

# PARISH OF SAINT OSCAR ROMERO (SEAFORTH & WATERLOO)

Under the Co-Patronage of

Our Lady Star of the Sea ✠ St Thomas of Canterbury ✠ St Edmund of Canterbury

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## 22 Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 29 August 2021

### Fr. Dominic's Desk

Over the next few weeks, I will be presenting a way forward, in our Parish of Saint Oscar Romero, to found a truly synodal Parish Pastoral Council. This process will not be rushed but will be founded on prayer and discernment. They will be a consultative body who enable connections between existing groups and ministries. As such their primary task will be to listen to the voice of God in the Church, in the Gospel, in the people (our community) and in prayer.

The greatest gifts that those involved in the Parish Pastoral Council will need to have are:

1. The ability of **listening**, not just hearing, but listening with heart, mind and body to what a Benedictine sister wisely named as the four realities of:
  - I. The Gospel
  - II. The Church
  - III. One another (both fellow council members and other Parishioners)
  - IV. The World around us (both our local community and the world)
2. A **comfort with silence** to allow the council members to be better aware of the motions of the Spirit.
3. The **humility** of knowing they are not always right, that they do not have all the answers, an openness to the Holy Spirit. For, as Pope Francis says "*sometimes the Spirit acts to show us that we are looking in the wrong direction, that what we think the issue is "about" is not*"
4. The openness to deepen their life of Prayer, not just in public but also in private, your inner room, where we deepen our relationship with our God who sees all that is done in secret.

As these are qualities which we don't always see in ourselves as easily as others see them in us we will have a process of discernment of who is being called by God to embark on this exciting journey. I will explain more at the weekend Masses.

### Novena to Our Lady Undoer of Knots and Queen of All Saints

I am aware we have not started the annual novena to Our Lady as early as it would usually take place at Saint Edmund's. It will begin on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September and as it will run till 3<sup>rd</sup> November (just after All Saints day), it seems appropriate ask the intercession not just of Our Blessed Lady, but of various Saints. As such, we will invite each preacher to pick a Saint to help lead us in our prayer and in following Mary's instruction to do what her Son tells us to do.

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**Resp. Psalm:** *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

**Gospel:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; You*

**Acclamation:** *have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!*

### WELCOME

#### Our church buildings:

Our Lady Star of the Sea



1 Crescent Rd  
Seaforth,  
Liverpool,  
L21 4LJ

St Edmund of Canterbury

62 Oxford Rd  
Waterloo  
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Parish Priest:

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#### Parish Office:

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Parish Administrator:

**Mr. Frank Reppion**

Hours: Tues

Thurs 9:30 – 16:00

Usual volunteer hours:

Wed: 11:00 – 14:00

Sat: 11:00 – 13:30

#### Parish

#### Safeguarding Team

[Safeguarding251@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:Safeguarding251@rcaol.org.uk)

- ✠ Louisa Allerston
- ✠ Maureen Gray
- ✠ Anne-Marie Grant
- ✠ Margaret Leaper
- ✠ Stephen McDonald
- ✠ Julie Gaudie

# Current Rules (from 19<sup>th</sup> July)

## General Questions:

1. **Face coverings will remain mandatory** for all those coming to a church service. (Exemptions for medical reasons excluded.)
2. **Hand sanitising will remain necessary** as people arrive.
3. Social distancing will not be mandatory in our churches. I am aware of many who wish to continue social distancing, so while able we will maintain social distancing in half of our church buildings on the Our Lady Altar side.

## Liturgical Questions:

- a) Holy Communion (in the hand) will be restored to its traditional place in the Mass, with **stewards guiding out and people going back into the benches they previously vacated**, please follow instructions in each church.
  - At this time we **will not** be reintroducing communion on the tongue.
- b) Mass will end in the traditional way with the final prayer, blessing and recessional hymn.
- c) Singing by the congregation can be restored.
  - Hymn books can be used but only once in 24hrs.
- d) The sign of peace (without touching) can be restored.

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### 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 available, every week, as you exit our church buildings.

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### Funeral coming up:

Wednesday 8 September 11:15am: Requiem Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea: **Mrs Mary McBrinn**

## Ministries in Service of our Liturgy

There are numerous ministries that enable our liturgy to happen. During this pandemic I have had to take a lot of these ministries on myself as movement has been necessarily limited. It has made me realise even more deeply the need for teams of people to be involved in each of our ministries that enable our liturgy to take place, both the visible ministries as well as the ministries that go on behind the scenes, as it were.

