

# NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

**Our Lady Queen of Martyrs St Teresa of the Child Jesus  
& St Swithin, Croxteth**                      **Norris Green**

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

*Holy Name and Our Lady & St Philomena 476 0289*

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

*Deacons: Chris Housbey, Malcolm Fletcher, Donagh McKillop*

*Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
Seventh Sunday of Easter*

**Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially**  
Margaret Mary Bacon, John Boyd, Lee Furlong, May Howard,  
Winifred Ray, Baby Sonny George McArdle, Anthony Larkin.

**and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time**  
Richard Cannon, Matthew Moore.

**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 Update: adding Zoom**

We are still livestreaming all services via the parish websites but we are also experimenting with some parishioners participating via Zoom. If you would like to join in the 11.30am Mass on Pentecost Sunday at Queen of Martyrs by Zoom, send an email with your name and mobile number to [olqom@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:olqom@rcaol.org.uk) by Thursday, and we will email you on Friday a Zoom invitation and instructions. If this works well we'll try it for St Teresa's too.

**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

**TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> May**

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> May**

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

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

**Bishop Vincent Malone: a message from Pope Francis**

'His Holiness Pope Francis was saddened to learn of the death of Bishop Vincent Malone, and he sends prayerful condolences to you and to the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Archdiocese. United with you in offering thanks to God for the late Bishop's many years of priestly and episcopal ministry, especially his service to the education of young people, His Holiness commends his soul to the merciful love of our heavenly Father. To all who mourn Bishop Malone's passing in the sure hope of the resurrection, the Holy Father cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of peace and consolation in the Risen Lord.'

***Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State.***

**World Communications Day 24<sup>th</sup> May**

As virtual ways of communicating have replaced the physical, Pope Francis asks us to consider how "God has become personally woven into our humanity, and so has given us a new way of weaving our stories."

**Day of Prayer for Missing Children 25<sup>th</sup> May**

For many parents around the world the pain of uncertainty endures year in and year out. We pray for a happy conclusion, or where this is not possible, at least for closure and eventual peace.

**New Parish Twitter Account for Our Lady Queen of Martyrs**

Let's start gathering followers and get the latest news @olqmcroxteth

**This is Mental Health Awareness Week - the theme is ‘Kindness Matters’.** The Hub of Hope is the world’s first mental health database bringing grassroots and national mental health services together in one place. Visit the website at <https://hubofhope.co.uk/>.

**New resources, including on Mental Health, are now available at** <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> and <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/>

### **Supporting your parish during the lockdown**

The Archdiocese has now set up two new ways you can give directly to your parish if you can afford to in the present crisis. We appreciate 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 an online form to make a regular 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.

## *The Glory of God*

Jesus speaks a lot about glory in the Gospel for this weekend: he asks the Father to glorify him so that he might glorify the Father and then he says that he is glorified in the disciples he is leaving behind.

One of the versions of the dismissal at the end of Mass that was introduced with the current Missal in 2011 has become my favourite: Let us go in peace, glorifying the Lord with our lives. Although the word 'glorify' doesn't have very positive overtones in our culture, seeming to smack of making things out to be better than they are or bolstering one's own ego, its cousins 'glory' and 'glorious' are words that lift our spirits. All of them remind me that St Irenaeus, a second century Greek priest who became the Bishop of Lyons and was one of the great early thinkers and writers in the Church, said 'The glory of God is a human person fully alive'.

The restrictions of the continuing pandemic crisis have given us all opportunities, whether we've taken them or not, to reflect on what it means to be a human person fully alive. Some of us might have thought that it involved some combination of having busy jobs, being able to travel freely and meet whoever, whenever and wherever we want, gathering with others for sport, music, dancing, drinking, praying and praising, and a host of other things we haven't been able to do for weeks. Some have found that slowing down, being more in touch with nature, caring for others, finding new ways to entertain each other and just being kind to each other, have made them feel more alive.

This Sunday, falling between the Ascension and Pentecost, is a waiting time. The disciples, men and women, including Jesus' mother Mary, have gone into lockdown, torn between fear that bad things may happen to them now that Jesus has gone and hope that his promise of the Spirit will come true. Next week we will celebrate the fact that their fear was relieved and the promise fulfilled, but for now we wait with them in both fear and hope.

The theme for this Mental Health Awareness Week reminds us that, when we are suffering, anxious or afraid, what matters most is kindness. We are most gloriously alive when we are most like our creator, pouring out our love in acts of kindness.

*Fr Chris*