

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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& St Swithin, Croxteth**

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Sunday 17th January 2021
Second 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
Mary Kelly, Dennis Miles, Mary Quinn, Patrick Whitelaw
and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time**

Christine Sherry, Veronica Finnegan, Henry Hobson, Francis Hobson,
Terry Grace (B'day Rem) Andrew(Special Intention)

**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 Lacey, Irene Kennedy*

SATURDAY 16th January
6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs
6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SUNDAY 17th January
10.00am Mass: St Teresa's
11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 18th January
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's
9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

TUESDAY 19th January
9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs
11.00am Requiem: St Teresa's

WEDNESDAY 20th January
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's
7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 21st January
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's
10.00am Requiem: Queen of Martyrs
1.00pm Funeral: St Teresa's

FRIDAY 22nd January
9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SATURDAY 23rd January
6.00pm St Teresa's
6.00pm Queen of Martyrs

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

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

WELCOME George Janes Christopher Woods who was baptised into our faith community last weekend.



New resources for prayer and reflection include:

- [Reflection for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time \(also available as an audio download\)](#).
- [Sunday readings](#).
- [Weeks 18 and 19 in the series of 'Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ.](#)

Echoes of God

A seven week look at Old and New Testament Scripture on Mondays at 7-8pm on Zoom starting on 18th January 2021. Registration and materials (free) at www.godwhospeaks2020.org.uk

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. 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.

Peace Sunday, A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace, 17th January 2021

Pope Francis urges us all to create “a Culture of Care as a Path to Peace -a culture of care as a way to combat the culture of indifference, waste and confrontation so prevalent in our time.” As Christians, our faith teaches us that we can accomplish great things if we put on love or if our actions are motivated by love. Catholic Social Teaching also instructs that, “it is from the inner wellspring of love that the values of truth, freedom, and justice are born and grow.”

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 19th January 2021

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'"

Free trees for schools and communities

The Woodland Trust are giving away hundreds of thousands of trees to schools and communities.

The Trust is currently taking applications for trees to be delivered in MARCH 2021. If your application is unsuccessful, you can buy packs in the Woodland Trust's shop all year round. Access the application form via www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18th-25th January 2021

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/

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/>

The disciple we are to be.

Our readings today are about discipleship; they focus on the Dynamics, the dignity and the drama of being a follower of Christ.

The first reading from the Old Testament book of Samuel describes God calling the young Samuel in the middle of the night.

In the gospel Jesus calls Andrew and it is Andrew who brings Peter to Jesus, for the first time we see something of the Dynamics of discipleship that still continue today.

Some people are called directly by God like Samuel they can say here I am Lord I have heard you calling in the night. Most of us, however, have been brought to the Lord by people like "Andrew" in Today's gospel Reading.

We were baptised as infants and brought to the church by others. We grew up in the church and we're taught the truths of our faith by others. We were encouraged to follow Christ in everything we do by others.

He called us through others as surely as he called Samuel in the middle of the night. There was an "Andrew" in our life that the Lord used to Reach us, to Teach us and Guide us.

Inviting people to Christ, and his church is our privilege and responsibility. We can all be an "Andrew" to someone that is something of the dynamics of discipleship how people receive the call. Some receive it directly in the middle of the night: most receive it through others.

Just because we're currently unable to attend mass due to the Corona virus lockdown rules, it doesn't mean that we are set free from our responsibility to bear witness to the message of Christ, or to demonstrate his presence in our lives. We simply have to find new, safe and innovative ways to get the good news out to our family, our friends and our community.

We could respond like Samuel, immediately answering God's Call. We can act like Andrew, passing on to those around us what we have seen and heard. Or we can be like Peter, a firm foundation on which to build.

At every Mass, the Lord looks at us as he did at Peter and Andrew, of course he sees us as we are, but he also sees what we can be.

The kind of disciple we are to be is up to us.

Rev Dcn Malcolm