As such if you I am looking to have teams for each Mass in the following ministries:

- Sacristans: (Hopefully at least 2 per Sunday 'Mass time').
- Church cleaners: (Men and Women who can give some time to make visible the old saying 'cleanliness in next to Godliness'.)
- Altar Servers:
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
  - To help distribute Holy Communion during Mass
  - To bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.
- Children's Liturgy of the Word Catechists/leaders and helpers.
  - Lectors/Readers: to proclaim God's word reverently.
- Singers in our choirs.

There are other ministries that enable the life of the parish to flourish and feed into our Sunday Liturgy but I will focus on these at later dates.

I will be endeavouring in the next few weeks to have gatherings for the different ministries, so we can pray and learn together.

## CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>.

Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you

### From Saint Oscar Romero:

"we should not serve the poor in a paternalistic way, helping them from above. That's not what God wants; God wants us to help them as sisters and brothers. They are family, they are Christ, and we would never look down on Christ from above; rather, we would look up to him from below, to serve him."

*(22 Sunday of Ordinary Time (B), 1979)*

## Opening the Scriptures

Thank you to everybody whose presence contributed to the great turnout last week for our talk on the Book of Job. I hope you enjoyed yourselves!

This week we will be looking at the Book of Revelation, and the ways by which we can read and interpret what is often considered to be one of the more confusing/mysterious/esoteric Books of the New Testament. As usual, we will meet this Wednesday in the Lisbonian Room, St Edmund's, at 6pm. See you there!

James

### The Legion of Mary: 100 Years

Founded in Dublin on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1921 by Frank Duff, the Legion will be celebrating its centenary on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

We will celebrate the birthday of Our Lady and the Centenary of the Legion at the 5.30 pm Mass on Saturday, 11th September, in St. Edmund's church.

Former Legionary and Auxiliary Members will be very welcome.

Lynne Glynn 924 8154

### **Week 1 of Season of Creation Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – Oct 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Pope Francis has asked us to mark this period with prayer, reflection and action in relation to the Earth and our place upon it. We are called to care for God's wonderful creation; human beings, but also the land, sea, plants, animals and resources and to remember that it is the poorest who suffer most from its destruction.

#### **Prayer from the Pope's encyclical Laudato Si**

"O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, the coming of your Kingdom of peace, love and beauty."

**Action** As we approach the vitally important COP 26 conference in Glasgow please sign the Cafod petition at

[www.cafod.org.uk/cop26petition](http://www.cafod.org.uk/cop26petition)

Petition postcards will also be available shortly.

**With the eyes of the world on the UK**, we must urge the Prime Minister to make sure communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26.

## Journey in Faith (RCIA) 2021-2022

This great opportunity to grow in understanding of the Catholic Faith is open to all. It may be of special interest to those who are considering becoming Catholic or Catholic adults wanting to be confirmed, (it will also serve as our Parish RCIA group). I know from experience that everyone, myself included, find this journey helps deepen our understanding of our amazing Catholic Faith.

It will run on Monday evenings starting at 6:30pm (with tea, coffee, juice, etc available beforehand) and ending by 8:00pm at the latest. We begin on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September, Timetable:

20 Sept 21	01 Nov 21	10 Jan 22	21 Feb 22
27 Sept 21	08 Nov 21	17 Jan 22	28 Feb 22
04 Oct 21	15 Nov 21	24 Jan 22	07 March 22
11 Oct 21	22 Nov 21	31 Jan 22	14 March 22
18 Oct 21	29 Nov 21	07 Feb 22	21 March 22
	06 Dec 21		28 March 22
	13 Dec 21		

Easter Triduum 14 to 17 April 22

It is for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith; no prior knowledge is needed, but we all bring what we do know to the table.

Some come to dip their toes into the faith, some want to begin paddling a little deeper, while some are looking to dive into the depths of the faith and wonder at the beauty contained within. All are welcome. Why not bring a friend? The first five sessions will be in the Lisbonian Room at St Edmund's site.

## A New (school) Year Clean at St Edmunds

As part of looking at how best to make our spaces accessible and welcoming to all, as well as making them as useable as possible, I am proposing a clear out. Things tend to expand to fill space rather than just keeping what we need to enable us to live God's Mission in the world.

