

# NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

**Our Lady Queen of Martyrs  
& 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 30th August 2020**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

## **New Live Streaming System**

All services from both churches are now live streamed via Church Services TV. You can view services via the links on our websites, Facebook and Twitter sites or for Our Lady's at [www.churchservices.tv/croxteth](http://www.churchservices.tv/croxteth) and for St Teresa's at [www.churchservices.tv/teresanorrisgreen](http://www.churchservices.tv/teresanorrisgreen).

**Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially**

Patricia Maher, Paddy McNally, Derek Roberts, Alma McLean,  
Veronica Bullen, Ronald Cook, Alan Woods, Carl Devereux, James Templeton

**and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time,**

*Michael Leo Burke, Matty Bradley, Joseph Rawlinson, Mathew Thottathil,  
Annama Mathew, Valerie Furey & Tommy Furey (RIP) 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*

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

*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 & Kate, Angela Adlen, Giles Rowe, Angela Gregory,  
Phyllis Cook, Anna Gawlik, Mick Lawrence, Joan Turner, Brian McEvoy,  
Agnes Sweeney, Elizabeth O'Grady*

## WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome **Austin Lloyd & Cydni Rose Morrison** who were recently Baptised into our faith community.



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit—

## RCIA

Our RCIA group has continued to meet remotely throughout lockdown in preparation for reception of the Sacraments.

Congratulations to **Sue Gallagher** who was fully received into the Catholic Church last weekend at St Teresa's.

Please keep in your prayers the rest of the RCIA Group for the Pastoral Area who will be receiving Sacraments at Masses during August and September.

This weekend we will be welcoming Hongfu Pan, Min Pan and their lovely daughters Jessica & Jennifer into our Catholic family.

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

### SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> August

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

**6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

### SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> August

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

**11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup> August **BANK HOLIDAY**

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> September

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> September

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

**7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> September

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> September 1st Friday

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

7.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> September

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

**6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> September

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

**11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

*All Masses are live streamed via the parish websites*

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## **Prayer and Other Resources from the Archdiocese**

New resources now available include:

- [Reflection for the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time \(also available as an audio download\)](#).
- [Readings for the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.](#)
- [Resources for the Sundays of Creation Time.](#)
- [School of Prayer: an exploration of imaginative contemplation.](#)
- [Feedback from a meeting regarding baptisms and first communions.](#)

All can be accessed/downloaded at

<https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> or through <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/> by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

## **Volunteers**

We are still looking for more volunteers who are not in the vulnerable categories and can be available to steward at baptisms and funerals. If you can help, please email the relevant church.

## **St. Aidan and Saints of Lindisfarne - August 31st**

The first person whose name we know who lived on the island of Lindisfarne was St. Aidan. It was on this island that Aidan establish an Irish-type monastery of wooden buildings, a small church, small circular dwelling huts, and workshops. Here the monks lived a life of prayer, study and austerity. From here they went out and sowed the seeds of Christian communities.

We do not know who first brought Christianity to this country way back in the days of the Roman empire. We have no obvious original apostle. Yet, if we must choose one man to be called "Apostle of England" it could be claimed that Aidan is that man. "Apostle of Northumbria" he certainly was.

## **Eucharistic Ministry**

We know that many of our sick and housebound people are hungering for the Eucharist and we are hoping that soon we may be able to resume the wonderful ministry of bringing them Holy Communion. To help us prepare for that time, we need to recruit some more Eucharistic Ministers who are not in the vulnerable categories for Covid19. If you, or anyone you know, would like to be considered for training for this ministry, please speak to one of the clergy or email the relevant parish.

## **The Journey of the Cross**

When reading the autobiography of Bear Grylls, he described the most difficult mission as his attempt to climb Mount Everest. Here was a man who was supremely fit and strong, both physically and mentally. However, for someone who is famous for overcoming all obstacles and challenges, Everest tested him to the maximum. The continuous slog of trudging through snow, the difficulty of breathing at high altitude, the brain saying “enough is enough”. It was a test in every sense of the word.

The journey of the Cross can often feel like this experience. But Jesus encourages us in today’s Gospel that the Cross is something we should undergo. He tells us, “If anyone wants to be a follower of mine...take up his cross and follow me.” Just like reaching the summit of Everest was a difficult path to take, similarly, for the Christian, it is a difficult path that leads to the pinnacle of Christian life - eternal life.

The journey of the Cross comes in many different ways from person to person but its challenge is without fail always difficult, and can feel like it is testing us to the maximum of our own personal resources. It can also feel like the loneliest path as we struggle under its weight. However, just as the climber is rarely alone, with a team of helpers to carry equipment, guide the way and offer support and encouragement, so too, the Christian is aided by the help of our Lord, the protection of our Blessed Lady, the intercession of the Saints and the companionship of our Guardian Angels. Added to this, the invaluable help we receive from our own families, friends and colleagues - all contributing towards our efforts to be followers of Christ.

To reach the summit for Bear Grylls, there was no way of avoiding the struggle that he was going through. But, on reaching the top: the elation of getting there, the rest that could now be taken, the glory of reaching the pinnacle of mountaineering aspirations. The Cross is, indeed, unique to each person, but it always leads to the same most glorious summit - everlasting peace and joy in heaven. This is the destination for all those who place their trust in God and follow the path of their leader.

*Fr Anthony*