

# NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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with Blessed Sacrament 474 2682*

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Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Live Streaming System

All services from both churches are 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](http://www.churchservices.tv/croxteth) and for St Teresa's at [www.churchservices.tv/teresanorrisgreen](http://www.churchservices.tv/teresanorrisgreen).

**Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially Daniel Cavanagh, Teresa Courtney, Marie Coward, Olive Oxby, Mary Morrow, Chris Hodgson Mary Quinn, Patrick Whitelaw, Mary Mowsley, Mary Muir and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time**

Bernie & Teddy Boyd (Wedding Anniversary 65 yrs), Teddy Boyd (B'day Rem) Stephen Corrigan, Josie McDonagh, Johanne Henigan, Francis Johnston, Henry Hobson, Francis Hobson, Albert Elias, Bridget Lee

**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, Joan, Daria McCusker, Robert Gibson, Deb Joyce, Margaret Lace, Irene Kennedy, Brian Threlfall, Mike and Eileen Guy.*

SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs  
6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> January  
10.00am Mass: St Teresa's  
11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> January  
10.00am Requiem: Queen of Martyrs

TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> January  
9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs  
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> January  
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's  
12.00 Requiem: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> January  
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's  
12.00 Funeral: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> January  
9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> January  
6.00pm St Teresa's  
6.00pm Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> January  
10.00am Mass: St Teresa's  
11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

*There are no public Masses in our churches at present. All Masses are live streamed via the parish websites.*

### **Rite of Welcome**

Last Tuesday we had held an online celebration of welcome for those who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Communion in our local parishes. Please keep them in your prayers

### **New resources for prayer and reflection include:**

- [Reflection for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time \(also available as an audio download\)](#).
- [Sunday readings](#).
- [Weeks 20 in the series of 'Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ.](#)



### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January**

Each day during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Christian Aid has provided a starting point, reflection, questions and a prayer based on the theme. Here you can turn your reflections into action with our Go and Do points. This resource is hugely thought provoking and well worth reading. You can find this at Churches Together in Britain

and Ireland [www.ctbi.org.uk/go-and-do-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/](http://www.ctbi.org.uk/go-and-do-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/)

## **Fish with Mark**

God Speaks in our Time – reflections on our journey through Mark's Gospel are available to view at [www.godwhospeaks2020.org.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks2020.org.uk). Voices from the Archdiocese share what has struck them in the Gospel of Mark as we follow the Lectionary for Year B, and prompt us to delve deeper.

**The Hub of Hope** is a health database bringing grassroots and national mental health services together. Using the location of web browser or mobile devices, the web application allows anyone, anywhere to find the nearest source of support for any mental health issue, from depression and anxiety to PTSD and suicidal thoughts, as well as providing a 'talk now' button connecting users directly to the Samaritans. It has been endorsed by 25 national mental health support organisations and trusts. <https://hubofhope.co.uk/>

## **Conversion of Paul - January 25th**

When we are struggling to find change in our lives, we could hardly do better than look to the story of Saul, the great persecutor of Christians, who saw the light on the road to Damascus. The story of the conversion of Saul, from the persecutor of Christians to the zealous and holy instrument of evangelisation, Paul, shows the strength of God's power in our lives, and how He can change anything.

Although misguided, Saul had always been sincere and committed. In him God saw a tremendous instrument for all that he wanted to accomplish. The lesson here is to remember that for God, nothing is impossible.

## **Holocaust Memorial Day - January 27th**

The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) 2021 is **Be the light in the darkness**. It encourages everyone to reflect on the depths humanity can sink to, but also the ways individuals and communities resisted that darkness to 'be the light' before, during and after genocide.

This theme asks us to consider different kinds of 'darkness', for example, identity-based persecution, misinformation, denial of justice; and different ways of 'being the light', for example, resistance, acts of solidarity, rescue and illuminating mistruths. We can all stand in solidarity. We can choose to be the light in the darkness in a variety of ways and places – at home, in public, and online.

## **Your God Needs You!**

I'm sure that people of a certain age or anyone keen on modern history will remember the famous World War I poster of Lord Kitchener with his finger outstretched saying "Your Country Needs You". Well, the readings this week follow the same theme, "Your God Needs You".

In our first reading from Jonah, God needs Jonah to get up, travel to the great city of Nineveh and tell them to change their ways or their city will be destroyed. They do and it is not. It is such a shame that this once great city, now called Mosul, has been destroyed by extremists.

In our second reading St Paul tells us what we need to do in order to be saved as he felt the world was passing away. What he asks may not be practical for us, though I am sure that lockdown has tested some marriages and attitudes. In reality what Paul is asking us to do is to radically change our ways in order to serve God better and achieve eternal life.

Our Gospel gives us Mark's version of the calling of Simon and Andrew, last week we heard John's account of this event. In this account they were at work, fishing, and Jesus tells them he will make them into "fishers of men". He also adds James and John to his group of followers.

Jonah was enjoying his life when God called him, Paul was an active persecutor of Christians when he was called, Simon, Andrew, James and John were at work when they were called. None of them were expecting the call, none of them appeared to want it, but called they were, and they all listened and obeyed.

Our challenge then is quite simple, we need to open our ears so that we can hear our call and respond to it when it comes. Our response should be the one we heard last week. "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will".

*Deacon Chris*