



Weekly News Sheet

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CAFOD- Church History- Letter from Fr John



Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

Family Fast Day is an opportunity for us to have a simple meal in solidarity with our overseas brothers and sisters and the money we save is donated to CAFOD.

Next week we will hold a collection for CAFOD, please place your envelopes or donations into the basket as you enter or leave church. If you want to Gift Aid your donations please complete the details required on the envelopes.

Alternatively you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/give. You can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085.

Weekly Giving

St Anne's.	£86.00
St Jerome's	£152.00
Our Lady's	£476.40

Mass Timings

St Jerome's Saturday 6pm

Our Lady of Compassion

Sunday 9am
 11am
Wednesday 12noon

St Anne's Freshfield

It is worth reading about the history of St Anne's Freshfield in the booklet called, 'The History of St Anne's Freshfield'. This article is just a sample of its mixed and varied life. Founded in 1886 as the 'Mission of St Anne' and listed chronologically as the 178th mission in the Directory of the Liverpool Archdiocese, its first building, in West Lane, now known as Clarence House, was as an orphanage for girls administered by the Sisters of Charity, in the parish of Our Lady's. Mass was held in building until 1933.

The population of Freshfield grew and it was very difficult for the then St George's school chapel to accommodate the local people and the pupils. In 1933 two ladies, Miss Cecila Norris and Miss Madge Tyrer, became the prime movers to raise a petition for a Chapel-of Ease to be built. Despite some opposition a petition was submitted to Fr J Gardiner, PP of Our Lady's, and in due course he had the present Church of St Anne's built in Timms Lane as a Chapel-of-Ease.

During the war the chapel was used by the Army from Harrington Barracks and Mass was celebrated by an Army Chaplain. So, from 1933 until 1947 St Anne's was still a Chapel-of Ease. In 1951 Canon J Bennett was appointed as Sr Anne's first Parish Priest. He was the Administrator of the Catholic Children's Protection Society which necessitated him working away from the parish most days from Monday to Friday, so Fr Duffy was appointed curate. Since then the parish has grown from strength to strength with a number of strong Parish Priests.

The inside of the church has many beautiful artefacts made of wood. It is worth, when this pandemic is over, a visit to the church to pray at the statue of St Anne, view the beautiful wooden altar and tabernacle and view the excellent stained glass window at the entrance to the church.

Next week a little article about St Jerome's parish.

Food Bank

Donations for the Food Bank are always gratefully received and usually are placed a box at the church entrance inside the porch in the large plastic box.

We have been asked in future to take our donations directly to Waitrose instead of leaving them inside the porch. Many thanks for your help and understanding.

Latest COVID Instructions

Letter from Fr John

Home Visits

From **NOW**: Home visits should not be taking place, so the permission for visiting with Holy Communion should not be used at the moment.

Baptisms: There can only be 6 people present (the rule of 6 applies.)

Weddings: There can only be 15 in the Church and for the reception.

Funerals: The number remains at 30 (although any wake is now limited to a gathering of 6).

Track and Trace

QR Codes: The new track and trace NHS app asks that places of worship set up a QR bar code and have it on posters around the entrances to churches so that people can use a smart phone to register their presence.

People who do not have a smartphone will still be covered by the existing manual track and trace services, which will continue as at present.

Prayer to Saint Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly **pray**; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady's, St Anne's and St Jerome's,

The opening line of the second reading at Mass on Sunday speaks directly to our current experience; 'There is no need to worry'. We might be tempted to disagree and to present a long list of worries. St Paul, speaking to the first Christian community in Phillippi, explains himself; 'if there is anything you need (or are worrying about) pray for it, asking God...'

Anxiety and worry are part of human experience. But St Paul seems to suggest that they should not form a significant part of a Christian's life. When we think about this, it makes sense. The prayer we pray each time we celebrate Mass, the Our Father; "give us this day our daily bread", makes clear that we depend on God for everything. Every breath, every move is made because He wills it. Nothing can happen without Him, His Power, His Providence.

This changes everything, or should! God is not just to be turned to for favours, a helping hand, a particular need. God is the ground of our very being, our existence. St Paul understands this deeply and points out to us the futility of worry, of anxiety. Worry achieves nothing. A complete dependence on God for everything we need releases us from anxiety. Everything we need will be given to us; no more, no less.

God wants to help us see this crucial truth today especially. In the midst of so much anxiety, worry and fear about the future, we are being invited to see that everything and everyone are in the hands of God. To trust that our Father God will make all things work for our good, even in these days, is a sure path to inner peace and joy.

God bless you all,

Father John