

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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26 Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 26 September 2021

Parish Pastoral Council: First Steps on the Road

The nomination forms with information are out this weekend: If you know someone within the parish that you feel would be good to begin this journey of a Parish Pastoral Council with us, then please do pick up a form and talk to those you feel would be good.

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Resp. Psalm: *The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the*

Acclamation: *truth. Alleluia!*

St Oscar Romero:

"The charisms and the marvellous gifts that God gives for the good of the whole church should not be monopolized by anyone. No one should feel resentful because someone else ... has received special gifts from the Lord."

"God does not give his charisms and his gifts to be used according to the wishes of those who receive them; they are given for the building of the kingdom of God."
(26 Sunday of Ord Time (B), 1979)

Journey in Faith (RCIA) 2021-2022

An RCIA course is necessary for anyone over the age of reason who wants to be Baptised Roman Catholic, received into the Catholic church or an adult who wants to be confirmed.

We call it a Journey in Faith though, as it is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith; no prior knowledge is needed. It is an opportunity to grow in understanding of the Roman Catholic Faith.

So while of special interest to those who are discerning being Baptised, or converting to Roman Catholicism, it will help deepen the understanding of the Catholic faith of all who have the responsibility to hand the faith on, such as parents, Godparents, sponsors, etc.

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 began on Monday 20th September, Timetable:

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

Easter Triduum 14 to 17 April 22

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

Parish Office:

1 Crescent Rd. Seaforth
0151 928 2338

Usual volunteer hours:

Wed: 11:00 – 14:00

Sat: 11:00 – 13:30

Parish

Safeguarding Team

Safeguarding251@rcaol.org.uk

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

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

The annual novena to Our Lady at Saint Edmund's began on **Wednesday 8th September** and will run till 3rd 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 th September	Saint Clare of Assisi
2	15 th September	St Ralph Sherwin & Companions
3	22 nd September	Saint Oscar Romero
4	29 th September	Saint Francis of Assisi
5	6 th October	
6	13 th October	Saint Teresa of Avila
7	20 th October	
8	27 th October	Saint Aidan of Lindisfarne
9	3 rd November	

Current Rules (from 19th 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) The sign of peace (without touching) can be restored.

CAFOD petition

If you have not already done so please sign the CAFOD petition, urging the Prime Minister to make sure communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26 www.cafod.org.uk/cop26petition or send a postcard to be found at the back of church (closing date 6th October) .

First Holy Communion Course

(2021/22: Y5 class):

The Parent Meeting took place this week. As the course is shortened there is no time to make up sessions so we have an expectation that parents and children attend every session. It is only one a week. In addition to this there is an expectation to see you and your family at Mass over every weekend as we journey with the children as they prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

The catechetical sessions are **Monday 3:45pm** in **Our Lady Star of the Sea** church, **Tuesday 6:30pm** in **St Edmund of Canterbury** church, and **Wednesday 3:45pm** in **St Edmund of Canterbury** church.

(2021/22: Y4 class): Letters will go out to this year's Y4 this half term. The course will begin in January 2022 and First Holy Communions will be in Eastertide.



For those who would like to be involved in the actual performances there will be a read through and informal audition on Monday 27th September, at *Waterloo United Free Church (next to Crosby Library on Liverpool Rd, behind which there's a large carpark)*. For all who've already auditioned a read through will take place between 7.30pm & 9.00pm. Please arrive by 7.20.

Auditions for others who would like to take part will start at 6.30pm, followed by the read through. Rehearsals will follow each Monday evening throughout September and October, but not all the cast will be required every Monday.

"The Metropolitan Cathedral Story"

Presentation by Harriet Gilmour at the Methodist Church Hall, Moor Lane, Crosby on Monday 27th September at 7.30 pm.

No need to book in advance. £2 at the door to defray costs. Ample free parking. All necessary precautions, including sanitising and distancing will be in place.

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.

Week 5 of Season of Creation: Sept 1st - Oct 4th.

In his encyclical, Laudato Si the Pope writes "Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generation is first and foremost up to us.....We may be leaving to coming generation debris, desolation and filth.. (LS 160 and 161).

Action

1.5 million tons of plastic packaging is used by UK households each year. If not recycled it scars our environment and damage our rivers and seas. Did you know that some of the big supermarkets have started to recycle 'soft plastic' which cannot be put in our brown bins? Look for bins at Sainsbury's and the Coop – Tesco will start shortly. Ask Lidl and Aldi to do the same. Clean and return bread, crisps and frozen food packaging for recycling into new bags, thus using 75% less energy. For a full list see Soft plastic packaging - Co-op (coop.co.uk).