So on Saturday 11 September I am inviting Sacristans, Cleaners, Choir, Flower arrangers, Gardeners and representatives of any other groups who have things stored in our church and garden, to meet up and look at having a clear out. This gives us time (hopefully) to have a think about what we use regularly and what is just moved from one place to another.

## First Holy Communion Course

### (2020/21: Y4 class):

A letter and application form for those in 2020/21 Y4 or older, went out via the schools in the last week of term. If you have not received one and your child is in going into Y5 this September (or older) and wish them to make their First Holy Communion in October, please e-mail the parish office: [olss@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:olss@rcaol.org.uk)

### (2020/21: Y3 class):

Letters will go out to those going into Y4 in September in the first half term. The course will begin in January 2022.

# Parish Liturgy Timetable

Year B

**Weekday Masses** will be live stream and **in person if (and only if)** two stewards are available to enable this.  
If no stewards turn up Mass will be live stream only.

Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Celebration	Intention
Saturday 28 August	4:00pm	<b>Our Lady Star of the Sea church</b>	<b>Vigil Mass:</b> 22 Sunday in Ordinary Time	John Halliwell (Anni)
	5:30pm	<b>St Edmund of Canterbury church</b>		Peggy Kennedy
Sunday 29 August	9:45am	<b>St Edmund of Canterbury church</b>	<b>Mass:</b> 22 Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
	11:30am	<b>Our Lady Star of the Sea church</b>		Ann White (LD)
<b>Monday 30 August</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>St Edmund of Canterbury church</b>	<b>Mass for Memoria of Saint Edmund Arrowsmith, Martyr</b>	<b>Marie Nolan</b>
Tuesday 31 August	9:30am	<b>Our Lady Star of the Sea church</b>	<b>Mass for Opt. Memoria of Saint Aidan &amp; Saints of Lindisfarne</b>	Finbarr Gurhy (LD)
<b>Wednesday 1 Sept</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>St Edmund of Canterbury church</b>	<b>Mass for Ss. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, &amp; Margaret Ward, Martyrs</b>	<b>Winnie and Tommy Carter</b>
Thursday 2 Sept	7:00pm	<b>St Edmund of Canterbury church</b>	Mass for Thursday of week 22 in Ordinary Time.	Intentions of Hughes Family
Friday 3 Sept	9:30am	<b>Our Lady Star of the Sea church</b>	Mass for the Feast of St Gregory the Great	Kenneth Gilford (LD)
Saturday 4 Sept	4:00pm	<b>Our Lady Star of the Sea church</b>	<b>Vigil Mass:</b> 23 Sunday in Ordinary Time	Gerard McGeown
	5:30pm	<b>St Edmund of Canterbury church</b>		Dominic Regan (B)
Sunday 5 Sept	9:45am	<b>St Edmund of Canterbury church</b>	<b>Mass:</b> 23 Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thanksgiving: - Silver Jubilee Fr. Bruce Dutson
	11:30am	<b>Our Lady Star of the Sea church</b>		People of the Parish

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

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

**Especially:** Billy White, Ann Hogg, Geraldine Ferris, Joe Scroxton, Mike Wakley, Brian McCarthy, Eileen Carron, Fr Dunstan Harrington, Sheila Bradshaw, Gerard McGeown

**Lately Dead:** Ann White, Finbarr Gurhy, Kenneth Gilford, Pauline Graham

**Anniversary:** Albert & Veronica Cruickshank

## ENROLLED IN PARISH MASS ASSOCIATION:

Lee Monique Harjo, Steven Corden, Keith Davis, Peter Harris, Michael Robinson, Paul Maher, Jean & Harry Maher

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

**Aug:** Terry & Marie Clinton, **Sept:** Dennis & Monica Casey,

**Oct:** Marie & John Gray, **Nov:** James John Colford,

**Dec:** David Cross

## PARISH MASS ASSOCIATION

The Parish Mass Association Cards have been updated so they now say, 'Saint Oscar Romero Parish Mass Association'.

The suggested donation for enrolment in the Mass Association is £7.50 and with that you get a Mass Association Card. To enrol, please fill in a Mass Association slip and place in an envelope with donation and then you can pick up a Mass Association Card at either church shop/sacristy or Parish Office.

Holy Mass and prayers will be offered for all people enrolled in the Mass Association once a month for 12 months. There will also be special remembrances for the Mass Association at Christmas, Easter and on the Feast Days of St Edmund of Canterbury, St Thomas of Canterbury & Our Lady Star of the Sea.