

PARISH OF SAINT OSCAR ROMERO

SEAFORTH AND WATERLOO

Worshipping in Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Edmund of Canterbury churches

Serving the Catholic Community formerly served by the Parishes of Our Lady Star of the Sea,
St Thomas of Canterbury and St Edmund of Canterbury

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4th Sunday in Lent (Year B)

Fr. Dominic's Desk:

Someone said to me this week "Are we doing the Resurrection candles this year?" and I said "yes", then realised it is already the 4th Sunday in Lent. It made me realise how my memory is not as good as it used to be or it may be because there are too many things up there vying for attention.

What I do ask then, is tell me if you think I have forgotten something, or something may have slipped my mind. I know I'm very fallible, and appreciate all the help people are able to offer.

We will do Resurrection candles this year, but as initiating new things in a pandemic is immensely more difficult, we will keep them at Our Lady Star of the Sea church. If people desire them to be introduced at St. Edmunds, then we will look at the logistics when we are out of this pandemic, and are able to have fully discussion and collaboration.

Romero Mass: Tuesday 23rd March 7:00pm

The Archdiocese of Liverpool is the only place in the world, apart from El Salvador itself, that has had a Mass celebrated for Oscar Romero every year since his martyrdom in 1980.

As we have been asked to host this year's Mass: On the evening before the Feast Day of Saint Oscar Romero we will host the **Archdiocesan Romero Mass: Tuesday 23rd March at 7:00pm.**

To enable as many people to attend in person Mass will be celebrated in **Our Lady Star of the Sea church** as it is the bigger building. Mass will also be live-streamed (details to follow).

It is a great joy to be able to host this event and is an opportunity for us as the new Parish of Saint Oscar Romero to celebrate and learn more about our Patron.

Resurrection Candles

For the last few years, in Our Lady Star of the Sea church, we have lit up the building in Easter Week with candles dedicated to our loved ones who we wish to offer special prayers for. These seven-day candles can be lit for all our loved ones, both alive and dead, as a sign of our prayers for them during the great feast of Easter.

Final date to submit an Intention for a candle is Monday, 29 March

Forms available at the exit to church and in at the door of Star of the Sea Presbytery. Please include donation of £5 per candle requested.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 26 February

Abdella lives in a remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him 10 hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Please give what you can afford to help **CAFOD** reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and other essential supplies.

You can either use a **CAFOD** envelope and return it to church or freepost to **CAFOD**, donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or use a mobile phone to text **LENT to 70460** to donate £10.

Baptisms: *(Taken from the Archbishop's latest instructions on the sacraments)*

Step 1: March 8th onwards: No change: There should not be any Baptisms in this step which includes Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

Step 2: No earlier than 12th April: Single household baptisms can take place with proxy Godparents.

Step 3: No earlier than May 17th: Baptisms can proceed with up to 30 people present in Church. A reception can also take place with restrictions. An indoor reception at home is subject to the 2 households rule or rule of 6. Outdoors up to 30 people.

Step 4: No earlier than 21st June: Baptisms: All limits removed.

Funerals coming up: **Attendance at church funerals is strictly limited to 30 people**, we list here the Funerals coming up so we can pray for the family and friends of the deceased and join them in praying for their loved ones, **if you have not received a personal invite from the family to be one of the 30 please do not attend** as the rules on any gathering apply outside church for people's proximity:

- Mon 15th Mar 1:45pm: Requiem Mass for **Margaret Smith** at Our Lady Star of the Sea

Second Collection This Week (14th March): Nugent Care, is the social welfare arm of the Archdiocese of Liverpool. If you wish to donate, via the parish, please place your donation in an envelope saying 'Nugent Care' via the normal way. Or if able you can donate online at: <https://wearenuigent.org/fundraising/donate/>

Donations to the Parish & Catholic Charities:

While we appreciate we are currently living through very difficult times financially for many people, we also know quite a few people have asked how they can financially continue to support the parish or catholic charities.