Prayer from the Pope's encyclical Fratelli Tutti

"Lord, may we recognise the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us, and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects and shared dreams"

CAFOD'S Harvest Fast Day

As we enter the last week of the Season of Creation, we are invited to give thanks to God for the gift of creation and the fruits of the earth which sustain us. Many churches and schools do this through Harvest Festivals – bringing the fruits of the earth and the work of human hands and sharing these offerings with those in need.

In the UK, for the last sixty years, the Catholic Church has marked harvest time by observing **CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day** on the first Friday in October. So, this coming Friday, 1 October, we are invited to give thanks by going without a meal or some form of amusement and giving what we save in this way to CAFOD. CAFOD uses our offerings to help those across the world who don't have access to the fruits of the earth because of extreme poverty, food shortages, conflicts and natural disasters.

You can find out more about this Friday's Fast Day here:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

By donating to **CAFOD** you can help communities affected by the worse impacts of the climate crisis.

Donate online through the **CAFOD** website or use a **CAFOD** envelope which can be posted free or returned to church.

You can also give by text. **Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10**, or choose to give any amount from £1 - £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to give to **70580**

St.Vincent de Paul (SVP) **Awareness Month**

Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Thomas and St. Edmund's SVP are delighted to have joined together to become St. Oscar Romero SVP. The SVP is a group of parishioners who set out to help anyone in need.

We are very grateful to Father Dominic and parishioners for your continued support especially during the difficult year that we have all experienced with covid. Following on from the pandemic we need your assistance more than ever.

1. We are looking for volunteers to identify families in need and signpost them to the SVP – families short of food, lonely people who need a friend, homeless individuals, refugees, people who need lifts to church/doctors/ the shops.
2. We are looking for parishioners, of any age to find out more about the SVP and to come and join us!
3. We are always looking for donations. We have SVP boxes in both Churches or donations can be made directly to the bank – St. Oscar Romero SVP, Sort Code 60-60-04, Account no. 46080686
4. Finally, please pray for us and all the people who need our help. Please remember Tommy O'Toole (deceased) who was President and a great supporter of Our Lady Star of the Sea Conference for many years.

Contact details – Please contact the Parish Offices and leave your contact details. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Many thanks, Kathy Sullivan

Gleeforth Community Singing Group **We're back!**

After a successful first meeting on 10 March 2020 it's time for our second!

Why not come and join this 'new' singing group for fun and music making? Get to know people in our community. No previous music experience required with all styles of music catered for. Come along - sing - socialise - enjoy.

No Audition - No Fee - Just turn up!

Starting again on
Tuesday 5th October 2021, 6-7:30pm
at Our Lady Star of the Sea church.

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 25 Sept	4:00pm	Our Lady Star of the Sea church	Vigil Mass: 26 Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fr. B Wrixon (A)
	5:30pm	St Edmund of Canterbury church		Jones Deceased Family and Friends
Sunday 26 Sept	9:45am	St Edmund of Canterbury church	Mass: 26 Sunday in Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Our Lady Star of the Sea church		Tony Almond
Monday 27 Sept	10:00am	St Edmund of Canterbury church	Mass: Memoria of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest.	Mary Maltman & all deceased members of SVP Conference
Tuesday 28 Sept	11:00am	Our Lady Star of the Sea church	Mass: Tuesday of week 26 in Ordinary Time	Collette Quigley (LD)
Wednesday 29 Sept	10:00am	St Edmund of Canterbury church	Mass: Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	Albert & Veronica Cruikshank
Thursday 30 Sept	7:00pm	St Edmund of Canterbury church	Mass: Memoria of Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor.	Jo & Peter McLoughlin
Friday 1 Oct	9:30am	Our Lady Star of the Sea church	Mass: Memoria of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor	Margaret "Rita" Maher
Saturday 2 Oct	4:00pm	Our Lady Star of the Sea church	Vigil Mass: 27 Sunday in Ordinary Time Creation Mass	People of the Parish
	5:30pm	St Edmund of Canterbury church		Marie Nolan
Sunday 3 Oct	9:45am	St Edmund of Canterbury church	Mass: 27 Sunday in Ordinary Time Creation Mass	Susan Davies
	11:30am	Our Lady Star of the Sea church		Anthony Delaney (Anni)

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, Eileen Carron, Sheila Bradshaw, Gerard McGeown, Lynn Caddick, Alan Williams

Lately Dead: Fr. Brendan Rice, Eileen Wright, Peggy O'De, Ann Harnick

Anniversary: Fr. B Wrixon, Anthony Delaney, Gerard Kerbey

ENROLLED IN PARISH MASS ASSOCIATION:

Steve Timson & Family.

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

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.