**Parishes of the Holy Name of Jesus and St Peter’s**

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**29th March 2020** **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

*Lead us from fear to trust*

*lead us from despair to hope,*

*lead us from hate to love.*

*Lead us from war to peace.*

*Deep peace of the Son of Peace,*

*fill our hearts, our workplace, our world.*

(echoes of the Universal Peace Prayer)

***Spring***

God of springtime,

as the sun crosses over the equator ***Lent***

may I cross over God of all seasons,

from dark to light, in your patter of things

from complaining to appreciation, there is a time for keeping

from dither to boldness, and a time for losing;

from stagnation to creativity, a time for building up

from coldness to love, and a time for pulling down.

from me to you. In this holy season of Lent.

 as we journey with our Lord to the Cross,

 help us to discern in our lives

what we must lay down

and what we must take up,

what we must end

and what we must begin.

*If you have* ***weddings or baptisms booked at Holy Name or St Peter’s*** *I would ask you to try to postpone them or realise that if they do need to take place it will be in the presence of the minimum of essential witnesses and immediate family. That is until we are given the all clear notice to resume normal associations.* ***For funerals****, these also* ***will not take place in Church but at the graveside or Crematorium again with just immediate families****. I know this will cause a lot of heart ache but please try to understand the greater good of protecting the most people that we can.*

***Holy Name Church*** *will be* ***open during the Day on Saturdays and Sundays*** *for your private prayer should you so wish.*

***I ask your prayers for Freda McNally who died this week. May she rest in the peace of the loving Father.***

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**Your prayers** Please pray for those who *are celebrating significant anniversaries at this time of year* and those who are sick: Paola Fregona, Kevin Nolan, Daniel Dobbs, Margaret Hawes, Maurice Cranney, Ron and Anja Welsh-Smyth,Connor O’Mahoney, Joan Smith, Val Lees, and Michaela Pearce.

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**Offertory envelopes** For parishioners who use planned giving envelopes, new boxes of envelopes to be used from **Sunday 12th April are now available to collect.** Spare boxes are also available if you have not used planned giving envelopes before and would like to do so. If you take a set of envelopes to use for the first time, please let Karen Shan (Holy Name) or Mike Russell (St Peter’s) know the envelope number you are using. **Karen can be contacted on 512 3066 and Mike can be contacted on 652 9855.** Thank you.

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**Website** As our parish website is no longer operational, Parish news can be viewed via: https:www.stpeters-noctorum.wirral.sch.uk/website or search **‘St Peter’s Noctorum’ on Facebook**

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**Wednesday Word** The Mass readings for the following weekend, along with a short commentary, can be down loaded at <http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm> or collected from the Church Porch.

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**Foodbank** Wirral foodbank would be grateful for any of the following: Tinned meat, tinned vegetables (including potatoes), hot chocolate, coffee, tinned fruit, jam, sponge puddings, shampoo, custard, juice/squash, sugar, and washing up liquid. We have plenty of beans thank you.

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**Giving by Standing Order** If you wish to set up a Standing Order either permanently or in order to continue to make your regular Offertory giving to the Parish during the period when Mass is not being celebrated in public, **please send an email to Mike Russell (from the Diocesan Planned Giving & Gift Aid Service) including your name, phone number and name of the Parish. Mike’s email address is :** **mike.russell@dioceseofshrewsbury.org**

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*I know social distancing is difficult for us all but I hope none of you will flout this request too readily as we are told it will save lives. A reminder: if you have any difficulties please contact me either by txt or phone one 07903645447. Keep well!!*

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