

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 4th October 2020

27th 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
Veronica Hughes, Joan Sutton, Theresa Challoner, Janet Moorhouse

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Josie McConnell, Tracey McConnell

**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, Anna Gawlik,
Mick Lawrence, Joan Turner, Brian McEvoy, Elizabeth O'Grady

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

SATURDAY 3rd October

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 4th October

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 5th October

1.00pm Requiem: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 6th October

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

12.00 Requiem: Queen of Martyrs

WEDNESDAY 7th October

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 8th October

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 9th October

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

SATURDAY 10th October

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 11th October

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

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

New resources for reflection and prayer.

- [Reflection for the Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time \(also available as an audio download\)](#).
- [Readings for the Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.](#)
- ['Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ: Beginning.](#)
- [Latest newsletter from Nugent Caritas 'Let's Stay in Touch'.](#)
- [Deaf monthly news.](#)

All can be accessed/downloaded at

<https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> or through

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/> by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Congratulations to Charlotte Balfour, Isabella Burns, Aimee Doherty, Philippa Smith, Olivia Strong, Michael Stevenson, Sophia Stevenson, Victoria Wysocka, Isabella Adamson, Francis Bogdan & Daniel McCune who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they take this important step in their journey of faith.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 9th October

This week our parish is marking CAFOD's family fast day to help people facing the worst of the Corona virus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and you may wish to donate on line www.cafod.org.uk/give or in the second collection. You can also give easily by text. Text 70085 to donate £10.

Justice & Peace Commission - Prepare the Future: Taking the Common Good Seriously. You are invited to join Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD who will be giving a talk on Zoom on Saturday 10 October, 2020 at 10:00am – 12 noon including small group discussions to identify local actions. Registration to receive the link is on the Liverpool J&P website jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk



Pope Benedict's Prayer Intention October 2020

Earlier this year Pope Francis named the first woman to a managerial position in the Vatican's most important office, the Secretariat of State. This shows Pope Francis's recognition that the Catholic Church needs to better recognise the role of women. Yet for many women, the seeds of change feel a long time overdue. For many women (though obviously not all), strong roles within the church don't seem in step with the twenty first century. This month we are all invited to pray "**....that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.**"

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Parish Administrator, Our Lady of the Annunciation and St Bernadette, Standish 9 hours per week. To apply, visit www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs
Alternatively, ring 0151 522 1102 for an application pack

Reflection

In today's Gospel we hear, St Matthew's account of the parable of the vineyard and the wicked tenants who refused to give up the agreed share of the harvest to the owner of the land. And like many of the Gospel parables it comes with a warning, directed originally to a specific audience. But these parables are preserved in scripture as a cautionary tale for each following generation of believers.

We may say the same of Isaiah's image of the vineyard. When we hear in the first reading the vineyard of the, "Lord of hosts, is the House of Israel and the men of Judah are his chosen plants".

The Gospel today is about God offering his chosen people, during the course of their history, many opportunities to change themselves for the better. Most of which they squander but part of their story could easily be intertwined with our story today.

The first reading also emphasizes this when, God says to his people, "What more could I have done for my people, but I have not done."

So Jesus was directing this parable at the Jewish leadership of his day.

These parables have a lot to teach us about our own stewardship.

And as such it has many very important lessons for the church and it's leaders, lessons for all of God's people, as we have at least, all received life from God. Life is given to us in trust and like good stewards we're expected to cultivate and manage this life in such a way that it bears good fruit.

Fruits that we can present to God, the owner of our lives, on the day of reckoning.

Today the vineyard parable can be fitted snugly into many of our everyday life experiences and it raises up many questions. Questions that we should be able to answer to the satisfaction of our conscience, questions like what kind of tenants are we.

Even though we might not deserve it we all get many opportunities to cooperate with the grace of God, so as good stewards let's not squander them as we've seen in today's Gospel, Where the Jewish leaders by and large rejected the opportunities that Jesus offered them.

Rev Dcn Malcolm