

# NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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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 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021  
Fourth 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, Michael Hurst, Yvonne Woods,

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

Brian Griffiths, Stacey Glover, Harold Dunne, Jean Munro,

Pauline Edwards, Joseph Johnson, Joan Smith, Ruth Murphy

**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, Mike and Eileen Guy, baby Toby McKuster*

SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> January  
6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs  
6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> January  
10.00am Mass: St Teresa's  
11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> February  
9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

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

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
1.30pm Requiem: St Teresa's  
7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> February  
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's  
2.30pm Funeral: St Teresa's  
9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> February  
7.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

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

SUNDAY 7<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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time \(also available as an audio download\)](#).
- [Sunday readings](#).
- [Weeks 21 in the series of 'Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ.](#)

### **The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**

This year the feast day Mass will be celebrated online and broadcast on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 7.00 pm from Our Lady's, Lydiate. The Celebrant will be Fr Des Seddon.

To watch, use the link <https://tinyurl.com/yypxgs19> or church services link for Our Lady's <https://churchservices.tv/liverpool>

**Pope Francis spoke to President Biden and said** "I pray that your decisions will be guided by a concern for building a society marked by authentic justice and freedom."

## **Presentation of the Lord, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**



Simeon had waited all his life to see Jesus. The Holy Spirit had promised him that he would live long enough. When Mary and Joseph presented the baby at the temple, Simeon said, "Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace. With my own eyes I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples." Seeing Jesus satisfied Simeon's life. We are prompted to ask what would satisfy us in our lives. Are the goals we set worth a lifetime of wanting, as Simeon's was?

### **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.**

**Saint Blaise, 3rd February** Many Catholics might remember Saint Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats that took place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him. St Blaise is the patron of throat illnesses

**CTS are selling the 2021 Sunday Missal for £1.99.** To purchase go to <http://www.ctsbooks.org> and order a copy. It includes an introduction to feasts by Pope Francis

Click here for the digital version of the Universe

<https://thecatholicuniverse.com/DE/UNI210115zp.pdf>

## Gospel Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

### How to Influence Others

When someone tells us what to do, our response has a lot to do with who that 'someone' is. We might be quick to respond for instance if that 'someone' is a teacher, or a boss or a policeman. We easily recognise and accept authority when it comes with an office or a uniform, but there is another kind of authority. There's an innate authority, which is earned by someone who speaks with the confidence of truth and experience.

In today's gospel Jesus enters the synagogue and begins to teach. The people are amazed. Jesus holds no office, yet he teaches with an authority that can even expel demons from the heckler at the back! Notice that Mark does not tell us what Jesus was teaching, but only how. This begs the question, how important is authority in our everyday lives?

Authority is incredibly important. Authority lends weight to how we communicate. Authority helps influence others in their decision making... deters them from making poor decisions. We might not think it, but we all have authority. We might not think we have any influence, but we all have the power to influence friends, family, and neighbours. We influence others when we act with the weight of truth and conviction on our side.

The next question we must ask is how do we use our authority? Do we use it to manipulate, intimidate or boss others, or do we use it to support and affirm? Do we use it to lord it over others, and force our point of view, or do we use it as a means of positive communication?

Millions of people have found their lives radically changed for the good by accepting Jesus' authority in their lives. How do we make it happen for us and for others? We make it happen by knowing what influences to accept and which to reject. We make it happen by exercising a confident, discerning, and caring influence in the lives of those we meet in our daily lives.

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