

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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& St Swithin, Croxteth**

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Sunday 12th July 2020

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially
Reginald Owens, Sue Lundy

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

John Anthony Cummins (B'day Anniv), Larry Flaherty (80th B'day Anniv Rem)

**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, Joan Turner, Molly O'Dowd, Brian McEvoy

Live Streaming System

All the Masses in both churches continue to be livestreamed via the parish websites. 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 and we will email you a Zoom invitation and instructions.

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

SATURDAY 11th July

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 12th July

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 13th July

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 14th July

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

WEDNESDAY 15th July

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

7.00pm Mass: St Swithin's

Cemetery (weather permitting)

THURSDAY 16th July

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 17th July

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SATURDAY 18th July

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 19th July

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

All Masses are live streamed via the parish websites.

Sea Sunday (*Collections postponed*)

On 12th July Christians around the world will celebrate Sea Sunday. We are asked to pray for seafarers and fishers and their families, many of whom are facing financial and personal difficulties during these challenging times.

HAVE YOU MISSED LOURDES THIS YEAR?

Leisure time travel offers you the opportunity to be in LOURDES for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Fly from Manchester 7th – 11th December 2020. Full board in Lourdes. Led by Fr Vin McShane. For details ring 0151 524 1476 or 07512 856 045. Please note there is limited availability.

Fr Kenny celebrated his 25th Anniversary of Ordination on Wednesday.

He has been appointed Parish Priest to St Richards, Skelmersdale

The Legend of St Swithin, 15th July



There is an old legend, trotted out every year, that the summer's weather can be predicted by observing what happens on St. Swithin's day, 15th July. If it rains on St. Swithin's Day, the tradition says, it will rain every day for the next 40 days. Can there be any truth in the saying? Apparently yes! Obviously, it's not the case that the 15th July sets out the weather for the next 40 days for sure, but there is a pattern whereby the weather in mid-July sets the stage for what is to follow. The jet-stream's

position, for example, greatly affects British weather in the summer, and its position is often fixed by mid-July for several weeks thereafter. So the weather for a week either side of St. Swithin's Day is indeed a general indication of what the rest of the summer's weather may be like.

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 week we opened both churches for people to attend Mass in person. 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 the volunteers who act as stewards, we couldn't open without you!

‘What happens next?’

In the quiz-show ‘A Question of Sport’, one of the sections is called ‘What happened next?’

One day, when I was younger, I had my own ‘What happened next?’ moment. I was playing golf on a field with a row of terraced houses behind it. I struck, what I thought, was a beautiful shot, but to my immense horror I saw the ball fly over the field, bounce on to the road, and go heading for the houses. I froze for a moment as I anticipated the possible horror of what might follow.

What did happen next was that the ball struck a thin strip of brick between a large glass window and a glass door. The ball rolled gently down the street whereby I hurriedly picked up and went on my way. I remember that awful moment of fear over what might happen but then that relief and lightness that things had actually turned out well.

St Paul quotes a phrase in the Second reading of Mass today; “the freedom and glory of the children of God”. This freedom and glory is what is open to us as Catholics due our belief that God is playing an active part in shaping the events of our lives and that it is in His hands that our futures lie.

This present time is a time, naturally, of uncertainty, and with plenty that may cause us anxiety, fear and worry over what the future actually holds for us. But, if we can pause, just to take a moment and to consider that, as we are God’s children, what happens next in the unfolding of our lives, does, indeed, have God’s stamp on it, then, maybe it just lightens the pressure on us a little. We realise that God is in charge of the future, He wants good things for His children and so we invite Jesus to “take over” when things get too much for us. Hopefully, this brings with it a little more peace.

It has been said “Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present.”

So, may we spend our present inviting Jesus to “take over” when events make us frightened about the future and place our trust in Him over ‘what happens next’ in our lives.

Fr Anthony