

TOGETHER

Newsletter for Catholics in Birkdale
12th March 2023 + Third week in Lent
Sundays Year A + Week Days Year I



Giovanni Lanfranco (ca. 1625-28)

Offertory Envelopes for the new tax year are ready for you. Please collect your box from the porch. By using Gift Aid Tax payers increase their donation by 25%. To join the scheme speak to the gift aid co-ordinators or contact the office (tel. 568313).

400 Club February Draw	£25	No 285	C Edgar
£100 No 65	T Higgins	£25	No 184 T Lumley
£50 No 14	T Kennelly	£25	No 226 N Ball
£50 No 314	K Jenkinson	£25	No 333 T Bennett-Borgerson

The winners have been notified.
Thanks to all who support the Club.

Penance Service at St Teresa's on Monday 27th March at 7pm.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Dates 28th July (Friday) to 3rd August (Thursday) – Please note this is not the same week as the Liverpool Archdiocesan Pilgrimage.

Price £799 includes full board at a four-star hotel near the Grotto, flights and transfers. £300 non-refundable deposit is required to confirm booking.

If you are interested in joining a small group (20-24) and for more information contact Anna: 07580916868 by THIS Sunday 12th March.

QUIZ NIGHT (in aid of Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund) on Friday March 24th at 7.45pm in the MEETING ROOMS next to Our Lady of Lourdes Church £5 Adults £3 Students. All welcome.

Choir practice at St Joseph this coming Friday 17th March at 7.30pm.

www.birkdalecatholics.com

The new website is now live.

To follow daily Mass from
St Joseph's church go to
www.churchservices.tv/birkdale

Offertory

Offerings **£ 1,922.64**

Food Vouchers £130

Since November 2020 you have raised
£81,256.56

and are helping 96 families
with 176 children.

Ukraine Appeal £ 20 Total **£16,015.50**

CAFOD £280.50 plus £1,005 for the
earthquake appeal

Need help from the SVP? Leave a
message or text 07716143603

Saturdays Silent Meditation

10am at St Joseph's.

Thursday Art Class again in person

Thursdays 1.30-3pm

Contact Judith Hays 07727879600.

Spanish Class Thursdays 10am in the
Meeting Room. Tanya

07834563424



French conversation

classes in the

meeting rooms on Tuesdays 1pm -
2.30pm & Fridays 10.30am to 12 Noon.

Contact sophie.payne@yahoo.com

Church Cleaning

St Teresa Saturday 10am.

Our Lady of Lourdes Thursday 9am

St Joseph, Friday after Mass

Can you help?

Many hands make light work!

The Music Group at St Teresa

rehearses before Mass on Sunday
mornings 10.15am.

Children's Liturgy

Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm

St Joseph 9.30am

St Teresa 11am

Confessions

St Joseph's Friday at 10.30am

LOL Saturday 5.30pm

Other times upon request

"Thank You"
for parking responsibly at church!

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Deacon: Rev Bill Ball, Tel 567788. Parish webpage www.birkdalecatholics.com

Facebook: Birkdale Catholics Diocese www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

Other parishes in the deanery: St John Stone & Sacred Heart Tel. 577722 * St Marie & St Patrick Tel. 531229 *
Holy Family Tel. 532613 * Formby 873230 * Hightown 0151 929 2149

MASS THIS SUNDAY

Preface *The Samaritan Woman* - Eucharistic Prayer III

Collect

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A reading from the book of Exodus

17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 94(95)

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Romans

5:1-2,5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the word of God!

Lord, you are really the saviour of the world:

give me the living water,
so that I may never get thirsty.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the word of God!

Gospel

John 4:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink,
you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again;
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him,
welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman,
the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we do know:
for salvation comes from the Jews.
But the hour will come, in fact it is here already,
when true worshippers will worship the Father
in spirit and truth:
that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.
God is spirit,
and those who worship
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people. 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said:

'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work.

Have you not got a saying:

Four months and then the harvest?

