

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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& St Swithin, Croxteth**

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*In the Pastoral Area of St Raphael and St Paul
with Blessed Sacrament 474 2682*

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Sunday 17th May 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially,
Patrick James Murphy, Joyce Rhodes, Irene Riley.**

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Kathleen Carus, Susan Whitworth, Mary Alice Small, Bridget Lee,
Robert Steadman Jnr.

**Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for
those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially**

Janet Clark, Raymond Doran, Peter Fraser, John Murphy, T. C. Sheila
Willcox, Andreas Samaras, John Walker, Sr. Kathleen Hamilton,
David & Julie Pearce, J. G., Mary Mousley, Paul, Angela Adlen,
Emily Purdie, Giles Rowe, Angela Gregory.

Live Streaming System

All public worship in churches is still suspended but you can now follow Mass and other service live from both our churches via the links on the parish websites. Masses are also live streamed from the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream.

SATURDAY 16th May

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 17th May

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 18th May

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 19th May

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

WEDNESDAY 20th May

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 21st May

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 22nd May

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SATURDAY 23rd May

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 24th May

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

*All Masses are live streamed via
the parish websites.*

Thursday 21st May The Ascension of The Lord

We know Jesus is with us because he has said so, 'I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' He will not leave us orphans, but will send us the Holy Spirit.

New resources for reflection and prayer are now available at

<https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> or through

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/>

by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

CAFOD has launched a coronavirus emergency appeal.

The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate as individuals at www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal.

The May edition of the Catholic Pic is now available.

The digital copy can be found on their website www.catholicpic.co.uk and via Twitter @PicCatholic

Supporting your parish during the lockdown

While some of our parishioners are having financial worries as a result of the pandemic, others are wondering how they can continue to give money to the parish when they can't put their envelope or cash in the offertory collection. The Archdiocese has now set up two new ways you can give directly to your parish. We are grateful for all your generosity.

Online giving

Click on <https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/our-lady-queen-of-martyrs-croxteth> for Our Lady Queen of Martyrs or <https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-teresa-of-the-child-jesus-liverpool> for St Teresa's and complete a simple online form to make a regular weekly or one-off donation.

Text giving

Text **TERESAPRAY** to donate to St Teresa's or **OLQM** to donate to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. Send your text to...

70085 to donate £2. Texts cost £2 plus one standard rate message.

70450 to donate £3. Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message.

70460 to donate £5. Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message.

70470 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message.

With any of these messages you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS.

If you'd like to donate but do not wish to receive marketing communications, change your message to **TERESAPRAYNOINFO** or **OLQMNOINFO**.

Standing Order

If you already have a Standing Order to your parish it will remain in force. If you would like to set up a new Standing Order, send an email to the parish you want to support, using the email address on the front of the newsletter, and we will send you a Standing Order form.

Gift Aid

If you pay income tax in the UK you can gift aid your donation, which means the parish can claim back from the Government 25p for every £1 you donate, at no cost to you.

Praying to receive the Spirit

Three years ago this weekend, as we were beginning the process of reflection that has become Synod 2020, I wrote this in the newsletter at St Teresa's:

Given the dramatic fall in recent years in the number of people attending Mass regularly on Sundays, the smaller fall in the number of priests and the fact that we still have almost as many churches as when there were five times as many people coming to Mass, as an Archdiocesan family we have two alternatives. We can reduce the number of Sunday Masses and close some more churches, or we can start attracting more people back to Church. But during the week I was reminded that Pope Francis has called us to a much more radical change.

In his letter, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis wrote:
I dream of a "missionary option", that is a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation.

I take this to mean that we shouldn't be worrying about how many people come to Mass, how many Masses we have, or even how many churches remain open. Instead we should be thinking about what we're doing to spread the Good News of God's love for the whole world, a love so great that he sent his Son to live among us, to suffer and die for us, and to rise to new life which he shares with us. We should be finding new ways to follow Jesus' way of treating people, especially the poor and the vulnerable, so that we are building his Kingdom in our world.

Today we have no-one attending Sunday Mass and all our churches are temporarily closed as the pandemic has forced us into what Cardinal Vincent describes as a great fasting from the sacraments, but many are using technology to stay in touch with their communities. There are some hopeful signs that in this crisis some people are turning back to faith in God. The need for us to find new ways to follow in the footsteps of Jesus has never been more urgent.

Whether the doors of our churches can be opened in time for Pentecost seems doubtful, but each of us can open the doors of our heart to welcome the Spirit Jesus promises to send, whose gentle power and missionary impulse we need now more than ever.

Fr Chris