

BULLETIN of ST MARY'S SHRINE

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Served by the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter

by appointment of the RC Archdiocese of Liverpool

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Holy Masses: Sunday 11am & 6pm; Mon-Sat 12:10pm daily.

Confessions 30mins before every Mass every day – including from 5:30pm before 6pm Sunday Mass, and on **Saturdays 10am-11:45am**

Eucharistic Adoration: Sat 10:00am-12 noon; 1st Fri 7:40pm-8:40pm; most Wed. afternoon after school

Daily Rosary 11:30am Mon-Fri, 11am Sat. + 12noon Angelus

Sung Compline: Sunday 7:15pm, Wednesday 9:15pm

Stations of the Cross: Mon, Fri 1:00pm

Men's group: Every Wed 7:00pm Mass + Talk & Compline

Mothers' Prayer group: Wed 1:00pm

Adults Catechesis: most Sunday mornings with Fr Whisenant

Home Education Group: Most Wednesdays 1pm-3:30pm. Contact Alison Kahn 01925 727759.

Choir: Every Thur & Sun. Contact Fr Verrier for an audition if you would like to join our choir – including Junior choir.

Young Adults & Professionals 18-35: Monthly Sat walk and/or talk: www.facebook.com/juventutem.warrington/

Divine Mercy group: every second Tuesday 1:00pm

Pro-life group: Last Sat 10:15am

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Safeguarding: Children, teenagers and vulnerable adults must be accompanied or supervised at all times within the Shrine. **If you have concerns, please contact the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Department** on 0151 522 1043 or e-mail safeguarding@rcaol.co.uk, or speak with Clare Fraser, St Mary's Safeguarding Officer. Thank you for your awareness.

Church cleaning: please given an hour of your time each week to keep St Mary's fit for divine worship.

Addicts to drugs, alcohol: help available with high success rate. Free. Confidential phone contact: 07916578902.

☞ **To receive Holy Communion:** one must be a Catholic, in state of grace, one-hour fasting at least. In the EF liturgy, Holy Communion is received kneeling (unless unable to) and **always on the tongue**. If no server, please hold the Communion plate *against your throat*. Thank you in advance.

☞ **Printed Mass sheets:** please **don't bin** them, as we will use them next year. Leave them in church Porch.

☞ **Modesty in church:** please cover your bodies at least down to elbows and below knees; no tight or see-through garments.

☞ **Did you know? St Mary's Shrine costs £1,700/week to run and maintain.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Corona virus:

Dear Friends, we miss you in the pews! But as we pray for all those affected by this virus and as we take precautions against spreading it, let us not lose heart.

Let us seek God first and His kingdom. From a spiritual perspective, God's Providence encompasses everything. God never wills evil, but He sometimes allows tribulations as a consequence of our sins and as an opportunity for repentance and conversion. *"And I say to you, my friends: Be not afraid of them who kill the body [that includes viruses] and after that have no more that they can do. But I will shew you whom you shall fear: Fear ye him who, after he hath killed, hath power to cast into hell. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? Yea, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: you are of more value than many sparrows"* (Lk 12:4-7).

While no expert is currently able to predict with certainty how the bleak situation will evolve, let us beware of apocalyptic interpretation of figures. One can take courage from the hopeful data offered by epidemiologists in the UK and abroad (cf [in-length articles on our website](#)) suggesting that:

- 1) Covid-19-attributed deaths in the UK are 1,020 (5th to 28th March 6pm), against 17,000 deaths per year caused by flu.
- 2) Only a tiny percentage of these deaths were caused by Covid-19 *only* (0.8 % in Italy). Nearly all patients died of other underlying conditions; that is, most died *with* Covid-19 but not *of* Covid-19.
- 3) A vast amount of people are contaminated unbeknownst to them, or showing mild symptoms. This lowers considerably the death *rate* of Covid-19.
- 4) By far the main cause of death in the UK is surgical abortion (not including abortion through abortifacient pills).

UK death figures compiled from www.gov.uk and other agencies for the years 2017, 2018 and/or 2019

Rank	Cause	Daily	Yearly
1 st	Abortion	574	209,510
2 nd	Heart disease	465	170,000
3 rd	Cancer	449	164,000
4 th	Dementia (2017)	183	67,000
5 th	Lung Disease	82	30,000
6 th	Flu	46	17,000
7 th	Suicide	17	6,507
In 2019:	Any cause, excluding abortion and euthanasia	1,483	541,589

What to do, meanwhile:

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days is removed for as long as this crisis continues. Before the lockdown, St Mary's clergy administered the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with Plenary Indulgence to **one third of our congregation**. Although St Mary's Church is presently closed even for private prayer sadly, feel welcome to

phone or email us if you need spiritual support and we will do our best to respond pastorally “as long as hygiene and social distancing requirements are observed.”

