

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*

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Sunday 13th September 2020
24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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 and for St Teresa's at www.churchservices.tv/teresanorrisgreen.

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

Angela Wilcock, Paula Joyce, Alan Woods, James Templeton,
Freda Barker, John Costello, Jean Lacey

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

James Morley, Annie Spellman, James Morley, Matty Barker, Patrick
Considine, Mary Doyle, John Wishart, Teresa Wishart, Sarah Connolly,
Stephen Bennett

**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, 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

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

SATURDAY 12th September

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 13th September

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 14th September

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 15th September

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

WEDNESDAY 16th September

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 17th September

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 18th September

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SATURDAY 19th September

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 20th September

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

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

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome **Theo Tomlinson, Michael Paul Stokes, Bobby Blue Kearns & Noah Bradley Sutton** who were baptised into our faith community last weekend and **Dakota Armstrong** who will be baptised on Sunday.

Warm congratulations to **Emma Foulkes** who this weekend is being Confirmed and will be receiving her First Holy Communion at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.

Emma has been journeying through the RCIA programme and we share her joy on this special day.

Please join our parish virtual coffee and cake zoom meeting on Sunday 13th September at 12.30 and donate the cost of both to **CAFOD**. Please see the following link for [your JustGiving page](#).

First Holy Communions

Thank you to the children and parents who have been so patient in waiting for news of our First Communion celebrations in the constantly changing circumstances of the pandemic. In line with current government and diocesan guidance, we are planning to celebrate First Communion Masses on the first three Saturday mornings in October. We will be in touch with parents during the coming week to explain the way these celebrations will happen and to find out

whether they wish to take up this offer or to defer their child's celebration until next summer when we hope conditions may be different.

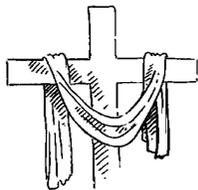
BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

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.

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 Triumph of the Holy Cross *14th September*



We are called to participate in the struggle against evil in every form: racism, social injustice, oppression, infidelity, dishonesty, and corruption. The Risen Lord wishes to deliver us from all evil. But how? Not by removing every difficulty, but by giving us courage to face it and overcome it. Our sufferings are stepping-stones to victory. We look to the cross as a symbol of triumph over suffering and the promise of eternal life.

De La Catholic Academy Open Evening

Thursday 24th September, 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm

This event is a socially distanced, interactive journey along the 'De La Salle Way'. All boys from Year 5 - 6 will be made most welcome.

Clean Up the World Weekend *18th-20th September*

This year is a little different because of Coronavirus we cannot join together in big numbers to pick litter or clean beaches. However, we can still participate from the safety of our homes by contacting the environment department at the council to alert them to local problems.

Imitating God and forgiving our neighbour

Today's Gospel shows the enormity of God's mercy and the contrast with human forgiveness of our brothers and sisters.

In the Gospel parable, the King is owed 10,000 talents by the servant. This debt would have been the equivalent to around 200,000 days work! An incredible amount that seems impossible to pay back. But, that is the point. We can never pay God back for all the wrongs we have done against Him but God, being God, uses the only way in how that balance can be addressed - the depth of his mercy.

The same servant is owed 100 denarii by one of his fellow servants. This amount runs into a handful of pounds in today's money. There is no comparison between the debts. However, this servant, in the throes of human weakness and lack of charity refuses to mirror the forgiveness he has received, towards his fellow servant.

The discrepancy highlights the difference between God and us. God is unfailingly and incredibly generous when it comes to forgiveness. Jesus demonstrated this on that first Good Friday when he pleaded to the Father for his accusers, "Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do". Forgiving somebody who has wronged us can be something we find difficult to do when it is asked of us. God demonstrates an ocean of mercy whereas, sometimes, ours may be a small puddle!

Upon his conversion to Catholicism, St Augustine talked of God "turning his sins to ice". In other words, it is the warmth of God's love for fallen humanity that melts our wrong-doings away. The challenge for us and, indeed, the obligation as followers of Jesus, is to try to imitate the King in the Gospel story - showing pity and compassion to those who do us wrong. Being not cold-hearted but warm in reconciliation towards our neighbour and reflecting the image of God.

Forgiving somebody who has caused us pain or humiliation is often very difficult. It might feel too easy to let them off the hook like that. But, that is what we aspire to do and in the carrying out, we come closer to God and begin the healing process within ourselves.

Fr Anthony