

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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Sunday 14th February 2021

Sixth 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 and for St Teresa's at www.churchservices.tv/teresanorrisgreen.

Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially

Joan Blacoe, Joan Shimmin, Jim King, Charalampos Mavromichalis, Thomas Clegg, Maureen Shimka, Michael Miello, Christopher O'Brien, Jimmy Kidd, Mary Lloyd, Dot Foucks, Cathy Gildea, Abby Johnson, John Chantre, Veronica Andrews, John Blackburn, Natalie Cassidy, Davy Rimmer, Pat Angwin, Denise Hughes, George Jesudoss Selvaraj.

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Eddie Burke (98th B'day Rem), John, Claire & Fred Darwent, Liam McMullen, Allan Bean, Bridget Russell, Maurice Tuft, Pauline Edwards, Richard McKernan

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 13th February
6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs
6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

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

MONDAY 15th February
9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

TUESDAY 16th February
9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

ASH WEDNESDAY

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's
7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 18th February
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's
10.45am Funeral: St Teresa's
10.30am Requiem: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 19th February
9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs
12.15pm Funeral: St Teresa's

SATURDAY 20th February
6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's
6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 21st 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 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time \(also available as an audio download\)](#).
- [Sunday readings](#).
- [Week 23 in the series of 'Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ.](#)
- [Rite of Acceptance during lockdown... Should we or shouldn't we?](#)

Day of Prayer for the Unemployed, 14th February

Being unemployed is hugely demoralising. Knowing that Covid has left thousands without a job has only added to the pressure. There's a lot of good advice out there for the unemployed, but the most important thing to believe is that God sees your qualities and skills even if you can't see them yourself, and that God presents opportunities when you are least expecting them.

Ash Wednesday



As we are still not holding public services (except funerals) to help stop the spread of the virus, individual packets of ashes will be blessed at our livestreamed Mass at St Teresa's at 9.00am and will be available for collection from both our churches from 10.30am onwards, along with a leaflet for a short service of receiving the blessed ashes which you can celebrate at home. Discipleship is about almsgiving, prayer and fasting and Lent is the time we are given to examine how well we have embraced that discipleship. We make these preparations with a genuine desire to discover the truth about ourselves, guarding against any hypocritical agenda to seek attention. The ashes on our foreheads remind us that time is short and we learn anew to face this grim reality with truthfulness and courage.

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 or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10.

Jesuits in Britain

We are pleased to announce the sign up for our Lent online retreat, organised by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow, and would be very grateful if you could promote this among the clergy in England and Wales or pass onto any other appropriate contacts. This year BBC Radio 4's Daily Service and Sunday Worship will be taking readings and themes of our retreat. Details below:

Knowing Jesus: Lent Online Retreat 2021

Walk with us through Lent and Easter and really come to understand and love Jesus. We will ponder Gospel stories, reflect on their meaning and see how startlingly relevant Jesus is to living a truly human life in the 21st Century. Follow the retreat online, and sign up to an online group (places limited): <https://www.onlineprayer.net/>

Sign up to receive daily emails during Lent and additional resources:

<http://eepurl.com/hnIXAn>

Suffering and humiliation

I know of somebody who, when at Primary school and it came to his turn to read, would send his twin brother up to read for him in order to avoid the struggling and humiliating experience of trying to read in front of the class. It was better for somebody to take his place than to suffer in public.

In our First reading today from Leviticus, it is difficult not to appreciate the suffering and humiliation that the leper had to undergo; the physical discomfort, the isolation and the humiliating experience of being cast out from society and into the margins. The whole person of the leper would be deeply disturbed and affected.

Of suffering and humiliation, a friend described it thus, 'whenever we see someone who is unable to protect herself or himself against pain, especially the type of pain that humbles and humiliates, we are witnessing the humiliation of God in the world'.

With that in mind, the Gospel shows us the closeness and empathy of God to the human race - Jesus's healing of the leper to the extent that, in casting out the disease and restoring the leper to healing and freedom, it is Jesus Himself who can no longer move about freely and is pushed out into the margins of the countryside. A role-reversal of sacrifice for the gift of new life.

Many of us will have been touched by suffering and humiliations over these last 12 months - either in ourselves or in those close to us. It is there that God meets us, God taking his place with us out of solidarity, love and compassion. 'God shines brightly in our humiliations, unafraid to be embarrassed in this world', is how the same friend commented upon it.

Moreover, this week we begin the season of Lent which leads to the pinnacle of suffering and humiliation in Jesus's acceptance of the Cross - a result of love poured out for the world. In the mystery of the Cross we see an imitation of how Jesus lived his life; God being in the midst of his people, and willing to take on our burden of sin, shame and human frailty in order to present us with the gift of new life.

Fr Anthony