Well, I tell you:

Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest!

Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together.

For here the proverb holds good:

one sows, another reaps;

I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for.

Others worked for it;

and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
'the Virgin Mary', all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings.
Grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins,
may take care to forgive our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

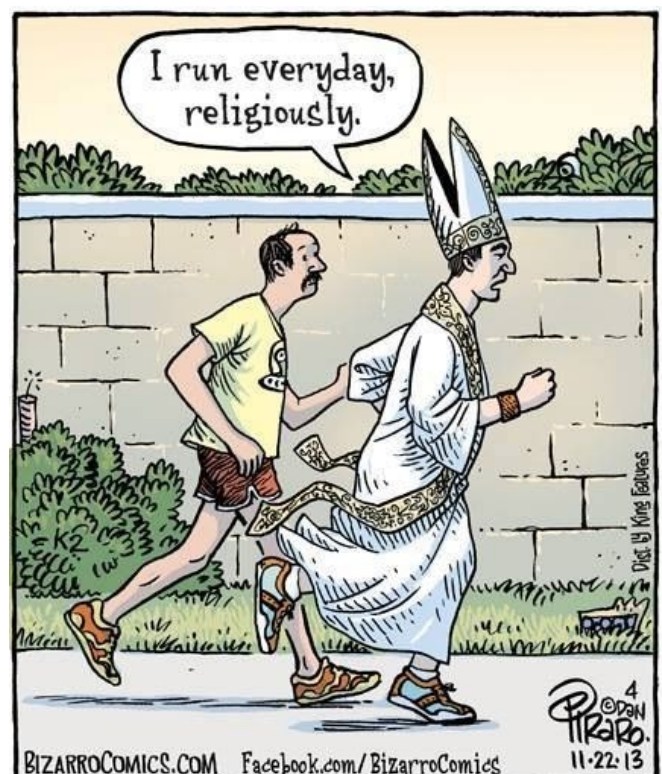
As we receive the pledge
of things yet hidden in heaven
and are nourished while still on earth
with the Bread that comes from on high,
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,
that what is being brought about in us in mystery
may come to true completion.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Workshop for Parish Musicians on Saturday 18th

March 10.30am until 2pm at the Irenaeus Centre, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, Liverpool, L22 1RD
Nicky Baty will lead a workshop exploring • Ideas for the parish • Tips for musicians • Music for sale • Freebies to take home
Tea and coffee from 10am and there will be a brief lunch break – Please bring your own lunch.
Suggested donation £10 To book a place, email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 0151 949 1199

Prayer for Ukraine

Almighty God,
we pray for a just peace in the Ukraine.
The War is brutal;
many are suffering
and many have had to flee.
God of life,
we pray for children and civilians who live in fear,
for those who have lost their homes,
those who are wounded and those who mourn.
God of hope,
comfort those who grieve
and give hope to all who are bowed down.
God of peace,
guide world leaders to good solutions.
May your will be done.
May your kingdom come. Amen.





Praying with the Pope in March

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering. www.thepopevideo.org

We Pray for the Sick

Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Baby Max, Tyler, Callan Sankey, Joseph Harnick, Nella, Baby Leighton, Ryan Ward, Tim Nuttall, Karen Manley, Zoe Waters, Pauline McNulty, John Smith, Jonathan Morley, Olive Walshe, Maureen Doran, Elizabeth Loudon, Pam Wheeler, Dave Formby, Pat Little, Valerie Bennett, Jemima Jenkins, Kathryn Harding, Michael Hegarty, Marian Ball, Ciara Lea, Muriel Appleton, Pat Stoneman, Claire Kenyon, Michael Brady, Margaret Chisnall, Mike Barber, Richard Hughes, Mary Stanton, Pat Rogan, Lindsey Rodgers, Kathleen Jenkinson, John Walton, Margherita Grilli, Sue Woolley, Leon Merone, Angela Forshaw, Nel Berry, Margaret Linley, Stephen White, Marion Hope, Margaret Mary Smith, Peter Martin, David Murphy, Jean-Pierre Ribagnac, Evelyn Pinnington