Tell your friends about LiveMass.net, allowing you to unite with the holy Sacrifice of the Mass at St Mary’s, either live (Mon-Sat 12:10pm, Sun 11:00am) or on demand (for 24hrs following each weekday Mass and for 7 days following each Sunday Mass). We plan to have the full Sacred Triduum broadcast (check our website for schedule by 8th April) on LiveMass.net; which will be part of the online resources advertised by the Bishops of England & Wales’ Conference at their request. With five clerics living at St Mary’s Presbytery as one household and with off-street access to our place of worship, we are in the fortunate situation of being able to offer full sung liturgies, broadcast on LiveMass.net, please God.

Let us pray for each other and telephone or email each other to check how the more isolated ones are doing. During this forced Lenten retreat, let us make sure to use the spare time for prayer and spiritual reading, and for family activities within each household. If not yet the case, install a ‘prayer corner’ in your home, where alone or together you can pray.

Don't forget to say the [Prayer in times of Epidemics](#) that we pray daily at the end of Mass; and the [Plenary Indulgence](#) granted amidst the Covid-19 crisis.

Collection money:

Please put your Sunday collection money aside each week and give it to us when churches reopen. Or alternatively, pay your collection money into our Shrine bank account (details overleaf), or drop through our Front Door mail slot.

Education project at St Mary’s Sunday 26 April 2020, 12:30pm-3:30pm: meeting for all interested, with presentation of the *Regina Caeli Academy* (to be confirmed).

Next trek with *Juventutem* Young Adults (18-35): 18th April; 16th May. Contact helena.waddelove@hotmail.co.uk. Also, **Juventutem Summer Weekend near London 3-5 July 2020**. Also, **CHARTRES** Pilgrimage: 30th May-1st June 2020 with Frs de Malleray and Whisenant. Contact: pippajcurran97@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions:

(Other intentions were applied over the past 2 weeks at private Masses. Please ask Fr Whisenant for details.)

ALL EVENTS BELOW behind locked doors, to be attended remotely via LiveMass.net ONLY.

Sun 29	Passion Sunday [Clocks 1hour forward]	National Consecration to Our Lady: 11:00am Solemn Mass • 1:25pm Act of Consecration and musical Rosary; 3:00pm Talk & Sung Litany of Our Lady	Restoration of Our Lady’s Dowry
Mon 30	Feria	12:10pm	David and Sue Lungs
Tue 31	Feria	12:10pm	Nathan Manswell
Wed 1	Feria	12:10pm ; 8:00pm-9:00pm Men’s Group Talk & Compline	For the Good of the Nation
Thu 2	Feria	12:10pm	Ann Girling RIP
Fri 3	Feria	12:10pm	T. and Ruth’s Unborn Baby
Sat 4	Feria	12:10pm	Lucy, Adrian & Family
Sun 5	Palm Sunday	11:00am	Ben & Sophia Parkinson
Mon 6	Holy Monday	12:10pm	For the Good of the Nation
Tue 7	Holy Tuesday	12:10pm	Helen Gibbons
Wed 8	“Spy” Wednesday	12:10pm ; 8:00pm-9:00pm Men’s Group Talk & Compline	Ellen Galvin
Thu 9	Maundy Thursday	10am-12:00noon Tenebræ: Gregorian chant 8:00pm-9:30pm Solemn Mass, stripping of altars and Compline 9:30pm-midnight: Eucharistic adoration [probably not filmed]	FSSP
Fri 10	Good Friday <i>Fast & Abstinence</i>	10am-11:40am Tenebræ (Gregorian chant) 3:00pm-5:00pm Solemn Liturgy	
Sat 11	Holy Saturday	10am-11:40am Tenebræ (Gregorian chant) 8:00pm-midnight Solemn Easter Vigil & Solemn Mass	Fr Jim Donleavy RIP
Sun 12	Easter Sunday	11:00am-12:30pm Solemn Mass [Attention: No 6pm Sunday Mass. Normal daily schedule would resume on Monday 13 April, subject to Covid-19 restrictions for public worship being lifted.]	FSSP Confraternity