

# 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*

*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 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially**  
Diane Makepeace, Rita Murray

**and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time**  
Annie Riley & Ronnie Riley, Pauline Edwards, Donna Marie Fitzpatrick

**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, Margaret Bradley, Raymond Doran, Peter Fraser, John Murphy, T. C.  
Sheila Willcox, Andreas Samaras, John Walker, David & Julie Pearce, J. G., Mary  
Mousley, Paul, Angela Adlen, Giles Rowe, Angela Gregory, Phyllis Cook, Anna  
Gawlik, Mick Lawrence.

## **Live Streaming and Zoom**

All the Masses in both churches continue to be livestreamed via the parish websites, including those people can now attend in person. We will have a chat by Zoom at 12.30pm on Sunday for anyone who wants to join in, just send your name and mobile number to [olqom@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:olqom@rcaol.org.uk) and we will email you a Zoom invitation and instructions.

## **ONLY THE MASSES IN BOLD TYPE ARE OPEN FOR PEOPLE TO ATTEND**

SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> July

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> July

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> July

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> July

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

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**WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> July**

**9.00am Mass: St Teresa's**

**7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> July

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> July

7.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> July**

**6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's**

**6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> July**

**10.00am Mass: St Teresa's**

**11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

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



### **Pope Francis Prayer Intention for July**

This month we pray alongside Pope Francis for 'family'. We pray for our own families, for those who have no family, for shattered refugee families and, at this time, for families devastated by the effects of the contagion. But more broadly we are asked to reflect on the importance of family and our place in it. We are asked not to marginalise elderly family members, but to look to their experience. We are asked not just to push our children to pass exams, but to nurture and guide them so that they grow into fine adults. We are asked to respect our spouse, never taking them for granted. This month we are invited to pray "**...that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.**"

### **BAPTISM CERTIFICATES.**

If you require a baptism certificate for a school application please email the relevant church providing details of your child's name, date of birth, date of baptism, your telephone number and your postal address so that the certificate can be sent out to you.

## **Cautious Re-opening for Public Worship: Wednesdays and Weekends**

This coming week we will open the Masses in both churches on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, as listed in this newsletter, for people to attend in person. The churches will not be open for private prayer at any other times.

If you have Covid19 symptoms or are living with anyone who has symptoms you should not come to Mass. If you are clinically vulnerable to Covid19 you should be aware that there is a risk of infection which the measures below will reduce but not entirely eliminate.

**The Sunday obligation is still suspended** and live streaming of our Masses every day will continue.

Please consider attending weekday Mass instead of Saturday or Sunday.

**Numbers in Church will be limited** to allow 1m+ social distancing.

You will need to **bring and wear your own facemask**.

Please do not bring large bags or shopping with you.

Everyone, including children, will need to **use hand sanitiser on entry and exit, observe social distancing, follow steward's directions to a bench and stay there until directed to receive Holy Communion (in the hand only) at the end of Mass and leave without returning to your bench.**

There will be no singing, no Sign of Peace, no handshaking, hugging or gathering in groups for conversations, no Children's Liturgy.

Only the priest will be in the sanctuary.

Piety stalls and toilets will remain closed.

**A leaflet and a video** about what to expect if you do come to church can be found on our parish websites and on the Archdiocesan website at <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/cautious-reopening-churches>.

## **Volunteers**

We are grateful to those who have volunteered to act as stewards, but we would like to have more volunteers so that we can open more Masses during the week. If you can help in either church, and are not in the vulnerable categories, please send your name and phone number to the relevant email address on this newsletter.

## *Choosing the Right Burden*

Jesus offers a strange sort of rest: come to me if you are over-burdened and you will find rest by taking up my burden, because it's light.

We all know what it's like to feel tired, but we also know the difference between the good feeling of being physically tired but happy because what we've been doing is enjoyable and worthwhile and the awful feeling of being weighed down and worn out by the relentless pressure of responsibilities that seem too hard for us to bear.

Perhaps the clue is in the second offer Jesus makes: learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Gentleness is not the same as weakness. Gentle people do not break the bruised reed or quench the wavering flame, they never resort to the raised voice, the clenched fist or the threat of violence to get their own way, but they are relentless and courageous. Humble people know their place and their true worth, they do not imagine that they are in control of everything but they know the contribution they can make.

If we can learn from Jesus to be gentle and humble of heart, and if we can get the right balance between owning the responsibilities that are truly ours and trusting that God will look after the things that are beyond our control, then we will find the rest he promises.

The full version of the Serenity Prayer, written by Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971) and adopted by AA and many other Twelve Step programmes, sums up the attitude Jesus is encouraging:

*God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time;  
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;  
taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;  
trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will;  
that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him  
forever in the next.*

*Amen.*

*Fr Chris*