

# 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*

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

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

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
Second Sunday of Lent

## 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**  
Thomas Clegg, Mary Furey, John Collins, Edward McCullagh, Margaret Clarke,  
George Jesudoss Selvaraj, Edward Daley, James Bones, Frances Smith,  
Mike Guy, Maria Osbaldeston Brian Whitlow, Teresa Pearson, Ellen Kelly  
Peter Kavanagh, Philamena Cooke, John O'Shea, George Powell

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

Fr Charles Lynch, Thomas Spellman, Barney Whitehead, Muriel Humphreys  
Molly O'Dowd (100<sup>th</sup> B'day Rem) Janet & Bill Dale (41<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniv)

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

SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> February  
10.00am Mass: St Teresa's  
11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> March  
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's  
11.00am Requiem: Queen of Martyrs

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's  
7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> March  
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's  
11.30am Requiem: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> March  
10.00am Requiem St Teresa's  
7.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

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

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

*All Masses are live streamed via the parish websites*

### **Re-opening our churches – volunteers needed**

We are really grateful to the parishioners who have volunteered as stewards in both churches for the Masses when we were able to be open and for funerals during the last months. As we prepare gradually to open up for more services, including baptisms and weddings, with the Government's required precautions still in place, we will need more volunteers to do welcoming, track and trace, hand sanitising and cleaning benches, door handles etc., especially when there may be multiple services on the same day. If you are able to help, either at weekends or during the week, and are not in a clinically vulnerable category, please email the relevant parish office letting us know which days and times you can be available. Once we have enough volunteers we will make a decision as to how soon and how often we can safely open each church. As all the phases of the road map are dependent on the Government's assessment of their effect on the pandemic and may well be delayed, any advance bookings for weddings or baptisms can only be provisional

### **New resources now available include:**

- Reflection for the Second Sunday of Lent (available as an audio download).
- Sunday readings.
- Week 25 in the series of 'Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ.
- Lent reflections with Fr Chris Thomas – The Mystery of God.

### **First Holy Communion**

We hope to be able to celebrate First Holy Communion sometime during 2021 but we don't yet know when that will be possible. If you have a child in Year 4 or above who wishes to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish offices to request a registration form. The *With You Always* preparation material for parents and children is now available online, so families are encouraged to access them and begin working through them as soon as possible (though the Church Treasure Hunt in Session 1 will have to wait until restrictions are lifted).

**Here is the link:** <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/eucharist>.

### **Lent Talks *BBC Radio 4***

Six people well known in their fields reflect on the story of Jesus' ministry and Passion from the perspective of their own personal and professional experience. Wednesday's at 8.45pm and Sundays at 5.45pm



### **The La Salle Kitchen Garden team are really pleased to share their news!**

They will soon be opening their garden to the community on Wednesday for two activities open to all abilities:

10am-12pm: City & Guilds Level 1 Practical Horticulture Skills course with Myerscough College. A free course that covers all the basics for starting out in gardening for fun or for work.

1pm-3pm: Faiths4Change weekly Kitchen Gardeners group. Grow, share, and learn together to create a beautiful garden and community space.

Start dates will be confirmed once lockdown measures are lifted.

Contact [rachel@faiths4change.org.uk](mailto:rachel@faiths4change.org.uk) / 07715 087655 to register your interest or find out more.



### **Shalom Online Retreat Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 February 2.00-4.30pm**

Shalom Media is offering this inner healing retreat to encourage introspection and to open hearts to experience the love of God through a healing, cleansing, and sanctifying experience. The retreat will include Praise and Worship followed by Preaching and Eucharistic Adoration. There will also be an opportunity for individual prayer/ blessing with Fr. Jilto George, CMI.

## Time For A Change?

We have arrived at the Second Sunday of Lent, this time last year we were getting ready to enter our first lockdown, who would have thought that a year on we would be in the same situation? The term we use for our current predicament is “the new normal”. We long to change back to the way things used to be, with all of the freedoms we used to enjoy. Some change we actively look forward to, like the lifting of the current restrictions, other changes we actively resist, sometimes out of fear, ignorance or just plain laziness.

In our first reading Abraham is scared, he has been asked to sacrifice his son, his only son Isaac, but he is willing to do this as God has asked him to and God spares Isaac because of Abraham’s faithfulness. In our Gospel Peter, James and John see Jesus change, he is transfigured. They also get to see Moses and Elijah and hear the voice of God. They are understandably scared of what they have seen and are ignorant when Jesus tells them he will rise from the dead.

It is usually about this time in Lent when we can start to have a little wobble in our resilience, the things we have given up start to call out to us and we can be tempted, as Jesus was tempted last week. Those of us who have chosen to give something up need to find an extra resolve, those of us who have opted to give something extra like their time, or to spend a little longer in prayer need to do the same as it is always easy to put something off for another time.

Jesus wants us to change our lives because of our encounters with him, be it in our sacraments, the Word, the people we meet both bad and good, by his central command to love. It is our responsibility to discern what changes we need to make and make them so that at the end of Lent we can take up our cross and follow him. By His cross we have already received his redeeming power, by actions and our willingness to change we can be saved and on the last day rise from the dead with him.

*Deacon Chris*