Prayer in preparation for Synod 2021

Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son.

We thank you for the gift of the Church, through which you show us that you are always with us and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020 help us to become the Church that you are calling us to be.

May your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among us. Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope and Malcolm, our Archbishop. Help us to respond to the challenges of our times in new ways, to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. John Henry Newman, Pray for us. Parish Priest: Father Colin Fealey Deacons: Rev. Adrian Anwyl Rev. Sean O'Donovan

The Sanctuary Lamp, Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp and St. Paschal Baylon Lamp can be lit for your intentions. Please contact the parish office—donation £5.

Office Hours

Monday 9am-3.45pm , Tuesday 9am-2.45pm Thursday 9am-1pm and Friday 9am-3.45pm CLOSED ALL DAY WEDNESDAY and WEEKEND Tel 0151-722-2231 Email ctkandol@rcaolp.co.uk

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Parish Centres Christ the King 0151-722-3110 St. Paschal Baylon 0151-722 -6361

Gift Aid

Anyone who pays tax can Gift Aid to the parish. For every £1 you give the parish can claim 25p from the HMRC with no expense to you. Standing orders can be organised via the parish office.

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23rd May, 2021 Year B The Feast of Pentecost

Pentecost Sunday

"Suddenly there came a sound from heaven , as of a violent wind. . .

it filled the whole house. . .And there appeared to them parted tongues as of fire, which settled upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (Epistle).



On Christmas we celebrate the birthday of Christ in His Physical Body. Today is the birthday of the Church, of all those who have been reborn into His Mystical Body.

How did the first Christians prepare? They were all "in prayer" with Mary; and they were "all of one mind," under the leadership of Peter, making ready to tell "men from every nation under heaven. . .of the wonderful works of God" Epistle). Yes, prayer and action are the marks of the true Christian.

In the Offertory we ask the Holy Spirit to "confirm" the graces "wrought in us" when we were baptized and confirmed. We pray also "to relish" things of the Spirit and to benefit by "His consolation" (Prayer) in the struggle of Church and soul against "the prince of the world" (Gospel).

Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood

PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING & OUR LADY

MA	Seventh Sunday of Easter				
We apologise when	Saturday	22nd	5.30pm	Peter Cammack RIP	
times and Mass	Sunday	23rd	9.30am	People of the Parish	
intentions			11.00am	Brian Murray RIP	
occasion- ally need	Monday	24th	9.00am	Johanne Hennigan RIP	
to be changed at short	Tuesday Wednesday	25th 26th	10.00am	Requiem Mass Maureen Birch NO MASS	
notice for Requiem	Thursday	27th	9.30am	Meta James Birthday	
Masses etc.	Friday	28th	12.00pm	Josephina Rodriguez: Special Intention	

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday	29th	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	30th	9.30am	Alan Hargreaves RIP
		11.00am	Scarlet Cook: Special intention

Confessions commence at 4.45pm each Saturday.

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Rosary: During the month of May the Rosary will be said half an hour before each Mass. If you would like to lead the prayers please contact Kay Duggan.

Masses received this week: Maureen Birch RIP x2, Frances Proudfoot RIP, Josie Barrow Birthday. Danny Hastings RIP,

Ron Kelly, Edgar Jones RIP.

Enrolled into Mass Association this week:

Eileen Fletcher, Daniel Wilkinson RIP, Graeme Ward RIP, Ellie Dubber RIP, Eileen George RIP, Ita Mohan 70th Birthday.

We entrust these and all our Intentions to the heart of our community of prayer.

Fundraiser for Pax Christi.

In the week from 15 to 21 May, Pax Christi, the Catholic Peace organisation, will be trying to raise funds to make up for lost income due to Covid19. Fausta is having a dance-a-thon, Bruce is delivering a peace message to foreign embassies in London, Matt is cycling 50 miles visiting peace sites, Pat is going on a walk from Victoria to the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park, Rachel will be cycling for 75 miles, to celebrate Pax Christi's 75th anniversary. More fundraisers are joining the fun.

Please go to their website <u>www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-</u> <u>interest/</u> for details on how you can sponsor them.

Volunteers for Defibrillator Training

We have a training session booked for 12 people with the Oliver King Foundation on the morning of Saturday 12th June between 10am and 12pm in church. Volunteers should be attending masses under the current Covid restrictions. We need volunteers for all weekend mass times but particularly some who normally attend 11am mass on Sundays. If you are interested, please call the parish office and leave your details

Mary's Meals

Throughout the month of May, we are asking churches and people of faith to pray with us to bless Mary's Meals, as we recognise the special place of prayer in our work. Since our humble beginnings, Mary's Meals, named after Mary the Mother of Jesus, has been built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love from those who support us. Throughout the month of May we invite individuals, churches and faith groups to pray with us, that our work continues to flourish and grow, and that more children throughout the world will see their lives transformed by receiving a daily meal in a place of education. Please pray each day through the month of May using the enclosed prayer card.

Loop System: The audio system in Church has recently been serviced and we have been advised that anyone using the Loop System would get a better reception when sitting on the right-hand side when entering Church.

The Parish of Christ the King: Gift Aid it.

The Gift Aid scheme allows us to claim back tax (25pence for every £1) you have already paid and as such, **Gift Aiding** benefits the Parish at no extra cost to you! You can use Gift Aid if the amount of tax you have paid in any tax year (6th April one year to 5th April the next) is at least equal to the amount the charity is reclaiming on your behalf.

