

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

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Sunday 19th July 2020

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially
Reginald Owens, Maria Riley, Kathleen Bickerstaffe

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time
Tommy Gannon (Anniv & B'day Rem 85 yrs), Terence Gannon,
Thomas Gannon Senior

**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, Agnes
Sweeney

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 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

MONDAY 20th July

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 21st July

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

WEDNESDAY 22nd July

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 23rd July

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 24th July

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SATURDAY 25th July

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 26th July

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

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

Sing along with Fr Grant Maddock and James Finnegan

Fr Grant, parish priest of St Catherine's in Lydiate and James Finnegan, a seminarian and talented musician who is staying there at present, have been livestreaming on Facebook a hymnathon where you can enjoy traditional and contemporary hymns and prayer intentions and good humour. You don't need a Facebook account – just go to <https://www.facebook.com/StCatherineLydiate/>

Charity Shops Open for Donations

Now that the schools are closing for the summer, many parents will be going through their children's clothes and sifting out the things that won't still fit in September. The charity shops began to re-open in mid-June. There are still restrictions in the charity shops, but most shops are still inviting our donations the same as usual.

Christchurch Food Pantry: Over 80 residents are now signed up to the Norris Green Food Pantry . To help stretch your budget for £3.50 you can get £15-£20 worth of groceries. Register at www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk . If you have any problems filling in the form you can contact the Pantry Team by emailing christchurchpantry@gmail.com or ringing 07874 772872

Emergency Food: The Food Hub is now located in Ellergreen Community Centre. The contact number is 0151 233 4604.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children and families have been patiently waiting for news of when we can celebrate their First Communion. Our current plan, subject to any changes in regulations, is to have the Communion Masses in both churches on the first three Saturdays in October. We will let you know more as soon as we can.

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

People can now 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!

God is not like us

In the full version of the Gospel for this weekend Jesus tells three more parables, though for our Masses we'll use the short version of the Gospel with just the first them. Each parable gives us another insight into how God works and with each one it becomes clearer that God doesn't think or act as we do. Last weekend we heard the story of the sower, going out and throwing the precious seed generously and carelessly in all directions. In the first parable this weekend we hear about another sower who carefully sowed good seed in his field but then an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. It's often said that there's good and bad in all of us. Some of us tend to rush to judgement, wanting to root out evil wherever we see it. The parable tells us that God's way is different. He lets the weeds and the wheat grow side by side until the harvest and then even makes something good come from the weeds, using them as fuel for the fire.

The second parable challenges our tendency to judge by appearances. A mustard seed appears to be tiny and insignificant, but God knows its potential to become the greatest shrub of all and provide shelter for the birds of the air, provided it is planted in the right soil, watered and nurtured. Even the smallest seed of faith in someone's heart is not to be ignored, despised or discouraged. Instead we are to welcome and encourage any signs of faith, because, in God's kingdom, the smallest seed can grow into something wonderful.

Yeast is another tiny thing. The amount a woman would put into three measures of flour might seem completely insignificant, but it transforms the wheat into bread that gives life. The life of God growing in each of us is not meant to condemn or destroy the world but to transform the whole of creation into the beautiful and life-sustaining reality that God created it to be.

As followers of Jesus, especially in these strange times of the pandemic, we are called to be servants of the kingdom of God by learning the ways of patience, generosity and hope. God is not like us, but we can learn to be more like God.

Fr Chris

