

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

**Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
& St Swithin, Croxteth**

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Sunday 6th December 2020
Second Sunday of Advent

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

Terry Sweeney, John Cassin, Margaret Johnston, Susan Foley,
Francis White, Moira Myers

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Marie Shutt (B'day Rem), Winifred Baines, John Purcell, Teresa Doyle,
Margaret Fidler, Edward Kane, Rose McMahan

**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*

THE MASSES IN BOLD TYPE ARE OPEN FOR PEOPLE TO ATTEND

SATURDAY 5th December

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SUNDAY 6th December

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 7th December

9.00 am Mass Queen of Martyrs

TUESDAY 8th December

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

WEDNESDAY 9th December

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

12noon Requiem: Queen of Martyrs

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 10th December

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 11th December

No Mass

SATURDAY 13th December

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SUNDAY 14th December

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

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

Tickets for Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Sign-up sheets for individual or family tickets for our Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be available for those attending Mass this weekend (5th-6th) and next weekend (12th-13th). After 13th December any remaining tickets will be available via the parish offices. A family ticket will admit those living in one household up to the number that can fit in one bench. The tickets will be available for collection at the Masses on the weekend of 19th-20th December or by arrangement from the parish offices. The times of the Masses will be:
Christmas Eve: St Teresa's 6.00pm and 8.00pm; Queen of Martyrs 6.00pm and 12 midnight.

Christmas Day: St Teresa's 10.00am; Queen of Martyrs 11.30am

Synod Proposals: we want to hear from you

Because of the pandemic, the final meeting of our Synod process has been put back from October to June, and our Synod Members are now at the important stage of preparing to prioritise the most important affirmations and propositions that were put forward during the last stage of the process. You can find these at <https://synod2020.co.uk/proposals>. If you have time to read them, please then take a bit more time to reflect on them and to ask yourself 'Which of these many proposals and affirmations do I feel most drawn to?'. Then join our two-parish chat by Zoom at 12.30pm this Sunday, 6th December, to let our Synod Members know your views and to help them in this discernment process. We'd really like to hear your thoughts. The link for the chat is:

<https://zoom.us/j/97285893244?pwd=bHVmUUU94ZjYyMlpxLzUzUHJiSU85QT09>
Meeting ID: 972 8589 3244. Passcode: 165559. You can also post or email your views to either of the parish offices, before Monday 7th December.

CAFOD Advent Reflections by Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald MAfr

You are invited a time of reflective prayer by Zoom at 7.00– 7.30pm on Mondays 7th December, 14th December, 21st December, also available on YouTube Liverpool J&P and Facebook. To receive the Zoom link please register via our Facebook Page [jpliverpooljp](#) or online at the [J&P website](#).

Nugent Crisis Fund Update

As many of you will be aware, Nugent introduced a Crisis Fund a few years ago that Head Teachers, Priests or a representative of the parish, can apply to on behalf of families or individuals through the completion of an application form, detailing the difficulties the people are experiencing and why they require this one-off financial support. Due to a recent donation from a very generous supporter the fund continues to stay open, and we are able to make one off small grants to individuals and families within the Archdiocese at this time. More information can be found on [here](#) or please contact the Caritas Manager, Marie Reynolds: marier@wearenugent.org.

Christmas Cards to The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem

Priests in the Holy Land have asked if we could arrange for all the parishes in Palestine and Jordan would receive cards. We have paired parishes in the Holy Land with parishes in our diocese so that each parish will only send cards to their named parish in the Latin Patriarchate. Our paired parishes are:
Queen of Martyrs: Fr. Ashraf Al-Nimri, The Martyrs of Jordan
St Teresa's: Fr. Aldo Tolotto, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus
Please post any *small* cards into our parish offices as soon as possible.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Remembrance Mass

To watch a recording of this Mass the link is

<https://www.churchservices.tv/croxteth/archive/recordings/6zG2LygjO7W0M4C>

For St Teresa's: the link is

<https://www.churchservices.tv/teresanorrisgreen/archive/recordings/2I75IEPygXYmoWC>

Console my people

Two characters loom large in the first half of Advent: the prophet Isaiah and John the Baptist. This week's passage from Isaiah, beautifully set to music by Handel in the song from *The Messiah* 'Comfort Ye', has a special resonance for us as this week the coming vaccine appears like a light at the end of the long dark tunnel of the pandemic. The anticipation that our time of suffering from the virus and its effects may be coming to an end links to our hope of an end to all suffering, all evil and even death itself. The joy that we will feel when we can once again visit and hug our loved ones prepares us for the wonder of the coming of our God, like a shepherd, feeding his flock, gathering the lambs in his arms, holding them carefully close to his heart.

But just as the Government and the scientists warn us that we must not relax too soon, that until everyone is vaccinated we must still keep up our guard and endure a little longer the pain of separation and the inconvenience of the restrictions, so John the Baptist reminds us that there is still sin and evil in our world, in our lives and in our hearts. He calls us to repentance leading to forgiveness and he promises that the Saviour will come.

In case we are impatient, the second reading tells us that God's time doesn't run on the same clock as ours, that the Lord is not slow to carry out his promises, as anyone else might be called slow, but patient, giving everyone the opportunity to change their ways. So while we're waiting, we should do our best to live holy and saintly lives.

The pandemic has changed many things, and it may have changed our view of what it means to be saintly and holy: we have had less opportunity to be in church, but we have come to appreciate the value of every human life and the goodness of people of all faiths and none who have reached out to help those in need. Pope Francis constantly challenges us to be a church that tends the wounds of all who suffer. As we ask the Lord to console us, we aim to be a people who comfort those in any kind of pain.

Fr Chris