

Services, Mass Times and Intentions

No masses are currently celebrated in church.
All Masses at present will be celebrated online.
Please refer to the website if you wish to participate.

Sunday 17th January 2021 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B			
Online	Video	Mass	Albert Kenyon, Mary Chisnall Renee Moore and For all our Families & Friends
Monday 18th January 2021 Second Week in Ordinary Time			
Online	Video	Mass	Ann & Danny Niland's Golden Wedding Anniversary
Tuesday 19th January 2021 Weekday in Ordinary Time			
Online	Video	Mass	Elsie Walker
Wednesday 20th January 2021 Weekday in Ordinary Time			
Online	Video	Mass	Kathleen Ormesher
Thursday 21st January 2021 St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr			
Online	Video	Mass	Jeff Rigby
St Lewis: 12pm Graveside Service for Renee Moore			
Friday 22nd January 2021 Weekday in Ordinary Time			
Online	Video	Mass	Sr. Imelda FCJ and Sr. Mary Champion FCJ
Saturday 23rd January 2021 Second Week in Ordinary Time			
Online	Video	Mass	France Welsby and John Unsworth
Sunday 24th January 2021 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B			
Online	Video	Mass	Jack Tatlock

This week's joke:

Why did the chicken join the band?
Because he had the drumsticks!!!!



Newsletter for the Parishes of St Catherine of Siena & All Saints and St Lewis.



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Parish Mass Book page 127, Order of Mass, P6, the Creed P12.

Now Is The Time

Over fifty years ago, in his famous 'I have a dream' speech, Martin Luther King Jr talked about 'the fierce urgency of now'.

'This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilising drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children... The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges,' he said.

That same sense of 'fierce urgency' seems to grab the disciples in today's Gospel. The time has come, says Jesus - and Simon, Andrew, James and John are certainly ready. So ready, in fact, that they are prepared to leave behind their livelihoods, and even their families, to attend to the urgent task of spreading the Good News.

We can all be experts at procrastination at times. We put off making positive changes in our lives or taking steps to help others, convinced we will get around to it another day. Sometimes the sacrifices can seem like too much, but Jesus calls us, and he calls us urgently.

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Serving the Catholic Community of Golborne, Lowton, Croft & Culcheth*

Lockdown Three: The closure of churches.

Sadly, the current situation left me with no choice other than to close both our churches. In lieu of the Government, Cardinal and Archbishop being prepared to 'make the call' I felt it was necessary given the current state of affairs. With an additional, virulent strain affecting us and so many of our congregation within touching distance of receiving their first jab, coming to mass for the next two months is a risk not worth taking. And in any case, an increasing number of you had already come to that conclusion– the fall in attendance attests to that.

We have yet to reach the peak of infection the scientific officers tell us so this is the time to batten down the hatches, plug in the computer and book your deliveries with Ocado (other supermarket delivery companies are available....) Just remember chocolate, wine and ice cream doesn't constitute a three course meal however attractive it may appear!

In the meantime I look forward to seeing you all online at the video mass (some priests have tried Zoom masses for a bit of inter-action, but sadly, they don't work very well).

And yes, I do look forward to bumping into some of you down the surgery when we at last have our Covid vaccine jabs!

Peace Sunday. Every year, Pax Christi promotes the Holy Father's World Peace day message on the 2nd Sunday in ordinary time (today.) It is entitled 'Peace, as journey of hope in the face of obstacles and trials'. If you wish to read the full text please go to the Pax Christi website and follow the links– you're an old hand at this internet thing now!

Stoneyhurst College online talks.

Beginning 14th January and continuing every two weeks there is a series of online talks entitled: **The Drama Displayed: A Journey of Salvation** offered by the Christian Heritage Centre. A range of excellent speakers will examine the key moments of salvation history, with the aid of great works of art. They begin at 7:30pm. The second talk which will be on Thursday 28th Jan. is entitled: 'The Naked truth' and will be given by Dr David Torevell. For info and registration, go onto: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-drama-displayed/>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Once again, this occurs between 18th-25th January. The material for it has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that has been chosen is: "Abide in my love, and you shall bear much fruit." It is based on John 15:1-17. The sisters are inviting churches across the world to enter into their tradition of prayer and silence that is rooted in the ancient traditions of the Catholic Church. For more information and to download the resources go to the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland website and follow the links!

Foodbanks.

We will continue to collect the food that you wish to donate to the Foodbanks despite their being no mass. Simply bring it to the presbytery at All Saints Monday-Friday between 10.00-2.00pm and leave it outside. Then ring the doorbell and step back– I'll then pick it up and ensure it is delivered to the Foodbank. Many thanks.

All Saints Church: all food donations go to St Thomas' church, Warrington Rd, Ashton in Makerfield which is part of ACT: Ashton Churches Together.

St. Lewis Church: unfortunately the Quench café, which took donations for the Foodbank in Culcheth has closed this week. They have advised that if anyone wishes to give to the Croft and Culcheth community, please take your donations to Sainsbury's. However, if you would still like to donate to our parish community you can bring them to the office any week day between 10-2 and they will be take to the ACT Foodbank as above.

Below is a list of essential items required by ACT Foodbank:

Tinned Goods	Sugar	Cartons of Juice
Tea/Coffee	UHT Milk	Ready to Eat Custard
Cereal/Porridge	Evaporated Milk	Sweets
Pasta Sauces	Packets of Mash	Biscuits

Please Note: They **do not** need any Pasta, Soup or Tins of Beans, just the items above.

Our Lady's Grotto: We have been notified that the weather has caused an issue to both Our Lady's statue and St. Bernadette at the grotto. This is being dealt and will be rectified as soon as possible.

Asylum-Link Project : Margaret Ruxton writes:

The next delivery to the centre should have been mid-January. Because of lockdown we are unable to fix a date for delivery. However, in the meantime, any completed garments can be delivered to Margaret or to Jean Marsh by telephone arrangement. If you need their numbers, please contact the office. Many thanks to all those who have handed in the numerous items already received...it seems that there will be a large collection again this time. Please keep going, as the need is great.

Loretta Walker's funeral will take place at St Mary's church, Standish, commencing midday 18th Jan. 2021. For those of you who wish to join in, please follow the live streaming link: <https://youtu.be/1qfF6myYA70>



*Please remember in your prayers: the sick of our community
and all those who have died recently including
Renee Moore & Rita Charnock*