

# Queen of Martyrs And St Swithin



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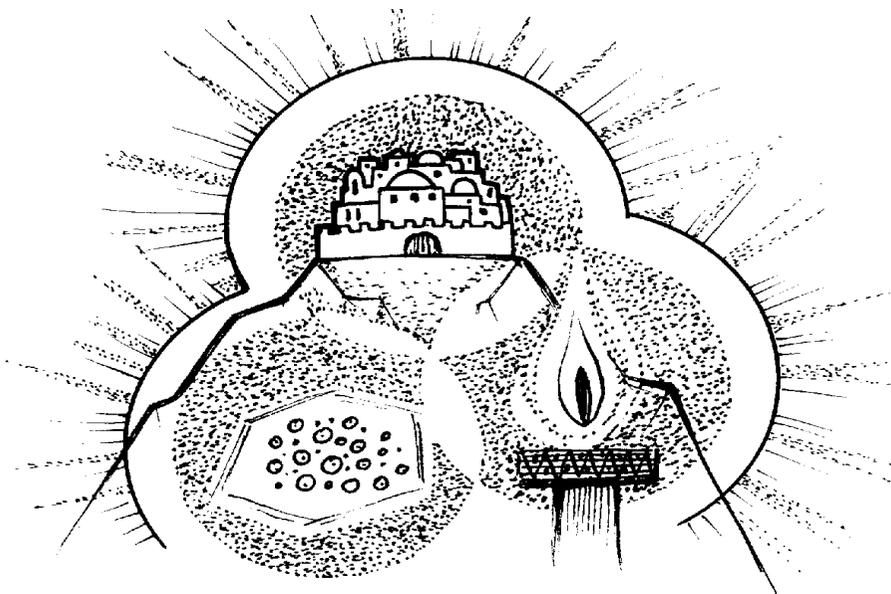
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### PARISH CLERGY

Parish Priest: Fr. Chris Fallon Assistant: Fr Anthony Kelly

Deacons: Rev Malcolm Fletcher & Rev Christopher Housbey

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020



## *Becoming what we are*

Jesus did not say 'you *should be* the salt of the earth and the light of the world'. He said 'you *are* the salt of the earth and the light of the world'. It is true that salt can become tasteless and light can be hidden under a bucket, but that doesn't stop salt being salt and light being light. The reason Jesus warns us of those dangers is to make us stop and think, to realise again who and what we are, and to renew our commitment and enthusiasm.

Salt has two main uses. It is used to preserve things, to stop them from going bad, and that was even more important in the time of Jesus than it is now, when we have fridges and freezers. But it is also used to make things taste better, to make them more interesting.

Shakespeare wrote a wonderful line about the power of light to overcome darkness: 'How far that little candle throws its beams! So shines a good deed in a naughty world.'

Our readings this weekend tell us how to be light and salt for the world in plain and simple terms: share your bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless poor, clothe the naked, do not turn away from your own kin, do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word. If we do these simple things we will be the light shining in the darkness. But the last line of the Gospel is the most important: 'your light must shine in people's sight so that they give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The light is not ours – it is the light of God's love shining through us. Our Synod process is asking us now to suggest positive actions in the area of how we pray together: how our gatherings for worship can reflect our desire and our mission to welcome the stranger and care for all those in any kind of need. All of us, as individual followers of Jesus, as parish communities and as a diocese, are invited to think about how we can become what we already are: the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

*Fr Chris*

## **Racial Justice Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

### **Celebrating the contribution the travelling Communities make to the church in England and Wales**

On this day we pledge to look after our migrant friends in whatever community they find themselves. "You are not on the margins of the Church... you are at the centre... **You are the heart of the Church**" Pope St Paul VI

### **Annual Celebration of Marriage & Family Life**

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon invites you to join him in celebrating the Annual Marriage and Family Life Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King **Sunday 9th February 2020 at 11am.**



### **MASS IN HONOUR of Our Lady Of Lourdes**

7.30 pm, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Christ the King Church, Childwall

All welcome to attend

**Fifth Synod Talk:** THE CHURCH IN AN INDIVIDUALISTIC SOCIETY.  
TODAY'S ECONOMIC INEQUALITY-WHERE IS THE CHURCH?

Speaker: Rt Rev Philip Egan

LACE Conference Centre. Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020,

7.30pm. Tea and Coffee from 7pm.

What currents are evident in contemporary culture? What does the Gospel of Christ say? What pastoral approaches might the Catholic community take?

There will be an opportunity for questions and answers with optional Night

Prayer at 9pm. LACE Conference Centre L17 1AA

[www.synod2020.co.uk/lectures](http://www.synod2020.co.uk/lectures)

### **Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion**

The next meetings will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 9.30am & 11 am in the community room. All children to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

### **Restored Lives – Recovery from Divorce and Separation**

The restored Lives course is a series of six meetings starting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Holy Rosary, Aintree.

If you would like to attend, please contact: Maureen O'Brien 07967 75331 or Jacqui Sellek 07793 825815

**HCPT Group 133** will be raising money to take children to Lourdes at Easter at masses on the weekend of **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February**. This year is an important year for the group as Merseyside have been selected to lead all of the liturgy and music for the whole week. Group 133 would like to thank all of our parishioners for their continued support.

**The Piety Room** has a beautiful selection of **First Holy Communion** gifts, rosary beads and cards. To help your child prepare to receive the sacrament you can purchase a lovely children's work book called Meet Christ with Joy £3 each.

# Liturgy for the Week

<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b> St Josephine Bakhita	6.00 pm	Mass: Alice McInerney
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.30 am	Mass: Richard Sweeney
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup></b> St. Scholastica	9.05 am	Eucharistic Service
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b> Our Lady of Lourdes	9.05 am 9.45 am	Mass: Dolly Finlay <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.05 am	Eucharistic Service
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9.05 am	Mass: Mary Jones
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b> St Cyril	9.05 am	Eucharistic Service
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	6.00 pm	Mass: John Speers (80 <sup>th</sup> B'day Rem) PA Varakey
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.30 am	Mass: Edward Burke (97 <sup>th</sup> B'day Rem)

There are many mass intentions waiting and it is not always possible to give the date requested.

**We pray for those who have died recently,**  
Malcolm Thompson, Elizabeth McInerney, James Byrne,  
Margaret Mitchell, David Rolls  
and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time,  
**May they rest in peace. Amen**

**We pray for all who are sick,** Janet Clark, Raymond Doran, Peter Fraser, Marjorie Bates-Murphy, John Murphy, Peter Tallon, T. C. Sheila Willcox, Andreas Samaras, John Walker, Sr. Kathleen Hamilton, David & Julie Pearce, J. G., Mary Mousley, Paul, Angela Adlen, Emily Purdie, Malcolm Thompson