

# NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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

*Holy Name and Our Lady & St Philomena 476 0289*

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*Deacons: Chris Housbey, Malcolm Fletcher, Donagh McKillop*

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
Fifth 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](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**

Jon Mulhall, Frances McGuire, Joan Blacoe, Joan Shimmin, Jim King,  
Rose Wilding, Daniel Cavanagh, Margie Coffey, William Dowdall,  
Natalie Cassidy, Joseph Keating, Veronica Andrews, Phyllis Rutland,  
Anastasia Bellamy, Yvonne Woods, Olive Oxbey, Mike Guy, Angela O'Brien,  
Bridgie O'Driscoll

### **and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time**

Eddie Burke (98<sup>th</sup> B'day Rem), John, Claire & Fred Darwent, Pauline Edwards,  
Mary Dunne OMI, Elizabeth Sandy Keady, Winifred Taylor, Angus Hyslop,  
Marie Shutt, Sr Margaret Power FMA

### **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, Mick Lawrence, Joan Turner, Brian McEvoy, Elizabeth O'Grady, David Holgate, Joan, Daria McCusker, Robert Gibson, Deb Joyce, Margaret Lace, Irene Kennedy, Brian Threlfall, Eileen Guy, baby Toby McKuster.*

SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> February  
6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs  
6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> February  
10.00am Mass: St Teresa's  
11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> February  
9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> February  
9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs  
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> February  
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's  
7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> February  
9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs  
10.00am Requiem: St Teresa's  
10.15am Funeral: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> February  
9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs  
10.15am Funeral: St Teresa's  
2.15pm Funeral: St Teresa's

SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> February  
6.00pm St Teresa's  
6.00pm Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> February  
10.00am Mass: St Teresa's  
11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

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

New resources for prayer and reflection include:

- [Reflection for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time \(also available as an audio download\)](#).
- [Sunday readings](#).
- [Weeks 22 in the series of 'Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ.](#)

### **Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February 2021**

In his February message, the Pope asks for society to protect women who are the victims of violence. Although at least 155 countries have approved domestic violence laws and 140 have legislation regarding workplace sexual harassment, to give two examples, this does not mean that these laws always conform to international norms and recommendations, nor that they are applied and enforced. This month Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer **"... for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded by all."**

**Many Congratulations to Willie & Anice Corrigan** who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 20<sup>th</sup> February.

## **St Josephine Bakhita Feast Day: 9 February 7:00 - 8:30pm, Zoom Event**

*An Economy without Human Trafficking* with **Sr Imelda Poole IBVM**. We are delighted that Sr. Imelda will join us virtually from Albania. We will also be able to view a short film produced by [RENATE](#) (*Religious in Europe Networking Against Trafficking and Exploitation*) and guided by Sr Imelda.

Julia Bayton who works with early action anti-trafficking support from [Refugee Women Connect](#) will also give some input from a local perspective.

Please do register and join us to help understand Human Trafficking and what we can do. **Registration for Zoom Link:** <http://jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk> or [www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk)

This event is open to all people of faith and of none. **All are welcome.**



## **11th February - Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus' healing miracles—now performed at the intercession of his mother. Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters.

## **World Day of the Sick - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

In his world message for World Day of the Sick Pope Francis concludes:-

“The commandment of love that Jesus left to his disciples is also kept in our relationship with the sick. A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.”

## **CAFOD Lent Appeal**

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent) or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10.

**The February issue of the Catholic Pic** is now available in print and online. The latest edition is available to download here: <https://bit.ly/3cmeZRE>

## *Cured or Healed?*

As many of you know, I was seriously ill just a few months ago, an experience that was both traumatic and formative. The latest surge in the pandemic seems to have brought sickness close to all families. At some time in our lives each of us is going to have to face serious illness, in ourselves or in someone very close to us. It may be a life-threatening physical illness like Covid or the fever that Simon's mother-in-law had in the Gospel, or it may be a severe mental illness, like the depression that Job was suffering in the first reading this weekend. When life is threatened, our own or that of someone we love, we realise how precious it is. We storm heaven, like the people bringing their sick to Jesus after sunset, begging for a cure. Sometimes there is a cure and the sick person is restored to their former state and their former way of being able to relate to those around them. Sometimes there is only a partial cure, leaving permanent disability or diminishment. In other cases, no cure can be found and the sickness leads to death.

But healing can take place whether there is a cure or not: a healing of our relationships with ourselves, with others and with God. Discovering that our life is threatened can wake us up to what is really important in life and can bring about changes in the way we think, relate and live in whatever time is left to us. One man who had been diagnosed with terminal cancer said that, after an initial period of distress, something amazing happened: he simply stopped doing everything that wasn't essential. His terminally ill life became vital and peaceful. Then he was told that his illness was not terminal but rare and curable, and he cried, because he was afraid his life would go back to the way it used to be. He was afraid that, in being cured, he might lose the healing he had found through his illness.

In many of the accounts of Jesus curing people we hear him say 'Your sins are forgiven'. His curing of physical and mental illnesses was always linked to a deeper healing of the person and a restoring of their relationship with the Father. Let our prayer for ourselves and for others be a prayer for that deep inner healing.

*Fr Chris*