

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Easter 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**

Margaret Gordon, Gerry Lofthouse, Lena Tallon, Dave Arkwright

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

Veronica Bird (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv & B'day Rem) Special intention J & B

**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

**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**

**MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> April**

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

**TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> April**

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> April**

9.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

**FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> April**

No Mass

**SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> April**

**6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

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

**SUNDAY 11<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*



**Prayer resources now available include:**

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

[Readings for Easter 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.

## **Mary's Meals**

**Thanks to your incredible support Mary's Meals is now reaching 1,838,859 children with life-changing meals while they learn!**

Last March when schools began to close due to the pandemic, we worked hard to adapt our feeding model so we could continue to bring nutritious daily meals to those hungry children already relying on us.

Despite these challenges we're delighted that we have kept our promise to the children we feed, whether in school or at home, and in addition have also welcomed 171,792 new children to our programme since the beginning of 2020.

This wonderful news has only been made possible by your generosity and the many little acts of love you have carried out, taking us closer to a day when all children have enough to eat and can go to school.

However, the need is still great, with millions more children waiting for a daily meal and the chance to learn. Your ongoing support means we can reach many more hungry children.

## **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>.

## Ready to Rise?

The English language can be very confusing, we have many words with numerous meanings and words that we use in many different contexts. The word risen is used in many different contexts. Bakers use it to describe how their bread proves or how well their cakes have baked in the oven, Paul tells us that only a small amount of yeast is needed to leaven the dough. Builders use it to describe how their buildings progress from their foundations. Potters use it to describe how a pot is developed from a lump of clay. Story tellers use it to describe how the phoenix is reborn from the flames. Sarcastic parents use it to describe their children when they get out of bed!

But today, this word has the most significant meaning. Jesus is risen, he has been risen from the dead. This is God's ultimate act of power and love. He sent his son to earth to die for us, the ultimate sacrifice that anyone can make. Through this ultimate act of love we have all received redemption and the opportunity of salvation. God has shown us his power by raising Jesus from the dead, he has conquered the unconquerable.

This event is not one we just celebrate today, we celebrate it every day, and give thanks for it, this is one of the great privileges of our Faith. Jesus has risen from the dead and it is our duty to proclaim this to everyone we meet.

It is my great pleasure, on behalf of all our Parish Clergy to have the opportunity to wish you all a very happy and holy Easter and to remind our younger parishioners that Easter Sunday is one of only two days of the year when having chocolate for breakfast is allowed, so enjoy Easter and all the goodness it brings.

*Deacon Chris*