

TOGETHER

Newsletter for Catholics in Birkdale
22nd May 2022 + Sixth Week of Easter
Sundays Year C + Week Days Year II



Congratulations to the First Holy Communion Children this Saturday!

Saturday 11th June at St Teresa's 10am and 12 Noon

Saturday 18th June at Our Lady of Lourdes 11am

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers! I am grateful to School and to the catechists for their support. Fr Atli

Improving the Website

We now have a group of five that will start work on the website. They are looking for your input. What do you expect a parish website to offer?

Parish Pastoral Council

Met Thursday last week and we discussed a barbeque for the 14th of August and a family Quiz at St Teresa's date to be set once the school hall becomes available. At our next meeting we will put together a calendar of events for the coming months. The next meeting will be on the 9th of June. Your suggestions for what we can and should do are welcome.

Need Holy Communion Cards and Gifts? Have a look in the piety stall.

Congratulations to the newly baptised!

Saturday Alexander Elliot James Brett, Jamie Lewis Brett and Joseph Anthony Brett were welcomed into the Church at St Joseph.

Sunday Heidi-Rose Gallagher was baptised at St Joseph.

"Thank You" for parking safely and responsibly! It makes our neighbours and other road users happy!

A Celebration to Remember St Teresa's School

The Governors invite past pupils and parishioners to visit an exhibition celebrating the 152 years of Catholic education at St Teresa's school on Sunday 3rd July 2022 from 12 Noon to 3pm.

Barbecue, ice cream van and entertainment for children and families by Mr Stix.

Entrance and refreshments are free!

Can you help? Do you have items for the Exhibition? Photographs, press clippings, books, videos, uniforms etc. that you would be willing to loan?

Items can be brought to church (St Teresa, Our Lady of Lourdes or St Joseph) until Sunday 6th June 2022. Photographs can be scanned and returned before the exhibition.

Can you help on the day? Please get in touch by speaking to Father or email: admin.stteresas@schools.sefton.gov.uk

CatholicPost a brand-new monthly National Catholic newspaper. The first paper is FREE - so please take a copy!

Thursday is the feast of the Ascension!

Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on Wednesday at 7pm

Thursday 8am at St Teresa's

Thursday 10am at St Joseph's

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

Offertory

Last Sunday £ 1,904.43

Food Vouchers

£ 360

Since November 2020 you have raised 64,488.36

and are helping 76 families with 150 children.

Thank you for your generosity!

Ukraine Appeal £13,244

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

"There are many practical ways to support others as a member of the SVP. To find out more, please text or leave a message on the SVP number or speak to any member of the SVP"

Saturdays Silent Meditation

10am - 10.30am at St Joseph's (Not 21st May or 4th June)



Spanish Class

Thursdays
10am-12
Noon

Thursday Art Class continues via Zoom. Marie Simmons 550466.

French conversation classes on Fridays in the meeting rooms 10.30am to 12 Noon. Contact sophie.payne@yahoo.com

Church Cleaning

St Teresa Saturday 10am.
Our Lady of Lourdes Thurs 9am
St Joseph, Fridays after Mass.
Many hands make light work!

The Music Group at St Teresa

rehearses before Mass on Sunday mornings 10.15am.

Children's Liturgy

LOLO Saturday 6pm
St Joseph 9.30am and
St Teresa at 11am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Joseph's Friday at 10.30am
LOLO Saturday 5.30pm

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

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

Other Catholic churches in Southport:

St John Stone & Sacred Heart Tel. 577722 * St Marie & St Patrick Tel. 531229 * Holy Family Tel. 532613

MASS THIS SUNDAY

Easter Preface V Eucharistic Prayer III

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Collect

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion
these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2,22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials:

you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

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

Psalm 66 (67)

R. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

A reading from the book of Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

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



Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:
'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own:
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.
Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give,
this is my gift to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad to know that
am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
All bow up to and including the words 'and became man'.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.



Praying with the Pope in May

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

www.thepopevideo.org

We Pray for the Sick

Rev. Bill Ball, Baby Max, Tyler, Callan Sankey, Joseph Harnick, Nella, Baby Leighton, Ryan Ward, Karen Manley, Sheila Smith, Pat Mills, Zoe Waters, Pauline McNulty, John Smith, Jonathan Morley, Olive Walshe, Maureen Doran, Elizabeth Loudon, Pam Wheeler, Dave Formby, Pat Little, Barbara Tomlinson, Valerie Bennett, Jemima Jenkins, Kathryn Harding, Michael Hegarty, Marian Ball, Ciara Lea, Muriel Appleton, Ann Forster, Pat Stoneman, Claire Kenyon, Michael Brady, Margaret Chisnall, Mike Barber, Richard Hughes, Mary Stanton, Sylvia Flynn, Pat Rogan, Lindsey Rodgers, Kathleen Jenkinson, William Dobson, Margherita Grilli, Rebecca Carrington, David Barton, Angela Forshaw, Karine Coudurier, Leon Merone, John Walton, Nel Berry, Margaret Linley, Betty Hunter

The Lately Dead

Nola Nelson

Anniversaries

Canon Albert Shaw, David Carroll, Eileen McQuillan, James & Elizabeth Kelly, Rita Tierney



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday Vigil at Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm

St Joseph	8.30am	David Carroll A
St Joseph	9.30am	Parishioners
St Teresa	11am	Eileen McQuillan A
		Stuart Barber

Mon 10am	Canon Albert Shaw A
Tues 10am	James & Elizabeth Kelly A
Wed 10am	St Bede Carole Hughes' Dad
	Exposition and Rosary
	for people of the Ukraine

Ascension of the Lord

Wed 7pm	Our Lady's	Ruth Parker
Thurs 8am	St Teresa	In thanksgiving WA (JSC)
Thurs 10am	St Joseph	Rita Tierney A
Fri 10am	St Augustine	Clare Lawton

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday Vigil at Our Lady of Lourdes 6pm

St Joseph	8.30am	Hilda Mason
St Joseph	9.30am	Special Intention SM
St Teresa	11am	Lately dead LL
		William Cockcroft A

Something to think and pray about

Growing Your Image of God

In the past, you might have waited to hear the voice of God in a miracle or a clap of thunder. Now that you know that God is always communicating with you, you can see that tuning in to God is a skill to be learned and improved on, rather than a gift given only to some.

