

# NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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& St Swithin, Croxteth**

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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 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Palm Sunday

## **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**  
Edward Cummins, Louise Price, Robert Brown, Derek Tolsen, Gemma Birch,  
Lily White, Stephen Allen, Catherine McKenna, Ellen Jones

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

Frances Waterhouse, Paul McMullen

**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, Diane bell*

**THE MASSES IN BOLD TYPE ARE OPEN FOR PEOPLE TO ATTEND**

**SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's**

**PALM SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.00am Mass: St Teresa's**

**11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**9.00am Mass: St Teresa's**

**TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**9.00am Mass: St Teresa's**

**9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**2.15pm Funeral: St Teresa's**

**WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**10.15am Funeral: Queen of Martyrs**

**6.00pm Chrism Mass via Cathedral**

**Live stream**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**7.00pm Mass: St Teresa's**

**7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

*No watching after Mass*

**GOOD FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**12.00 noon Stations of the Cross**

**Queen of Martyrs & St Teresa's**

**3.00pm Passion: St Teresa's**

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*7.00pm Watching with Mary*

*Livestream St Teresa's*

**EASTER VIGIL 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**8.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**8.00pm Mass: St Teresa's**

**EASTER SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**10.00am Mass: St Teresa's**

**11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

*All Masses are live streamed via the parish websites*

## **Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 6pm Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

At the Chrism Mass Archbishop Malcolm will bless the Holy Oils to be used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick in all our parishes during the coming year and all the priests present will renew the promises they made at their ordination. Any parishioners who wish to be present – and who can do so without infringing current Covid regulations – can request a place by contacting the Dean's Assistant, Claire Hanlon ([c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk) or 0151 709 9222). Numbers will be limited and anyone unable to attend is encouraged to participate in the service using the Facebook or YouTube platforms on the cathedral website: [www.liverpoolmetro cathedral.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolmetro cathedral.org.uk). There will be no Masses in our parishes so that everyone can connect with the Archdiocesan Chrism Mass.

**New resources now available include:**

[Reflection for Palm Sunday](#) ([also available as an audio download](#)).

[Readings for Palm Sunday](#).

[Weeks 29, 30 and 31 \(the finale\) in the series of 'Armchair Retreats' with Fr Denis Blackledge SJ.](#)

You may also like to check out [Fr Conor Stainton-Polland's recent talk](#) (via Zoom) to a parish in Belfast as part of their Lenten Reflections. The talk looks at how The Lord's Prayer describes his passion and vice versa.

### **Good Friday Holy Land Collection**

This collection was born from the desire of the Popes to maintain a strong link between all the faithful and the Holy Places. It is the main source of material support for Christian life in the Holy Land and is a way that the faithful across the world can express solidarity with the ecclesial communities of the Middle East. Through these funds, the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land is able to carry out the important mission to which it is called: preserving the Sacred Places, the stones of memory, and promoting the Christian presence, the living stones, through many pastoral, educational, welfare, health and social structures. As a rule, the Custody of the Holy Land receives 65% of the collection, while the remaining 35% goes to the Congregation for the Eastern Churches, which uses it for the formation of candidates for the priesthood, the support of the clergy, educational activities, cultural formation and subsidies to the various ecclesiastical circumscriptions in the Middle East. This is a difficult time financially for everyone, including those who live and work in the Holy Land. May this year's collection *pro Terra Sancta* be an opportunity not to ignore the difficult situation of our brothers and sisters of the Holy Places but rather to lighten burdens.

### **CROSSES FOR EASTER - a message from Annie and Glenys , In Another Place**

Last Easter we had just gone into lockdown and we invited you and your families to create crosses out of anything that came to hand and share photos on social media. We are inviting you again this year. Photos can be posted on twitter or facebook at: @iaprosby or #easterinanotherplace. Please invite your parishioners and their families to join in, to create something good and something new. This can be an encouragement to others, especially those who are still in lockdown at home, a reminder that the cross means hope, and that Jesus understands our situation and will help us to overcome.

### **Bitesize**

*Let God's promises shine on your problems.*

*Corrie Ten Boom*

## **Reflection**

Jesus starts another Exodus---- a journey from life to death--- and yet it's not the end but rather the beginning of new life and hope for all. He's prepared to pay the ultimate sacrifice and final humiliation, that of death on a cross. Jesus enters Jerusalem with crowds waving palm branches and welcoming Him, these are the same people who would finally demand His execution. Was his motive to lay down the final challenge to his people to accept His message and the coming of the kingdom of God?

With the knowledge that this action would certainly cost Him His life. He knew the suffering that He would endure, His Passion, betrayal by a so-called friend, His trial, torture and acceptance of His cross without any protest --- but instead with humility.

I'm reminded of, visiting an elderly lady living in a nursing home crippled by arthritis, when asked how she was, she obviously was in a lot of pain, her only concern was that of one for other people, inquiring about their health, she was accepting her pain with the phrase we all have our cross to bear and offering her suffering up to God for the souls in purgatory. Listening to this lady was a privilege and a reminder to consider one's own humility.

We can only wonder about what kind of thoughts were running through the mind of Jesus as He sat down to the final meal with His Apostles, He gave them bread and wine and in doing so instituted the Eucharist and gave us His body and blood, His only concern was that of one for other people.

He was sitting with Judas, but did not make it known that Judas would betray Him; He just accepted the inevitable.

In the agony in the garden He suffered pain, torment, self-doubt and loneliness --- human emotions that we ourselves experience --- He accepted them for our sins and our salvation. He was denied by his friends and tortured by His enemies and by accepting the cross on His shoulders He not only took the weight of the cross but also the weight of our sins. His only concern was that the people who were inflicting this pain, should be forgiven.

Throughout His suffering Jesus teaches us humility, the importance of forgiveness and of forgiving and how sensitivity is required to the needs of others. His suffering gives meaning to all human suffering, especially that of His people.

***Rev Dcn Malcolm***