

## **Morley Parish News – 26 June 2020**

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

### **Saint Peter and & Saint Paul – Sun 28 June**

God created us for communion, for fraternity. Now more than ever the pretence of focusing everything on ourselves, making individualism society's guiding principle, has proven illusory. We have to be careful! When the emergency is over, we can easily fall back into this illusion.

Let us begin anew from the numerous examples of generous, freely-given love, which in these months have shown us how much closeness, care, and sacrifice are needed to nourish fraternity and civil coexistence. In this way, we will emerge from this crisis stronger.

Pope Francis

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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.

Canon Galvin has been preparing for the re-opening of the church\*\* for private prayer. \*\*Our Dean is expected to sign off on the arrangements on Monday. We hope to open:

**Wednesday evenings, 6.30 – 7.30 pm, starting on 1 July**

**\*\* Sunday mornings, 9.30 – 11.30 am, starting on 5 July\*\***

These will depend on arrangements being approved. Unless you receive a message to the contrary, we will be open.

Once the church is open, parishioners should expect to see some changes and will need to follow the directions of the stewards. We can only accommodate a maximum number in church at any one time (to be determined), so we are suggesting that people only stay for 10 – 15 minutes. There will be a one-way system in and out and all will be expected to hand sanitize. There will be no movement around the church, touching statues etc and there will be NO toilet facilities. All arrangements are necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all parishioners.

There has been a good response to the appeal for volunteers but you can still volunteer if you wish. 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.uk](mailto:pp.stwilliam.morley@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or 0113 253 4881**

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

There will be further information as it becomes available from the diocese.

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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: Monday – Saturday 1.30-5.30pm, Sunday 2-5pm

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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### **Upcoming Feasts, Celebrations**

- Saturday, 27 June:\*\* Our Lady of Unfailing Help, Principal Patron of the Diocese\*\*
- Sunday, 28 June: **St Peter & St Paul**
- Monday, 29 June: Weekday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday, 30 June: First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
- Wednesday, 1 July: St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop and Martyr
- Thursday, 2 July: Weekday in Ordinary Time
- Friday, 3 July: St Thomas, Apostle
- Saturday, 4 July: St Elizabeth of Portugal
- Sunday, 5 July: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 over £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.**

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### **When we return**

For the past three months, we have felt the aching absence of Mass. Yet finally it seems the end is in sight! Once we finally return to Mass, however, [we'll all need to bring our own missals or Order of Mass](#). CTS has compiled a selection of missals, and the Order of Mass, alongside books which will help you [rejuvenate your love for the Mass](#). You

may wish to consult their website <https://www.ctsbooks.org/returning-to-mass>

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### **Pope adds three new invocations to the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

"Mater misericordiae", the Latin for "Mother of mercy"; "Mater spei", or "Mother of hope"; and "Solacium migrantium", or "Solace of migrants" are the new invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Litany of Loreto, which is often recited at the end of the Rosary. From Vatican News

The addition that Pope Francis has made to the Litany of Loreto, was made public by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, on Saturday. It was timed for the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, June 20.

In a letter to the presidents of bishops' conferences worldwide, Cardinal Robert Sarah, the Prefect of the Congregation, and its Secretary, Archbishop Arthur Roche, note that through the course of centuries, Christians have been using innumerable invocations and titles to call upon the Virgin Mary, "as the privileged and sure way to an encounter with Christ".

### **Responding to the needs of our time**

In an interview, Archbishop Roche explained that these invocations "respond to the realities of the time that we are living". Speaking to Vatican News, he said that many people across the world who are afflicted in many ways, not only by the Covid-19 pandemic, but also forced from their homes because of poverty, conflict and other reasons, are invoking Our Lady.

### **Invocations not new**

Archbishop Roche said that the Holy Father wanted to respond to this moment by including these invocations. The archbishop pointed out that these invocations are not new because they are part of the tradition of the Church that go back many centuries, such as the prayer and hymn, "Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, Hail our hope..." .

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### **Pope Francis warns poor have become part of landscape**

**Pope Francis says that the coronavirus pandemic has shown how much the poor are disconnected from society. Poverty is often hidden away, he says, but trying to help others can help us rediscover ourselves.**

A longer copy of the article is attached.

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### **New Deacon for the Leeds Diocese: Chris Butler**

Six Third Year students from the Pontifical Bede College in Rome were ordained Deacon by Cardinal James Harvey in the college chapel on Wednesday 17 June. Cardinal Harvey referred to the candidates for ordination as the 'Covid Deacons' and because of the pandemic, the ordinations took place without guests and with strict protocols of masking and sanitising.

Chris was a long-standing and well-known member of the congregation at Leeds Cathedral. He comes from a medical background and is a key member of the medical team that accompanies the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. He will be returning to the Diocese in the near future to take up a parish-based pastoral appointment during the summer months before returning to Rome for his final year of studies in the autumn.

A gallery of photos from Wednesday's ordinations is available on the homepage of the Beda College's website <https://bedacollege.org/> and on the diocesan website

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### **Unlocking St Matthew's Gospel with Voices from the Diocese of Leeds**

The latest in a series of our 'Stay Safe' resources produced to celebrate the *Year of the Word* is now available online is ***St Matthew's Gospel Unlocked*** : a recording of the entire Gospel of St Matthew using readers of all ages, backgrounds and accents from parishes, schools and institutions throughout the Diocese of Leeds.

A response to the COVID-19 Lock-down (hence the title 'Unlocked'), the project has involved more than 150 people who have contributed by recording passages at home using mobile 'phones, tablets and computers. Separate recordings have been edited together to form a series of 11 podcasts of roughly equal length. Also included is a video in which a member of the Hard of Hearing Community communicates a passage using sign language.

*Year of the Word* promoter Deacon Henry Longbottom who helped coordinate and edit the *Matthew Unlocked* project said, 'I have been overwhelmed with the generosity and enthusiasm of our people who have taken up the challenge to make the recordings so quickly. The result is not a group of professional actors reciting their lines but something more natural which is really personal to our context.' Click the link to view more details

**[St Matthew's Gospel Unlocked](#)**

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### **A Reminder of Resources for Older People in the Diocese**

An excellent selection of resources for older parishioners and 'later-life-friendly' parishes is available via the website of the charity [Growing Old GRACEfully](#) A copy of the booklet is attached.

These include [\*When you Pass through the Waters, I will be with You\*](#) – a helpful booklet of information, tips, and prayers during this COVID-19 Emergency which may be downloaded by those online – but, significantly, also printed off and delivered or posted to those who are not online.

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### **Leeds Destitute Asylum-seeker Support**

Rev Joe Cortis, Coordinator for Caritas Leeds, has provided information about a new charity for destitute asylum seekers. Further information is attached.

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### **CAFOD Appeal**

**These are difficult times. 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 [cafod.org.uk/coronavirus](https://cafod.org.uk/coronavirus). Thank you.**

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

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\*\*The newsletter and Pause for Thought are now reaching 260 email addresses. \*\*

**Please share this message with your email friends and suggest they may wish to receive our electronic communications. Also consider 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.**

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**\*\* Please do not reply to this email \*\***

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