

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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Sunday 27th December 2020

Feast of the Holy Family

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
Joan Carter, Brian Monaghan, Mary Baines, Mary Garforth, Sadie Wishart-Williams, Doris Gillies, Mary Saltmarsh, James Barrett, Christopher Walsh, Christina Hardman, Peter Cain, Rose Williams, Carol
and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Louisa Hough(Bday Rem), Eileen Whelan, John McCarney, Ann Burns, Bud Woods, Raymond McManus, Christina Begg, Thomas Begg, Peter Richardson

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, Robert Gibson

THE MASSES IN BOLD TYPE ARE OPEN FOR PEOPLE TO ATTEND

THURSDAY 24th December

11.30am Requiem for Sr. Winifred

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

8.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

Midnight Mass: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 25th December

10.00am St Teresa's

11.30am Queen of Martyrs

SATURDAY 26th December

10.00am St Teresa's

11.30am Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 27th December

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

All Masses are live streamed via the parish websites.

MONDAY 28th December

No Mass

TUESDAY 29th December

10.00am: St Teresa's

2.30pm Funeral: St Teresa's

WEDNESDAY 30th December

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

Thursday 31st December

10.00am: St Teresa's

Friday 1st January 2021

10.00am: Queen of Martyrs

Saturday 2nd January

6.00pm: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm: St Teresa's

Sunday 3rd January

10.00am: St Teresa's

11.30am: Queen of Martyrs

Boxing Day "St Stephen's Day" 26th December

One theory on the origin of Boxing Day and why it is celebrated is that on the day after Christmas, members of the merchant class would give boxes containing food and fruit, clothing, or money to trades people and servants.

What a great extension of the Christmas holiday spirit. You might consider making this holiday a tradition in your family. Put into practice the simple principle of giving to others less fortunate.

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Holy Innocents Day, Childermas, 28th December

Holy Innocents Day, once also known as 'Childermas', falls on 28th December. It commemorates King Herod's massacre of all male infants in and around Bethlehem under the age of two in an attempt to kill the young Christ. In the days when Christmas was less child centred, Childermas was a time for indulging children with treats and parties.

Today is a day we might consider supporting a children's charity such as Barnardos, NSPCC, UNICEF, and Save The Children.

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Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - January 1st 2021



The first day of the year is the day the Church sets aside for honouring Mary. Mary represents true discipleship. Mary exhibits a life of hearing, seeing, and telling of God's marvellous deeds. Mary inspires us to consider deeply the significance of events in our own lives. Do we journey through life oblivious to the world around us, or do we resolve to make some kind of impact? Maybe instead of making new year resolutions to lose weight or make more money, we should resolve this year to be more like Mary.

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WELCOME We are delighted to welcome *Theo Pendleton* who was baptised into our faith community last weekend.



New resources now available include:

- [Reflection for the Feast of the Holy Family \(also available as an audio download\)](#).
- [Reflection for the Second Sunday of Christmas \(also available as an audio download\)](#).
- [Readings for Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family and the Second Sunday of Christmas.](#)
- [Week 16 and 17 in the series of 'Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ.](#)

IF YOU FEEL LONELY DON'T SUFFER IN SILENCE

- Text 'SHOUT' to 85258 (24/7)
- SAMARITANS 116 123
- MIND 0300123 3393
- THE CALM ZONE 0800 58 58 58
- REFUGE 0808 200 0247
- YOUNG MINDS 0808 802 5544

There are many other places to contact, however you are feeling. Wherever you are in the world there are always people and places you can contact. You are NOT alone; you WILL get through this!

*The Parish Team wishes you Christmas
Joy and a Happy New Year!*

Gospel Reflection for the Feast of the Holy Family

Happy Families

In families where parenting skills are minimal, social workers tread a narrow path between keeping children safe and keeping families together.

Social workers know that most children living even in the very worst conditions would rather be with their parents than live in care. To the shocked onlooker, it's sometimes difficult to know why this should be.

Family attachments can't easily be over estimated and the importance of this attachment can hardly be over emphasised. It is in the context of our families that we first learn love.

Through praise and encouragement we learn our worth. Through example and guidance we learn the difference between right and wrong. It is in our family setting that we learn to feel confident and secure. It is from our parents that we learn our values.

The birth of Christ took place in circumstances of poverty, without many of the comforts we would consider basic, and yet we know that this was a family that shared every value that counts for anything.

It doesn't matter whether we are single parents, aunts, uncles, foster parents or grandparents we look to the Holy Family and follow their example in making our own homes places of peace and happiness places where true values flourish.

Donagh