

ested in this wonderful opportunity, please share this information with them. Full details of choristerships at the Metropolitan Cathedral, alongside application forms and voice trial booking slots can be found at:

<https://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs/>

A MESSAGE FROM DEACON JOHN POWER

When I was ordained to the Diaconate last year, it also coincided with leaving my teaching post. Since then; I have been able to share in various parish ministries, and they have all been a huge blessing. This year has given me the time to think about where God is calling me in the next stage of my working life as most deacons have a day job, as well as ministering in a parish.

In the book of prophet Jeremiah, God says: "For I know I have plans for you". God does indeed have plans for all of us, but He has shown me a plan I had not anticipated. Last summer, I saw an advert for the Catholic Chaplaincy in the Army, and I applied (something I never thought I would do). I was accepted as an Army Chaplain, and began my training early in April. I will be engaged in military training from the end of May, which will last for eight weeks. After this training, I will be posted to North Yorkshire, so will be fairly close. I will be home for August, but being so close will mean that I will be able to come home for weekends. Most deacons do have full time jobs, and this opportunity was too good not to explore; a chance to earn a livelihood, and more importantly, to bring Christ's Gospel to the men and women who serve our country within the Army.

While I am away, I would like to ask you all a favour: please pray for me, and my family. You will all be assured of being in my own my daily prayers, and I will be looking forward to being among our community again, once training has finished. God bless, and thank you for all the help and support I have received along my journey.

Deacon John.

A MESSAGE OF THANKS

Sincere thanks to all who have offered prayers, sent cards and messages of support for Peter over the last year; your support has meant a great deal to us. **Jo and Peter Elliott.**

The Parishes of Saint Oswald and Saint Sebastian

Parish Clergy:

Fr. Liam Collister

Dcn. John Power

Dcn. John McGeogh (Retired)

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The office and presbytery are closed on Wednesday

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Sunday 16th May 2021: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Since God loved us so much,
we also should love one another.

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another,
God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:11-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 15	16:30	April Ann Murphy (R.I.P)
Sun 16	09:30	Thanksgiving to parishioners (D W)
	11:00	Parishioners
Mon 17	10:00	Joel, Paul, & Kathleen Devine (R.I.P)
Tues 18	10:00	Bishop Vincent Malone (Ann.)
Wed 19	No Mass / service	
Thurs 20	10:00	Sr Rita Van Donick (R.I.P)
Fri 21	10:00	Jade Roberts (R.I.P)
	12:30	Funeral Service: Jade Roberts
Sat 22	16:30	Tineke & Jim Edwards
Sun 23	09:30	Parishioners
	11:00	Maureen Burns (R.I.P)

All Masses and services are celebrated in Saint Oswald's Church. Unfortunately at this time Saint Sebastian's cannot reopen.

You no longer need to book to come to any of our Masses, but you will still have to give your contact details at the church door.

All other restrictions still remain in place, including a restriction on numbers allowed to attend Mass, but we can accommodate more people within our church. Funeral services will be celebrated within the church, but requiem Masses will not be celebrated at this time.

The maximum number who are allowed to attend a funeral (from Monday 17th) within the church is 60 people.

If you are at clinical risk of COVID-19, or have been told to shield, please follow the medical advice, and stay at home.

HOLY COMMUNIONS

We keep in our prayers the children within our parish who will be receiving their First Holy Communion during this month of May.

PARISH PRAYER LISTS

We remember in our prayers all whose anniversaries occur about this time, and all who have died recently.

Ryan Bristow, Jade Roberts, Daniel Hastings, Mary Kelly.

Parish prayer list:

Peter Benson; Joseph Keaveney; Marilyn Brandon; Gary, Alma, & Alf Thomas; Danielle, Tom & Baby Luke; Pdraig Egan; Ann Tyrrell; Mary

& John Murphy; Baby Anthony Bowman and Family; Lily Thomas; Josh Thomas; Wally & Kath; Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, & Religious Life, Adam Mawer, Lil Corner, Mary Carroll, Debbie Froud, Stephen Parkinson, Jade Wilson, Baby Harvey McGarry & Family, Daniel Hastings.

If you wish to have a name placed on our prayer list, please contact the office.

PRAYER LAMPS

The Prayer Lamps on the side altars in our churches may be lit for any prayer intention. We ask for a donation of £5 per lamp.

Marian Lamp — First Communion Children

Sacred Heart — Lilly Bullock (R.I.P)

SYNOD 2020

Synod 2020 will take place online on 19th June, and we are discerning how to vote on the recommendations that have emerged. Please take some time to read through them (details below), and if you feel strongly about how the parish representatives should vote on any of the issues, please get in touch via the website or email. Please ensure to get in touch before Saturday 12th June. The recommendations can be found:

On our parish website: www.sebosw.org

Catholic Pic online: www.catholicpic.co.uk

On the Diocese Synod Recommendations Website: where you will also be able to find some theological reflections on the proposals: www.synod2020recommendations.org.uk

Together on the Road: the printed Synod book, which also includes resources for discernment and the theological reflections. This is available for £3 from Pauline Books and Media, or via the Synod Office, (email: synod2020@rcaol.co.uk, or telephone: 0151 486 1206).

Please continue to keep the Synod in your prayers during the coming weeks.

RECRUITMENT FOR BOY & GIRL CHORISTERS 2021

Do you know a child who would like to be a chorister at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King here in Liverpool? The search is now on for our next generation of Boy and Girl choristers. We are recruiting boys who are currently in year 2 & 3, and girls who are currently in year 5. All choristers are educated at Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School (Boys year 3-6) and St Edward's College (Boys & Girls year 7-10.) If you know of a Catholic family who might be inter-