

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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*In the Pastoral Area of St Raphael and St Paul
with Blessed Sacrament 474 2682*

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Sunday 15th November 2020
33rd 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
William Dale, Elizabeth (Lily)Walsh, Louisa Alice Coyne, John Bailey, Anthony Hendricks, Keith Garnett, Kathleen Kavanagh, Mr Clarke, Jane Durney,
John Cassin

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Mary Dearden, James Dunn, Thomas Kavanagh, Michael Spellman, Sr Mary Mulhall FMA, Sr Teresa Shannon FMA, Sr Lisetta Ferrari FMA, Anthony 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, Raymond Doran, Joan, Daria McCusker, Terry Sweeney

ALL MASSES WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ONLY

SATURDAY 14th November

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 15th November

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

MONDAY 16th November

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 17th November

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

WEDNESDAY 18th November

9.15am Requiem: Queen of Martyrs

11.45am Funeral: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 19th November

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

10.30am Requiem: OLQM

FRIDAY 20th November

9.00am No Mass

SATURDAY 21st November

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 22nd November

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

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Suspension of Public Worship

As many of you will already have heard, public worship has been suspended in our churches until 2nd 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, 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 and best wishes to you all.

Our Annual Mass for the Bereaved will be livestreamed at 7.00 pm on Monday 23rd November, St Teresa's and Tuesday 24th November, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. During this Mass the names of all those who have died during the last year will be called out.

A message from ACROSS

It is with heavy hearts that the Across Board of Trustees are writing to you today to announce we will not be running our pilgrimage season to Lourdes in 2021. This decision has been made following consultation with our medical advisers

and in light of the continued uncertainty both at home and in France. The team at Across have always tried to make the impossible, possible, and to find ourselves in a situation where we are unable to offer pilgrimages to Lourdes for Across groups for the second year in a row, is truly heart-breaking. Our intention is to try and run some shorter UK trips during 2021, and we will be in touch to consult and discuss the possibilities with group leaders. These are uncertain times for us all, and until we are able return to Lourdes as an Across family taking the sick, disabled and terminally ill we must place our prayers and hopes for the future in God's hands.

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 in 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.

November Novena

This Novena was prepared by members of the Spirituality Committee on behalf of the Liturgy Office www.liturgyoffice.org.uk.

How Does Non-Violence Resolve Conflict?

Pax Christi International is pleased to announce the publication of '**Advancing Nonviolence and Just Peace in the Church and the World**'. The book shares the experiences of on-the-ground nonviolent interventions, explores the scriptural, theological and historical foundations of nonviolence, reviews the most current social science on how nonviolence has been effectively employed, and outlines a vision for how the Church might embrace active nonviolence into every aspect of its life.

Advancing Nonviolence and Just Peace is a biblical, theological, ethical, pastoral and strategic resource for anyone seeking to understand or expand Catholic thinking on nonviolence. You can order your copy at www.paxchristi.net/2020/10/26/new-book-advancing-nonviolence/

The Irenaeus Newsletter contains lots of new and useful information, including the Christmas Carol Service on 21st December 2020. It promises to be very uplifting and of course very different - find it at www.irenaeus.org.uk

Using His gifts well

I have always felt a little sorry for the man in the story who was given one talent and was taken to task by the master for the way he treated it. A little bit like the shepherd who leaves the 99 sheep on the hillside to go in search of one that is missing, it is another parable that makes me question “how would I have acted if I was in the story?” In this instance, I’m not sure I would have done anything differently to the actions of the chastised servant. The master gives him a talent and he goes to bury it. There it will be kept safe, there will be no danger of it getting lost and he can safely return it when the time comes. Would we have done anything differently?

The master, in this parable, was willing to give over his property to the servants to look after - he was willing to entrust his security, his valuables, his most precious commodities to them. How much responsibility he put on them and how much he must have trusted them to do the job well.

God is equally willing to trust us with great responsibilities. He entrusts each of us with special gifts - gifts that are God-given and are designed for a purpose. Just as the first two servants went off and doubled their number of talents, so, God wants us to use our gifts to build up the kingdom of God - to increase and make known God’s love for his people. God wants us to imitate the first and second servants who have brought forth more. Perhaps, the difference lies in the wisdom and courage to use the gifts well.

The Gospel tells us that the talents were given ‘each in proportion to his ability’. In his first letter to the Corinthians St Paul reminds us, “there are different kinds of gifts but the same spirit distributes them.....now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.’

God is continuously generous in what he gives to us and he wants us to be generous both in our receiving and in our sharing. So, we thank God for his gifts to us and may we do our best to use them wisely and for the benefit of others.

Fr Anthony