

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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& St Swithin, Croxteth**

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

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Sunday 10th January 2021

Baptism of the Lord

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

Mary Kelly, Marie Benson, Sr. Elsa Gretter FMA, Dorothy Foulkes,
Edna Stafford, Terence Rose, Denis Warren, Rose Williams

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Catherine Kerr, Lesley Keating, Bridget Furey

**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

THE MASSES IN BOLD TYPE ARE OPEN FOR PEOPLE TO ATTEND

SATURDAY 9th January

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SUNDAY 10th January

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 11th January

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 12th January

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

WEDNESDAY 13th January

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 14th January

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 15th January

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SATURDAY 16th January

6.00pm St Teresa's

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10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

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All Masses are live streamed via the parish websites.

New National Restrictions

In response to the rapid spread of the new, more easily transmitted, strain of the Coronavirus, the Government has issued new guidance for places of worship. Funerals can continue to take place with up to 30 people. Archbishop Malcolm has confirmed that baptisms, marriages and first communions should only take place in exceptional circumstances and with only six people attending. Otherwise, these sacraments should be postponed until further guidance is issued. Attending communal worship is one of the permitted reasons for leaving home, but everyone is instructed to restrict their social interactions as much as possible and those who have been notified by their GP that they are clinically extremely vulnerable are to shield themselves. Unless the Government regulations and advice from the Bishops change again, we will continue to offer Mass with a congregation on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, but we remind you that we are livestreaming Mass every day and that anyone who has Covid symptoms, is living with someone who has symptoms or is clinically extremely vulnerable should not come to church and that anyone who does attend must continue to adhere strictly to the procedures we have in place.

WELCOME We are delighted to welcome Sienna Grace Harris & Maggie Mia Plunkett who were baptised into our faith community last weekend.



Lending a Helping Hand

During this unsettling time, it's vital to keep in mind those who need us the most. Here are some ways you can be doing to help your older relatives, friends and neighbours, whether with practical stuff like their shopping, or keeping their spirits up at a time things feel challenging. This might also be a useful time to introduce older relatives and friends to technology that might prove helpful during this period, such as Skype or FaceTime. Age UK has written a guide to video calling which you can find at www.ageuk.org.uk/discover/2020/03/ways-to-help-older-people-coronavirus/

Archdiocese of Liverpool J&P Commission Annual Memorial Lecture Sunday January 17th at 2pm (on Zoom)

This year's Memorial Lecture will be given by Mary Colwell who is a Feature Writer for the Tablet. The title of the lecture will be: '**To Prepare a Future Full of Hope Amid Chaos and Uncertainty**' To register your place please go to the J&P website jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk or use the link <http://jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/2021/01/05/memorial-lecture-registration-17-january-2021/>

The UK government will be hosting two major international meetings this year. **The G7 summit** will bring together the heads of government from seven of the world's richest countries and will take place in summer 2021.

The UK will also be hosting the **UN 'COP26' climate talks in Glasgow between 1-12 November 2021**. This will be the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil. To be an efficient campaigner, the first thing to do is sign up for 'action news'. You can sign up for Cafod's action news at www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Action-news

CAFOD World Gifts OLQM You generously donated £138 and we have spent this money on: water supply for two families; healthy mum and baby medical care and seven keep clean kits. Thank you!

St Mary's College 11+ Entrance Examination is on 29th January. The college is a Catholic school for boys and girls of all faiths. For further information see www.stmary.ac

The Waters of Baptism

In 2017 I undertook a Diaconate Retreat in the Italian municipality of Bagnorejio in the province of Viterbo in the Italian region of Lazio, about 90km northwest of Rome. Bagnorejio itself is linked to the village of Civita di Bagnorejio, reckoned to be one of the most beautiful villages in Italy, by a footbridge that is suspended above a vast canyon. It is quite an awe-inspiring site.

At today's Mass we hear in the Gospel the story of the Baptism of Jesus. It is a reminder of our own baptism and the awe-inspiring and beautiful significance this has for us. The sacrament of Baptism is the gateway to the promised land of heaven - the sacrament that opens the door to paradise. It is also the walkway to the reuniting with our loved ones that we have shared time with on earth and who have gone ahead of us on their own journey.

As Bagnorejio is linked to the more beautiful Civita by a bridge - so too we are linked to heaven by a bridge - the bridge of faith. John's letter in the second reading describes it as 'the victory over the world'. Powerful words which point to the knowledge that the Lord, who has shown us the way to travel by his own baptism, has also prepared a place for us to join him through our own reception of this life-changing sacrament.

In addition, the Bagnorejio footbridge allows people to travel safely through a hazardous environment, providing the sure support that helps travellers to journey with confidence. So too, does the bridge of faith, opened by our own baptism, aid us Christians to keep looking and moving towards the destination of heaven, while coping with the trials and tribulations of life here on earth.

In today's Gospel, Jesus shows us the way for salvation. Perhaps, we might find a moment to reflect on our own baptism and to think of how this has changed the meaning of life for us and how, even in the difficult times and uncertain environment we now occupy, it helps us to keep on walking whilst giving us unparalleled hope for the future.

Fr Anthony