

# 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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## 23 Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

### Sunday 5 September 2021

### Congratulations to Bishop Thomas Neylon.

Let us all keep our new auxiliary Bishop Tom Neylon, Titular Bishop of Pleastia in our prayers as he begins this new ministry among us assisting Archbishop Malcolm in serving the People of God in the whole Archdiocese of Liverpool

### Parish Pastoral Council: First Steps on the Road

I am inviting everyone in our Parish of Saint Oscar Romero, to join us on the road to forming 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 qualities needed we often don't see in ourselves as easily as others see them in us. So I am inviting everyone to pray over who you think have the following gifts that those involved in the Parish Pastoral Council will need to have:

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.
5. An **approachability**, someone who people feel able to talk to.

The following is an overview of the process of discernment of who is being called by God to embark on this exciting journey will be:

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> September: Launch and explanation of nomination forms

25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> September: Nominations open.

16<sup>th</sup> October: Nominations close.

20<sup>th</sup> October: Invite to those nominated to participate in discernment day

30<sup>th</sup> October: **Discernment day** (10am – 3pm)

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**Resp. Psalm:** *My soul, give praise to the Lord*

**Gospel:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have*

**Acclamation:** *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

Liverpool

L22 8QF



Parish Priest:

**Fr. Dominic Curran**

Pastoral Associate:

**Mr Kenny Lawler**

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### Parish Office:

1 Crescent Rd. Seaforth

0151 928 2338

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

**Kenny's Desk:** It's with much emotion that I write this piece in our newsletter. I start a new role supporting people leaving the care system at the end of September, which means I will soon be leaving my role as Pastoral Associate. I have learned so much and been made to feel so very welcome in my time here. I want to thank Fr Dominic, Fr John and every single person who I have been blessed to speak with, build friendships with and have laughs with during our time together. It's been a special time and my heart goes out to all of you. I will be at Mass Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September 4:00pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 5:30pm St Edmund of Canterbury. Then Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 9:45am St Edmund of Canterbury, 11:30am Our Lady Star of the Sea. It would be great to see if you, but if not, I send all my love and best wishes to you all. I never walked alone.

## 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. 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: used but only once in 24hrs.
- d) The sign of peace (without touching) can be restored.

### From Saint Oscar Romero:

"It is inconceivable that people call themselves Christians and not have a preferential option for the poor, as Christ himself did."

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

### Funeral coming up:

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

### 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.

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

The annual novena to Our Lady at Saint Edmund's will begin on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September** and run till 3<sup>rd</sup> November (just after All Saints Day) and will be at **7:00pm** each week. As such 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.

Week	Date	Saint
1	8 <sup>th</sup> September	Saint Clare of Assisi
2	15 <sup>th</sup> September	St Ralph Sherwin & Companions
3	22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Saint Oscar Romero
4	29 <sup>th</sup> September	Saint Bernadette Soubirous
5	6 <sup>th</sup> October	
6	13 <sup>th</sup> October	Saint Teresa of Avila
7	20 <sup>th</sup> October	
8	27 <sup>th</sup> October	
9	3 <sup>rd</sup> November	

## 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.

## Journey in Faith (RCIA) 2021-2022

This is open to 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. It is an opportunity to grow in understanding of the Catholic Faith. It may be of special interest to those who are considering becoming Catholic or Catholic adults wanting to be confirmed.

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?

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. The first five sessions will be in the Lisbonian Room at St Edmund's site. We begin on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September, Timetable:

<b>20 Sept 21</b> (Faith & I believe in God)	<b>01 Nov 21</b>	<b>10 Jan 22</b>	<b>21 Feb 22</b>
<b>27 Sept 21</b> (Discernment & Pope Francis)	<b>08 Nov 21</b>	<b>17 Jan 22</b>	<b>28 Feb 22</b>
	<b>15 Nov 21</b>	<b>24 Jan 22</b>	<b>07 March 22</b>
<b>04 Oct 21</b> (Intro to Liturgy. Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism & Confirmation)	<b>22 Nov 21</b>	<b>31 Jan 22</b>	<b>14 March 22</b>
	<b>29 Nov 21</b>	<b>07 Feb 22</b>	<b>21 March 22</b>
<b>11 Oct 21</b> (Eucharist: How we pray)	<b>06 Dec 21</b>		<b>28 March 22</b>
<b>18 Oct 21</b> (Mass: Sent out)	<b>13 Dec 21</b>		

**Easter Triduum 14 to 17 April 22**

## Opening the Scriptures

Thank you once more to all those who have been attending our talks on the Scriptures.

This week, we will be looking at the Passion Narratives in the Gospels.

As usual, we will meet this Wednesday in the Lisbonian Room, St Edmund's, at 6pm. See you there!

**James**

## CAFOD

### Family Fast Day

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October:

Envelopes will be available at the back of our churches.

## Week 2 of Season of Creation Sept 1<sup>st</sup> - Oct 4<sup>th</sup>.

In his encyclical, Laudato Si, the Pope writes of the Earth, "We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will....We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (Gen2:7) ...we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters" (LS 2)

### Action

Get out!" i.e., get out into Nature, wherever it is, whatever it looks like, however near or far it is away from home. It doesn't matter if it is looking at the nearest tree, or shrub - in a park, in someone else's garden, in your own, if you are lucky enough to have some green space. If you can spot some flowers ... well, wonderful, but any green growing thing will do! and feel the fresh air around us.

Autumn is a good time to plant trees and bushes. Aim for those that attract bees, butterflies and other pollinators. If you haven't got a garden plant some bulbs in a pot or even around the trees in your street..

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

"Lord, bring healing to our lives that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction".

## A Clear out and organise 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.

### 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

### Piety Shop

We have no date yet for opening, but with Christmas orders being placed soon, if anyone wishes to purchase a crib or more expensive item, please speak to Pat Murphy to view the catalogue. If you order an item a small deposit will be required.

Christmas cards will be available from October.

# 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 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
Monday 6 Sept	10:00am	<b>St Edmund of Canterbury church</b>	Mass for Monday of week 23 in Ordinary Time.	Paul Kendall (A)
Tuesday 7 Sept	9:30am	<b>Our Lady Star of the Sea church</b>	Mass for Tuesday of week 23 in Ordinary Time.	Nan Colfer (LD)
Wednesday 8 Sept	10:00am	<b>St Edmund of Canterbury church</b>	Mass for Feast of The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Bridie and Gerry Murphy (A)
Thursday 9 Sept	7:00pm	<b>St Edmund of Canterbury church</b>	Mass for Thursday of week 22 in Ordinary Time.	Anne Firkins
<b>Friday 10 Sept</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Our Lady Star of the Sea church</b>	<b>Mass for the Memoria of Saint Ambrose Barlow, Martyr</b>	<b>Gabrielle Morrison</b>
Saturday 11 Sept	4:00pm	<b>Our Lady Star of the Sea church</b>	<b>Vigil Mass:</b> 24 Sunday in Ordinary Time	Collette Quigley (LD)
	5:30pm	<b>St Edmund of Canterbury church</b>		Centenary of the Legion of Mary
Sunday 12 Sept	9:45am	<b>St Edmund of Canterbury church</b>	<b>Mass:</b> 24 Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
	11:30am	<b>Our Lady Star of the Sea church</b>		Mass Association

## 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:** Mary McBrinn, Nan Colfer, Collette Quigley,

**Anniversary:** Paul Kendall, Bridie and Gerry Murphy

## ENROLLED IN PARISH MASS ASSOCIATION:

Margaret Maher, Margaret 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.