

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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

Deacons: Chris Housbey, Malcolm Fletcher, Donagh McKillop

Sunday 8th November 2020

Remembrance Sunday

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

Janet Clarke, Bernard Broome, Lily Dawn, Kathleen Murphy, Abraham Covie, Thomas Frear, Elva Boatflower, John Bruder, Rose Keating, Michael Conby, James Hughes, Louise Coyne, Elizabeth Walsh, Christopher Brennan, Paula Edgar, Bill Dale

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Charlie & Winnie O'Neill, Alan Bean, Thomas Patrick Spellman

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, Jon, Mick Lawrence, Joan Turner, Brian McEvoy, Elizabeth O'Grady, David Holgate, Eleanor March, Lily Walsh, Raymond Doran, Joan, Daria McCusker, Terry Sweeney

ALL MASSES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ONLY

SATURDAY 7th November
6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 8th November
10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

MONDAY 9th November
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's
11.45am: Funeral Service.

TUESDAY 10th November
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

WEDNESDAY 11th November
7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 12th November
10.15am Requiem: OLQM

FRIDAY 13th November
11.00 Funeral Service: St Teresa's

SATURDAY 14th November
6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 15th November
10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

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

Suspension of Public Worship

As many of you will already have heard, public worship has been suspended in our churches until 2 December inclusive, except for funerals. Therefore, all regular Masses will be livestreamed, as they were during the first Lockdown.

With Fr Chris currently undergoing a period of rest and recovery (see below), we will try to accommodate one Mass per day (apart from Friday) and divide the Masses as equally as we can between the two churches. Inevitably, the sad increase in funerals will disrupt a normal rhythm but please keep the families and the deceased in your prayers. We thank you for your patience during this difficult and unpredictable time. Prayers & best wishes to you all.

Fr Chris is still recovering in Ince Blundell but is making good, steady progress. It has been nice to have a couple of conversations with him this week. He is very grateful for the thoughts and prayers of all parishioners. Fr Chris has also been joining us for Mass on the weekends, and being an ex-teacher, this has reminded me of Ofsted Inspections once again! Get well soon Fr Chris!

Fr Anthony

November, Month of the Faithful Departed.

During the month of November we pray for all our deceased family members and friends. We aim to remember how they helped and loved us whilst they were with us and we commit to keeping their memory **alive by** adopting the qualities we most admired in them. We also pray for those who have died that have fought for our way of life and our religious freedom, and we pray for those who have died alone who have no one to remember them.

Remembrance Sunday - 8th November 2020

Remembrance Sunday falls on the Sunday nearest Armistice Day, 11 November, which marks the end of the First World War. On this day are remembered all those who gave their lives for their country, all who suffered and died through acts of war and those who were left behind to grieve and mourn.

Due to Covid restrictions, The Royal British Legion are asking that instead of attending traditional services this year we stand on our doorstep for the two minute silence in honour of those who gave their lives in order for us to be free.

On this day we are asked to pray

- For peace and reconciliation between nations, that enemies may put aside all differences.
- For all those who have died through war or acts of violence in defence of our country, may we never forget their sacrifice.

Light A Candle in Prayer - With CAFOD

Here's how. Go to www.lightacandle.cafod.org.uk/ and follow the link to 'Light a Candle In Prayer'. Type who you are praying for. Type in your message, make your donation, then light and place your candle on the 'virtual' votive stand. By doing this you are making an act of remembrance and supporting our Catholic Aid charities. By celebrating the life of someone special, you can help to change thousands more.

WELCOME We are delighted to welcome the following children who were baptised into our faith community last weekend, *Ruby Nicholls & Luke Mulray* at St Teresa's.

Operation Christmas Child 2020

Since 1990, more than 113 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child.

- Drop-Off points can accept gift-filled shoeboxes from **9 – 16th November 2020**.
- See more at: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child

Feminine Wisdom!

Our first reading from the Book of Wisdom refers to wisdom in the feminine, and speaking on behalf of all the husbands out there, our wives are truly wise, not just because they married us, but because their love and support keeps us on the right path.

Our Gospel tells us the story of the ten bridesmaids, five who were wise and five who were not. Five had the wisdom to take extra oil for their lamps so they could see the groom safely to the reception, the other five were left outside.

This gives us an interesting insight into Jewish culture and tradition, in western tradition the groom has his best man and maybe a couple of ushers, the bridesmaids are there to support the bride. In this story it is the groom that takes centre stage, this really isn't the brides day.

In this instance we should view the groom as Jesus and all of us are the bridesmaids, we should not only be awake when Jesus comes knocking at our doors, but we should be prepared to meet him and be ready to go with him wherever he leads us, taking with us whatever we need for the journey ahead to get us to our destination safely. That destination we hope, is heaven.

We should look to the scouting movement as our inspiration, their motto is "*Be Prepared*" and with our lives being so busy and unpredictable at present we can easily lose sight of the wood for the trees. We can be preoccupied with storing things up for every eventuality that could happen here on earth, when we really should be preparing for our eternal life in heaven by listening to the words of Jesus and making time so we can have some quiet time with him in our hearts.

Deacon Chris

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