, toilet tissue and shampoo.

Warm Lunch: Friday 7th March from 12 noon for the next warm lunch.

**Parish Finances:** With the newsletter is the annual financial report made to the parish. The Parish Council + Finance Committee have looked at this in detail and are happy to endorse it as a correct record.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** For year 8 registration closes on 17th March. Register at liverpoolcalled.co.uk

**Parish Workers Night out**: on Tues 4th March at 6.30pm. Please sign up by noon Sunday and see Fr Philip for a ticket. Please ask for your ticket.

**New Altar Servers:** If you are on year 4 or above and you would like to serve at Mass please let Fr Philip know.

**RCIA:** Are you an adult who wants to make their 1st Communion and/or be confirmed or do you want to become a Catholic and maybe even be baptised. If you can answer yes to any of these then the RCIA is for you. An application form has to be completed by this weekend. Thank you.

**Piety Stall:** We are sorry to have to announce that due to increases from suppliers our cards will have to go up to 60p. This price increase will take place from 1st March - The "big" Mass cards will be £11.00 each.

**Statues:** In his recent Pastoral Letter the Archbishop invited us to look at the statues in the church and see if they are racially diverse. Ours are not. The Parish Council discussed this at their recent meeting and have suggested that we source a statue of St Josephine Bakhita - you can see a picture of the statue in the porch.

Romero Mass: 7pm Thursday 20th March. St Edmund of Canterbury, 62 Oxford Rd, Waterloo, L22 8QF. Oscar Romero was assassinated on March 24th 1980 as he was saying Mass. He was canonised in 2018. Fr Luis Orlando, a Mexican Jesuit priest and human rights activist is preaching. All are welcome to the Mass to pray for peace and justice.

HR Ladies next meet on March 18th (No meeting on March 4th.)

The **new and much improved Parish Web Site** will go live on Monday.

**Lent:** Ash Wednesday: Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. This means that if you are 14-59 years of age you eat less than you usually do and you abstain from meat (unless you are a vegetarian and then you have to abstain from something else!) **Mass with Ashes** will be at 12 noon. There will be a Service at 7.00pm with ashes.

**Stations of the Cross in Lent:** These will alternate between Fridays and Wednesdays. Friday 7.00pm: 7th March, 21st March, 4th April. Weds at 12.30pm: 12th March, 26th March, 9th April. There is a signing up form (in the porch) - if you, or a parish group, are willing to lead.

**Anointing of the Sick**: Each week during Lent at one of the weekday Masses we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick .

**CAFOD:** The Lent Fast day is Friday 7th March. Please take an envelope and bring it back to church.

**Lent Book:** If you would like to do a bit of spiritual reading for Lent there is a recommended book, Steadfast Love, on sale in the church. It gives you a short passage and reflections each day of Lent. It is just £2.00.

**Rosary Meditations:** During Lent there will be 3 opportunities to reflect on 3 new mysteries of the rosary. These are not official but they have been suggested by Archbishop John Wilson (Southwark Archdiocese) and they relate to the rosary and Archbishop Romero. These will be on-line reflections and will take place in church so that you can join in person too.

**Ideas for Lent:** 1. **Prayer**: attending Mass; saying part of the Rosary; making the Stations of the Cross; prayerfully reading the Gospel of the day; reading a daily meditation (online or from a book); reading a spiritual book (lives of the saints, prayer, aspect of faith); saying part of the Divine Office.

- 2. Fasting: giving up tea, coffee, chocolate or alcohol; giving up a favourite biscuit, fruit, food or sugar in a drink; not snacking between meals; fasting on Fridays; cutting back using the computer, social media or watching TV.
- 3. **Charity:** assisting a parish charitable activity; visiting someone who is sick or elderly; volunteering; saving money from a work of fasting and donating it to a good charitable cause; supporting CAFOD; random acts of kindness at school, work or in the home.