The Lately Dead

Maureen Connolly, Mary Cottam, Cosima McCabe, George Raymond (Ray) Ormesher, Sylvia Flynn, Margaret Curry, Joseph Heaton

Anniversaries

Betty Bron Bennetts, Margaret (Madge) Parr, Thomas Butler, Luke Berry

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Confirmation 2023

The website for registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation closes on the 17th March. Any baptised student in year 8 or older can register at: www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk



This Sunday Tea/Coffee at St Teresa's. Volunteers needed on a monthly rota to serve tea and coffee after the 11am Mass.

Quiet days in Lent. Places for a themed day of prayer in the quiet and beautiful surrounds of Ince Benet are available. (see incebenet.co.uk for a tour) Wed. 15th or 22nd March: 'Lent as a Season of Growth'; Thursday 23rd 'Eden and Gethsemane: Temptation to do the right thing in the wrong way.' Suggested donation £10 for the day. For details and to book, please phone 07931902346.

From Irenaeus 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD
Scripture Mornings Discover the Letters to the Thessalonians. From 10.30am – 12 noon on Thursdays 16th and 23rd March. No charge but donations appreciated. To book a place: jenny@irenaeus.co.uk / Tel. 0151 9491199.

Catholic Chaplaincy at Southport Hospital and Queenscourt Hospice Contact Maria Parker: **07467 374830** (during normal office hours). In an emergency ask the ward staff to contact the priest on-call.



Third Sunday in Lent

Saturday Vigil at Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm

Gerry Mackey RIP
St Joseph 8.30am In thanksgiving AR
St Joseph 9.30am Betty Bron Bennetts A
St Teresa 11am Margaret (Madge) Parr A
St Joseph 3.30pm *Evening Prayer and Benediction*

The Weekday Masses are at St Joseph's

Mon 10am Thomas Butler A and Edwin Richardson B
Tues 10am Monsignor Austin Hunt
Wed 10am Edith Hartley
Thurs 10am *St Patrick*
Mary King RIP

12 Noon Requiem Mass St Joseph

George Raymond (Ray) Ormesher
Fri 9.30am *Stations of the Cross*
10am Clive Wilson RIP

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Saturday Vigil at Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm

Int of Anne Howard
St Joseph 8.30am John Coughlan RIP
St Joseph 9.30am Luke Berry A
St Teresa 11am Francis Golden RIP
St Joseph 3.30pm *Evening Prayer and Benediction*

Funerals

Sylvia Flynn Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 20th March at 12 Noon.
Margaret Curry, Requiem Mass at St Teresa's, Wednesday 29th March at 1pm.
Joseph Heaton Funeral Service at St Teresa's, Friday 31st March at 12 Noon.

LGBTQ Mass

Sunday 16th April 2023, St Agnes & St Aidan, 82 Huyton Hey Road, Liverpool L36 5SQ. Mass at 2.00pm followed by social gathering.

Talk and Mass on the Feast of St Oscar Romero
7pm Thursday 23rd March 2023, Saint Edmund of Canterbury, Waterloo. Peggy Healy will talk on: "Responding to the Cry of the Poor Today".

A Four Day Coach Pilgrimage to Walsingham.

Monday 19th - Thurs 22nd June. Price: Standard Room £320, En-Suite £368. The price includes coach, accommodation and meals. To book a place or enquire: Tel: 01704 533757 or brucesoden@btinternet.com
Southport Walsingham Association

The North Merseyside Newman Association

The association will be presenting a talk on "The Building of the Cathedral" by Dr. Philip Harrison, the resident Architect who worked closely with Sir Frederick Gibberd. Please join us at St. Helen's Parish Centre, Crosby L23 7TQ. Light refreshments are at 7.15 pm before the talk begins at 7.30 pm on Thursday 16 March. There is no charge and parking is free.