If you would like to sign up, just fill in a **gift aid form** available from the parish office. Some people who for whatever reason are away frequently or simply forget to bring their envelope each week have signed a **standing order**. If you wish to change to this method please ask for a **mandate form** by contacting the Parish office. For Parishioners who use Offertory envelopes but are not Taxpayers we thank you for your regular support.

Millenium Group

I had the pleasure last week to visit **Moving Senses** in Whiston, a charity which supports children with special needs and their families. I gave them a cheque for £2,500 to enable them to buy some outdoor play equipment. We have decided as a group to raise another £2,500 for them. To date now, we have donated £132,800 to 28 different charities in 12 countries. Many thanks for your continued support. *Kath Nolan*

RCIA - Today we look forward to welcoming three adults into our Parish Community as they celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. This would normally have taken place during the Easter Vigil but due to restrictions in place because of Covid the celebration was moved to Pentecost. Please keep our catechumens in your prayers.

We are now taking names for our next RCIA course due to begin in October. If you know of anyone who is thinking of joining the Catholic Church, or you yourself would simply like to know more about our faith, please contact the Parish Office to register your interest. A big thank you to Norman who willingly gives of his time to instruct our candidates each year.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please remember in your prayers the sick, housebound and all in our hospitals and homes.

Mrs Sue Williams, Matthew Goodwin, Michael Fardey, Mrs Clare Battiste, Patricia Prentice, Julian James, Keith Nieman, Pauline Roberts, Scarlet Cook, Pat Brumskill, Nigel Dowie.

If you know of any Parishioner who would like to be remembered in the prayers of the Parish please pass the details into the Parish Office.

Lately Dead: Maureen Birch and Patricia Holliway

We offer our prayers and sympathy to their family and friends. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: John Warren, William Cooper, Ann Murphy, Johanne Hennigan former Head teacher of CtK school. *We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.*

Due to practicalities, anniversaries will be noted in the newsletter for up to 5 years after death. Thereafter they will be remembered in the priest's private prayer.

Baptisms: This week we welcome into the Church

Charlotte Grace Malone & Sadie Doyle

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for: Johanne Hennigan RIP

The Marian Lamp burns this week for: Special Intention (Rachel)

The St. Paschal Baylon Lamp burns this week for: Mollie Greer RIP—90th Birthday Remembrance

The St Joseph Lamp burns this week for: Tony Wilson RIP



Saints of the Day

25th May-St Bede the Venerable. 673-735. Bede was born at Sunderland, monk of Jarrow, biblical scholar, and first English historian. As priest, he devoted his life to the study of scripture. He considered his 25 works of Scripture commentary his most important work, but many scholars regards his Ecclesiastical History of the English People, finished in 731, as his most significant. He died singing the 'Glory be'. Boniface, on hearing of his death, wrote that' the candle of the Church, lit by the Holy Spirit, was extinguished.

26th May-St Philip Neri 1515-1595. Philip underwent a conversion experience which caused him to give up a possible career in business and move to Rome, where he soon created his own mission to fellow Florentines working in Rome,. In 1544 in the Catacomb of St Sebastian he received a spiritual experience in the form of a vision of a ball of fire entering his mouth and swelling his heart. Ordained priest in 1551, he became a much sought-after confessor. A loose fraternity of priests was to develop under him into the Congregation of the Oratory, who share a common life but do not take vows. Philip became well known to students of the English College, greeting them as they prepared for certain death in the mission of reformation England with the words of the hymn "Hail flowers of martyrs". A man of intense devotion and joy, he often used eccentricity and humour in order to prick people's pride: his penances included making people carry large dogs round Rome or writing history of the Church. When he heard someone comment on his holiness he ran into the church with half his beard shaved off. His Epitaph read, "Philip Neri, learned and wise, by sharing the pranks of children himself became a child again".

27th May– St Augustine of Canterbury. Augustine became a monk and later prior of a monastery in Rome. In 596 he was chosen by Pope Gregory to lead thirty monks to evangelise the Anglo-Saxons. The party landed at Ebbsfleet (Kent) in 597. They were received cautiously by King Ethelbert. By 601 Ethelbert and many of his people were baptised. Augustine built the cathedral at Canterbury and established a see at London. He died c.604.

29th May-St Paul VI Giovanni Battista Enrico Antonio Maria Montini was born 26th September, 1897 Concessio, Brescia, Italy. He was elected pope, in succession to St John XXIII on 26th June, 1978. he completed the second Vatican Council, a project of John XXIII and was father to the Universal Church. He visited six continents during his Pontificate and was known for his gentleness to all. He died on 6th August 1963.

Pauline Books and Media have now opened their new shop at 84 Church Street, Liverpool, L1 3AY. The opening hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Recruitment for Boy & Girl Choristers 2021

Do you know a child who would like to be a chorister at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King here in Liverpool? The search is now on for our next generation of boy and girl choristers. We are recruiting: Boys currently in years 2 & 3; Girls currently in year 5. All choristers are educated at Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School (Boys, year 3-6) and St Edward's College (Boys and Girls, year 7-10). Full details of choristerships at the Metropolitan Cathedral, alongside application forms and voice trial booking slots can be found at: https://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs

Confirmation 2021

Pupils in Years 8 & 9 who do not attend a Catholic Secondary School, are not yet confirmed and who would like to celebrate the Sacrament are invited to apply via the following website: <u>www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk</u>

Please complete the form that can be accessed through clicking the button at the top right-hand side of the webpage ('Register for Confirmation').

When a young person has registered they will be invited to the local preparation sessions and from there be invited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. **Closing date for applications 30th June 2021.**