

## **Morley Parish News – 19 June 2020**

**If we draw God's mercy, forgiveness, and tenderness from the Heart of Jesus, then our heart too will gradually become more patient more generous, and more merciful.**

### **Pope Francis**

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### **Sacred Heart of Jesus: 19 June**

### **Immaculate Heart of Mary: 20 June**

### **Day for Life: 21 June**

*Day for Life* is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. The theme this year is *Choose Life*.

Day for Life 2020 has been given an Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis.

"His Holiness Pope Francis sends prayerful good wishes for the celebration of the 2020 Day for Life in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

"In these days when our world faces the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic, the Holy Father asks the faithful to pray for all those families, volunteers and healthcare professionals committed, often heroically, to the care and healing of the suffering, and for all those who, amid the continuing 'pandemic' of poverty and war, work to uphold the God-given value and dignity of every human person.

"It is his hope that amid the present crisis all will be led to a greater appreciation of the moral imperative to build a 'culture of life' marked by ever greater concern for nurturing, protecting and promoting the integral welfare of all God's children, beginning with the most vulnerable.

"With these sentiments, the Holy Father gives the assurance of his closeness in prayer and cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in the Lord."

Deacon Stephen Sharpe, CEO, LIFE has sent the following message: The COVID-19 situation is serious for Life. Our key workers are out there providing support, and demand for our services providing positive alternatives to abortion has **increased dramatically**.

A video was provided <https://youtu.be/uYCgAsHbtzo>

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### **A Blessing for Fathers' Day**

Dear Lord,

Bless every father and every grandfather with the best of your spiritual blessings today. Let him know he is not alone in the tasks you have given him to provide for and support those under his care. Show him how much you delight in his work, and affirm the value of whatever You have given him to do—both as a father or grandfather and as a child of Yours. Confirm his worth daily so he has no reason to doubt whether he is loved in the eyes of his Heavenly Father. Amen

We pray for our biological, adopted and virtual fathers and also our Spiritual Fathers...

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**Our Lady of Unfailing Help, Principal Patron of the Diocese of Leeds – Sat 27 June**

Prayers for a Novena (18 – 26 June) are attached and are available on the diocesan website. The Cathedral will pray the Novena and Rosary each day at 12.00noon except on Sunday when they will be prayed at 10.00am.

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### **St Francis Church – Re-opening for Private Prayer**

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'

This is the theme chosen by Bishop Marcus for the re-opening of our churches. Please remember that this will be for **private** prayer; there will be no services or public liturgies.

Canon Galvin has been in consultation with health and safety persons, received information on what needs to be in place and begun preparations. To begin with, he suggests that the church is open for two hours on Sunday and one evening during the week. To achieve this, we need volunteers to act as stewards and sanitisers. Volunteers should not be anyone who is sheltering or members of their household, those who have other health issues or those in any of the vulnerable groups.

If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Canon Galvin at [pp.stwilliam.morley@dioceseofleeds.org](mailto:pp.stwilliam.morley@dioceseofleeds.org) or 0113 253 4881

Please provide your contact details (eg email, phone) and when you would be available.

Once the church is open, parishioners should expect to see some changes: directions on space / numbers allowed, safety measures, accessible areas. These will be necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all parishioners.

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## **Leeds Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Diocese of Leeds**

Leeds Cathedral has been given permission to re-open for **individual private prayer** before the Blessed Sacrament from Thursday 18 June.

The opening times are as follows:

Monday – Saturday 1.30-5.30pm

Sunday 2-5pm

As there is now a requirement for TWO volunteer stewards to be present, opening times may be subject to change at short notice – so please check the Cathedral's own website before visiting.

The Cathedral will continue to live-stream daily Mass at 10:30am at [www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk](http://www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk) On Sundays, Holy Mass will be live-streamed at 11:00am. The [Angelus](#) and [Rosary](#) will be prayed at 12:00 noon, Monday to Thursday and Saturday.

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## **Congratulations to the Diocesan 2020 Jubilarians**

June is normally the month when Bishop Marcus invites the clergy, religious and laity of the diocese to come together at the Cathedral for the annual Celebration of Priesthood. This year's Mass was to have been held on 19 June but owing to the Covid-19 situation it has had to be cancelled. It may be possible to arrange a diocesan celebration later in the year.

We do take this opportunity to offer our warmest congratulations to those priests who are celebrating a significant anniversary this year:

***Fr Bernard Battle, 70 years ordained on 16 April 2020***

***Fr James Leavy, 50 years ordained on 6 June 2020***

***Fr Gerald Thornton, 25 years ordained on 1 July 2020***

***Canon James Callaghan, 25 years ordained on 4 November 2020***

We thank them all, with appreciation and affection, for their ministry and their service to the Bishops and People of the Diocese of Leeds.

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### **Upcoming Feasts, Celebrations**

- Sunday, 21 June: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Day for Life
- Monday, 22 June: St John Fisher, Bishop & St Thomas More, Martyrs
- Tuesday, 23 June: St Etheldreda, Abbes
- Wednesday, 24 June: **Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**
- Thursday, 25 June: Weekday in Ordinary Time
- Friday, 26 June: Weekday in Ordinary Time
- Saturday, 27 June: **Our Lady of Unfailing Help, Principal Patron of the Diocese**
- Sunday, 28 June: **St Peter & St Paul**

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### **Our Parish Needs Your Support**

Although we have not been able to meet together to celebrate the sacraments and the Mass, the parish still needs your prayers and financial support. The bills keep coming in spite of our inability to have a usual Offertory Collection.

Please consider how you might be able to support your parish during this difficult period – you can also find out more by going to

the Supporting Your Parish section that also appears on the homepage of the website or by clicking the link below or paste it into your browser [DONATE](#)

Or - To contribute £5 to the Parish Offertory, please text CHURCH MORLEY to 70500

Thank you.

Thank you to those who have chosen to donate this way – so far we have received over £600 via the Website and £100 through the text service

Thank you also to those who have managed to maintain their standing order payments through this difficult time. We have also had a couple of new standing orders set up – please contact the Parish Office for details if you would like to do this (details below)

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### **Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of family & friends, particularly those who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur about this time including Margaret Irwin (Paul Irwin's mother) who died recently of Covid-19 and Michael, Paul's father, who is recovering from the virus\*\*. \*\*

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### **CAFOD Appeals**

These are difficult times. Many of us here in the UK have suffered terribly because of corona virus, coping with grief, anxiety and hardship. In the world's poorest countries, health care systems are not coping with the coronavirus and families are going hungry because people cannot go out to earn money. CAFOD is helping to protect and improve the lives of our sisters and brothers during this global

emergency. If you are in a position to support our Coronavirus Appeal, you can donate at [cafoldor.uk/coronavirus](https://cafoldor.uk/coronavirus). Thank you.

**Other links:**

· <https://cafoldor.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal>

· [‘Coronavirus: What is CAFOD doing?’](#)

· Summer of Hope Appeal: [Learn more about our Summer of Hope](#)

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**Please share this message with your email friends or someone who is housebound or self-isolating. They may wish to be added to the email list – or to get some news if they have no other access.**

We are building a list of email addresses to allow us to contact parishioners with news of central services, updates from Canon Galvin and, eventually, we will be able to let you know when we expect to re-open.

If you would like to be added to the parish mailing list please contact the Parish Admin. Office [office.stwilliam.morley@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:office.stwilliam.morley@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

The mail list is purely for parish purposes. If you would prefer to be removed please contact the Parish Admin  
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**\*\* Please do not reply to this email \*\***

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