If you are able and wish to contribute financially to the Parish or CAFOD or Missio, then you can do so on-line by:

Parish:

- Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Thomas of Canterbury:
 - <https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/our-lady-star-of-the-sea-seaforth>
- St. Edmund of Canterbury:
 - <https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-edmund-of-canterbury-waterloo>

Catholic Missionary and outreach Charities

- Missio/the red boxes: <https://missio.org.uk/donate/>
- CAFOD: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give>

SVP (Society of Saint Vincent de Paul) Local Catholic outreach.

In these times if you feel able to support our SVP a collection box will be there each week as you leave our church buildings.

4th Sunday in Lent

Resp. Psalm: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Gospel Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much

Acclamation: that he gave his only Son: everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Note on Mass intentions:

At this time it is increasingly difficult to celebrate Mass intentions on a specific day and in a specific church. With live-streamed Masses, it is easier for people to 'attend' Mass at either church building, and so from now on Mass intentions will be celebrated across both churches.

If you would like a Mass intention celebrated in a specific building, I am afraid that it may have to wait to be celebrated until the pandemic is over.

These are strange times and we can't do everything we would wish to do, but a Mass intention offered at a live-streamed Mass is just as valid as one at a public Mass and is just as valid whichever building it is offered in. We will still try and keep as close to specific dates asked for the priest's Mass intention. Please bear with us during this time, as we all do our best.

Thought by Saint Oscar Romero:

Let us approach Holy Week not with historical reminiscences but with commitment to the here and now. Let us feel that we are approaching this Holy Week just as we are, as individual persons with our particular names, with our sins and miseries, with our ambitions and hopes, with our projects and failures ... The Lord has not abandoned us! Every year he invites us to celebrate the new covenant he has made with us. (4th Sunday of Lent, 1979)

MASS & LITURGY TIMES

4th Sunday in Lent (Year B)

Vigil Mass for 4th Sunday in Lent (Saturday 13 March 2021)

4:00 pm **OLSS Church** Frank Marshall

4th Sunday in Lent (Sunday 14 March 2021)

9:45 am **St. Edmunds** George Foster & People of the Parish

Monday of the 4th Week in Lent. (Monday 15 March 2021)

10:00 am *Live Streamed only from*
St. Edmunds Chris Bolger

Tuesday of the 4th Week in Lent. (Tuesday 16 March 2021)

8:30 am *Live-Streamed only from*
Our Lady Star of the Sea Barbara Furlong

Feast of Saint Patrick, Bishop, Missionary. (Wednesday 17 March 2021)

10:00 am *Live Streamed only from*
St. Edmunds Joan Ball

Thursday of the 4th Week in Lent. (Thursday 18 March 2021)

8:30 am *Live-Streamed only from*
Our Lady Star of the Sea Paula Durnin

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

(Friday 19 March 2021)

8:30 am *Live-Streamed only from*
Our Lady Star of the Sea Dicky Kelly

5th Sunday in Lent (Year B)

Vigil Mass for 5th Sunday in Lent (Saturday 20 March 2021)

4:00 pm **OLSS Church** People of the Parish

5th Sunday in Lent (Sunday 21 March 2021)

9:45 am **St. Edmunds** UCM & Ellen and Frank Knox

ENROLLED IN PARISH MASS ASSOCIATION: Barbara Grant, Richard Lyons, Norman Alan Roberts

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Sick: All the sick of the parishes, their relatives, friends and all those caring for them.

Especially: Billy White, Peter Cushing, Ann Hogg, Margaret Kerbey, Mary Dillon, Sharon Gilmour,

Latently Dead: Margaret Smith, Helen McDonald

Anniversary: George Foster

ALTAR WINE/BREADS: (A donation given in memory of a loved one (suggested £10))

March: George Abernethy, **April:** Joe Rowe, **May:** Lisa Connor,