

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

**Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
& 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

Parish Priest: Fr Chris Fallon Assistant Priest: Fr Anthony Kelly

Deacons: Chris Housbey, Malcolm Fletcher, Donagh McKillop

Sunday 7th March 2021
Third 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 and for St Teresa's at www.churchservices.tv/teresanorrisgreen.

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

Fran Maguire, Lynsey Sumner, John O'Shea, baby Lottie Isabel Platt, Violet Durkin, Mary Furey, Margaret Clarke, John Collins, Peter Kavanagh, Sally Doolan, Rose Finnigan, Fr Peter Fox

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Kath Morley (98th B'day Rem), Margaret Hough (B'day Rem), Christina Rose Sherry, Molly O'Dowd (100th B'day Rem), Clare, John & Fred Darwent

Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially

Sheila Willcox, Janet Clark, Margaret Bradley, Peter Fraser, John Murphy, T. C. 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, David Hill

SATURDAY 6th March
6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs
6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

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

MONDAY 8th March
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's
1.45pm Funeral: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 9th March
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's
10.30am Funeral: St Teresa's

WEDNESDAY 10th March
10.15am Requiem: St Teresa's
7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 11th March
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's
10.00am Funeral St Teresa's

FRIDAY 12th March
9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs
9.00am Mass: St Teresa's
11.45am Funeral : St Teresa's

SATURDAY 13th March
6.00pm St Teresa's
6.00pm Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 14th 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

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>.



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 / 07715 087655 to register your interest or find out more.



“Could you be a deacon?”

During the last year, despite the lockdowns, our deacons have been finding new ways to preach the Gospel, lead people in worship and serve those in need.

If you would like to hear some of their stories and you feel this may be your calling too, please join Archbishop Malcolm and the diaconate team in one of two evening online meetings for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves.

Wives and supporting priests or deacons are also welcome.

Tuesday 9 March or Thursday 11 March 2021, 7.30 – 9.00pm

To receive the Zoom link, please email diaconate@rcaol.org.uk

Thankyou

Pat Kevan & family would like to extend their grateful thanks to all their friends for the love and kindness shown on the loss of their beloved Frank. Thank you for the many cards, flowers and messages of condolence received during this very sad time.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY 26th February – Walk for Water

It's not too late to give to the Lent appeal, donate on line at cafod.org.uk/lent or text LENT to 70460

The latest edition of the **Catholic Pic** is available to download here: <https://bit.ly/3uPeS87>

Do Christians Have Teeth?

Nowadays we are discouraged from showing anger, it definitely isn't politically correct. We are encouraged to keep calm, sit round a table and talk things through. Those who can't keep their tempers are encouraged to seek professional help, undergo anger management classes perhaps. At the end of the day, when we lose our cool we are bound to say or do things that we will later regret. Nine times out of ten, it is much better to take a deep breath, stand back from a situation and deal with it rationally and calmly.

However there are situations where we do need to feel and show our anger. If for instance we can watch cruelty, neglect, racism, greed and injustice without feeling one jot of anger, what does that say about us? If we don't feel any anger about anything perhaps it's because we don't really care. Sometimes we need to feel anger to goad us into putting something right. How often do we see the families of victims of crime, motivated by the pain of anger and loss, campaigning for new and better laws. Clearly anger has a place.

Today Jesus is angered to find corrupt money lenders taking over his beloved temple. He acts in a way that surprises us. We are used to Jesus being the voice of reason. We are used to Jesus speaking of love and forgiveness. Suddenly Jesus shows passion and zeal. Here is something that Jesus is angry about and he drives the corrupt marketers out with a whip. After Jesus clears out the temple, John tells us the Temple will be replaced by a new sanctuary where people can meet God ... in the person of the risen Jesus himself.

Today's gospel reading is not promoting aggressive or violent solutions; that is definitely not what Jesus is about. But what we can take from this gospel is that being passive in the face of wrong is not an option. There are times when we need to make a stand. There are occasions when Christians need to show the world their teeth.