

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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Sunday 21st March 2021
Fifth 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

Sarah Everard, Teresa Walsh, Alan Moogan, Gerry Devine, Lily White, Elizabeth Gibbs, Royson Woods, Angela Shaw, Debbie Irving, Violet Durkin, Jackie Ryan

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Ellen Ward (B'day Rem), Henry Curran, James Doyle, Helen (Nellie) O'Grady, Alan Farley

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, Joan, Paul & Kate, Angela Adlen, Giles Rowe, Angela Gregory, Anna Gawlik, Mick Lawrence, Joan Turner, Brian McEvoy, David Holgate, Daria McCusker, Robert Gibson, Deb Joyce, Margaret Lace, Irene Kennedy, Brian Threlfall, Eileen Guy, baby Toby McKuster

THE MASSES IN BOLD TYPE ARE OPEN FOR PEOPLE TO ATTEND

SATURDAY 20th March

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SUNDAY 21st March

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 22nd March

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

2.00pm Funeral: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 23rd March

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

11.00am Funeral: St Teresa's

**10am-12noon OLQM Church open
for private prayer**

**5pm-7pm St Teresa's Church open
for private prayer.**

WEDNESDAY 24th March

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 25th March

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

12 noon Requiem: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 26th March

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

10.00am Funeral : St Teresa's

SATURDAY 27th March

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SUNDAY 28th March

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

*All Masses are live streamed via the
parish websites*

National Day of Reflection for Covid-19: Tuesday 23rd March

The Bishops of England and Wales have welcomed the Government's decision to make Tuesday 23rd March, the anniversary of the first lockdown, a National Day of Reflection and have asked that as Catholics we make it also a day of prayer. They have asked that all churches be open at some time that day and encouraged us to make a short visit to a church to pray in sorrow for those who have died from Covid and other causes during the last year, in compassion for all those who have suffered in any way, in thanksgiving for the generosity and self-sacrifice shown by so many and in hope for the future. In response to this request, **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church will be open for short visits for private prayer from 10.00am to 12noon and St Teresa's Church from 5.00pm to 7.00pm.** You can read the full statement from Cardinal Vincent and Archbishop Malcom on the Bishops' Conference website or by clicking on this link: [National Day of Reflection for Covid-19 \(Statement\)](#)

New resources now available include:

- [Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Lent](#) (also available as an [audio download](#)).
- [Sunday readings](#).

[Week 28 in the series of 'Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ](#)

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

21st March

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

How can we create a future free of racial discrimination? The first thing is not to see it as an insurmountable problem. There are things that every generation can do to bring about racial harmony.

Here are a few starters.

- Aim not to laugh at jokes that perpetuate discrimination.
- Educate yourself. Learn something new about someone else's culture.
- Don't be put off befriending neighbours, just because their accent is difficult to understand.

22nd March - World Water Day

World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water. It is about taking action to tackle the global water crisis and achieving Sustainable Development Goal 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030. **Support 'Water Aid' at www.wateraid.org.uk**

£2 a month over a year, affords tools to dig a trench for a water pipe.

'We should like to see Jesus'

If you could invite 4 guests to a dinner party (or round for tea, as we might say in these parts!), who would you invite? Normally, we would choose people we admire; persons who inspire us; people who make a difference; those we would like to ask about or challenge aspects of their lives to fulfil our curiosity; those we would just like to spend time in their company.

In today's Gospel some people have a request to Jesus's disciples, 'we should like to see Jesus.' It may be that all the above possibilities were in the minds of this group of Greeks when they approached Jesus' friends.

This weekend our churches open again and we may come to Mass with the same intention and enquiry, 'we should like to see Jesus'. Why should this be? What does Jesus represent for us? Why does he matter in our lives? For some, it will probably mean the peace and comfort that he brings, especially after what has been a very difficult time; for others, it may be that Jesus is the only one who understands the perplexities and complexities of our lives - the only one who 'gets us'; for a number, perhaps, the intimacy he brings - somebody who loves us despite all of our weaknesses and negative aspects; for others, we may feel we can just be ourselves in his presence, without fear of judgement; for some, we can open our hearts to him in freedom and trust; for several others, to worship him as his vision and ideals strike a chord with us; perhaps, for all of us, the hope he brings for this life and the next.

For whatever our reason, we will all value being in his presence due to the meaning he has for us. As we hear in our first reading, 'Deep within them I will plant my Law - writing it on their hearts.' Jesus goes to the very core of who we are. On Tuesday we will commemorate 'Covid Reflection Day'. It is a chance to visit our churches for a brief time of prayer, allowing us to consider these last 12 months. Most of us will have very personal memories of someone or something that has impacted on us. So, it is an opportunity to spend time in the company of the one who always accepts when we ask, 'we should like to see Jesus'.

Fr Anthony