Brendan McManus SJ: *Channelling the Inner Fire: Ignatian Spirituality in 15 Points*, p. 19.

Job advertisement for a Housekeeper

An opportunity is available for an experienced Housekeeper to work with the retired clergy located at St Marie's House, 27 Seabank Road, Southport.

The successful candidate will be required to provide a comprehensive cleaning service to the retired clergy across four individual flats and ensure that all communal areas at St Marie's House are pleasant, safe, welcoming and clean. This is a permanent post working 20 hours per week Monday to Friday 10.00am -2.00pm. The salary is £9,991.80 per annum.

Applicants must have; experience of working in a similar role, flexible approach to duties undertaken, ability to work unsupervised, strong interpersonal skills and an appreciation for the need of sensitivity and confidentiality at all times.

Closing date: Wednesday 8th June 2022 This post is not subject to an enhanced disclosure and barring service check.

Catholic Chaplaincy Southport Hospital and Queenscourt Hospice

Please contact Maria Parker: **07467 374830** (during normal office hours).

In an emergency ask the ward staff to contact the priest on-call.

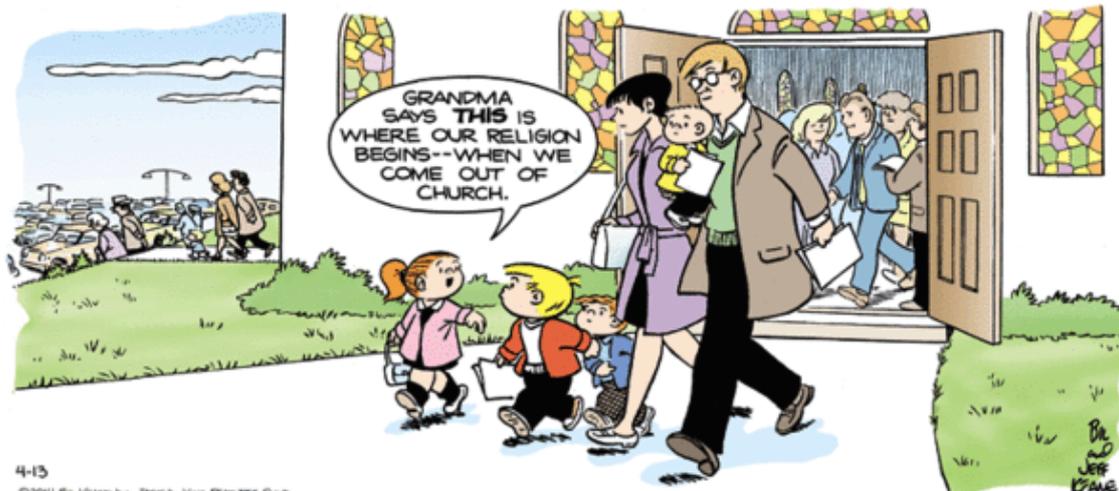
A Big Thank You! Your sponsor money for the 10K Startrek that I and Rachel, my sister-in-law completed has raised the magnificent sum of **£4120.42** for Queenscourt.

We did the walk in memory of my Mum, Ruth Parker who received an excellent end of life care in the hospice during the second lock-down.

The hospice has to raise one million per annum to stay open. It is great to be able to help, again THANK YOU!

Maria Parker

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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Our Lady of Lourdes School Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 2nd July from 12 Noon to 2pm. School is looking for raffle prizes. Perhaps you know of a business who could support them? Please let us know! Raffle tickets on sale nearer the time.

At the Foot of the Cross

'At the Foot of the Cross' is a monthly podcast from the **Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales** bringing you the latest news, project updates, events, prayer and more. We discuss our workstreams, from pro-life issues, Catholic life and worship and social action, to heritage and patrimony, environmental concerns and international aid and development.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/series/at-the-foot-of-the-cross/>



See All Things New:

An Online Retreat for Young Adults in their 20s and 30s

July 27, 2022

We invite you to set out on a journey with us, to see your life with new eyes, and to consider how your life may be transformed.

Once upon a time a young man began a journey that would transform him from soldier into a saint. What led him to set out on this journey? What did he experience along the way? How can you learn from these experiences in your life?

As part of this retreat (offered online, or residentially at St Beuno's Jesuit Spirituality Centre in North Wales) we will offer you material each day for your own personal prayer and reflection, as well as opportunities to encounter others, share your reflections and listen to their stories. You will have the opportunity to speak to a spiritual guide who can help you navigate your own faith journey

We'd love young adults in their 20s and 30s who are based in the UK and Ireland to come and join us to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the conversion of St Ignatius of Loyola!

Donations for the People of the Ukraine

To gift aid: Please make the cheque payable to: '**Our Lady of Lourdes and St Joseph**' or '**St Teresa**',

clearly marking the reverse of the cheque: "Help Ukraine", or cash in an envelope, with your Gift Aid number / details, marked "Ukraine".

If you shop on line please use easyfundraising - without it costing more you raise money for birkdalecatholics!

