

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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Sunday 11th April 2021
Divine Mercy 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 and for St Teresa's at www.churchservices.tv/teresanorrisgreen.

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

Ellen Jones, John Alan Sullivan, Pamela Harding, Margaret Rusk, Joan Blacoo,
Eileen Jones, Colette Melia, Bridget Yeglis, Marie Bethel, June Hughes

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Bridie Kane, Ronnie Sudbury, Ellen Gilbert, Teresa O'Reilly, John Joseph
Flaherty, Hughie Speedy, Liam McMullen, Peter Tallon, Anthony Till,
Terence Joseph Gannon, Paul Brocklehurst, Angela Todd, Veronica Bird,
Special intention for Holy Souls

**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,
Geraldine Clarke*

THE MASSES IN BOLD TYPE ARE OPEN FOR PEOPLE TO ATTEND

SATURDAY 10th April

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SUNDAY 11th April

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 12th April

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

10.30am Funeral: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 13th April

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

11.00am Funeral: Queen of Martyrs

WEDNESDAY 14th April

12.30pm Requiem: St Teresa's

7.00pm No Mass OLQM

THURSDAY 15th April

9.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

FRIDAY 16th April

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

10.00am Funeral: St Teresa's

SATURDAY 17th April

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SUNDAY 18th April

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

All Masses are live streamed via the parish websites

Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday is popularly known as 'Mercy of God Sunday.' Between 1930 and 1938 Christ appeared to Sister Faustina, a Sister of Mercy in Poland who initiated the Divine Mercy devotion. She was canonized on April 30th, 2000, the Sunday after Easter, the Feast of Divine Mercy. The second Sunday of Easter is also known as 'Low Sunday' or 'Thomas Sunday'.

16th April, St. Bernadette Soubirous

Millions of people have come to the spring Bernadette uncovered for healing of body and spirit, but she found no relief from ill health there herself. Interestingly Bernadette moved through life, guided only by blind faith in things she did not understand. Blind faith is something we might find uncomfortable in this day and age, but it's something we are all guided by from time to time. Maybe there are times we have to accept that blind faith is better than blind doubt.

Recommended Viewing Beyond the Cross

'Beyond the Cross' is a five-part art and culture series that you can watch on Youtube.

'Beyond the Cross' follows the Risen Christ through the artist's eye taking in some of the main encounters of the season of Easter.

You can watch the first episode at

www.youtube.com/watch?v=hP8NJGApz3Y

You can also access this at www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/beyond-the-cross

Gift Aid OLQM

Boxes of envelopes are available at the back of church. Thank you for all your donations to the church during this past year. If you are a 'Gift Aider' please consider making monthly donations direct to the church by Standing Order. This would be a great help in many respects. Standing Order forms can be requested from the parish office, please ring or email.

Care for Our Common Home - Trees for Tom

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Captain Sir Tom Moore raised over £38 million for the NHS. Now his family wish to honour his love of nature and the natural world by planting trees in his memory.

By planting new trees, his legacy will help combat climate change - and bring so many other benefits - around the world. The family has chosen to plant trees in the UK with the Woodland Trust.

Donate to plant trees at

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/support-us/give/trees-for-tom

Many Congratulations to Frances Butler who celebrates her 90th Birthday this week!



Gospel Reflection for the Second Sunday of Easter.

Doubt v Disbelief

The story of 'Doubting Thomas' is aimed at all those generations of people who will not see the risen Lord, yet are asked to believe. So are we really being asked to believe in what we cannot see or hear or touch, when even those closest to Jesus had problems in accepting what was happening? In today's gospel we see Thomas struggling with a problem that many of us still struggle with today. Thomas desperately wanted to believe in the risen Jesus, but he wasn't the sort of person to pretend he understood something when he didn't. He wasn't the sort of person that could pretend that he didn't have doubts when he did. There are many of us today who desperately want deeper meaning in our lives. There are those amongst us who have become disillusioned with the Church and wish they could embrace what it once meant. There are many of us who would like to find a deeper faith but have found only stumbling blocks. Like Thomas, we find that the gap between faith and doubt too big a leap.

For those who find belief elusive, there is an uncomfortable beatitude in today's gospel. "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." This can feel like a reproach to those of us who harbour doubts, but the important thing to remember is that doubt isn't the same thing as disbelief. Doubt can be a good thing even. Doubt means that we are still questioning something that we care about. Doubt means that we are still looking for answers that we are still learning and growing. Doubt is a tool that we can use to carve a mature faith. Belief isn't something we either have or haven't got ... belief is a process, and the end product of that process, is one's own spiritual self.