

# 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*

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*Deacons: Chris Housbey, Malcolm Fletcher, Donagh McKillop*

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Vocations 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,**  
Carol Fletcher, Winifred Doreen Fleetwood, John Webley, Jean McKenzie,  
Dolly Lynskey, Justin Malewezi (Snr)

**and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time**  
Anthony Larkin, Margaret Donnelly, Lydia & Murdock Davies, James Carus,  
Kathleen Carus, James Wishart, Winifred Curran, Michael Kevin McNally

**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, Geraldine Clarke,  
Diane Bell, Pat Hale, Joe March*

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

**SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> April**

**6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

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

**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> April**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

**TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> April**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> April**

1.00pm Requiem: St Teresa's

**THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> April**

9.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> April**

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

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

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

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

**11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

*All Masses are live streamed via the parish websites*

## **Vocations Sunday**

### **A Prayer for Seminarians**

Father, thank You for the generosity of our seminarians.

Safeguard them as they prepare for the priesthood.

Keep all evil far from them, so they may become strong Christian men who are faithful to prayer, diligent in their studies, open to spiritual direction, and docile to all aspects of seminary formation.

Above all, enflame their hearts with love so they will be ardent and gentle shepherds for Your Church.

We make this prayer through the great High Priest, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*St. Charles Borromeo, patron of seminarians, pray for us.*

## **Understand LGBTQ+ Hate Crime**

Please find a link to a really user friendly and easy to read guide from Stop Hate UK called 'Understand LGBTQ+ Hate Crime', which is being shared with the community through Local Authorities and Police. This resource defines the different types of LGBTQ+ hate crimes and also covers key points such as: understanding hate crime law, online hate, how to report a hate crime, taking care of yourself after a hate crime, going to the police and going to court. Please take a few moments to read it. [/LGBTQI Toolkit Mar 2021 Edition.pdf](#)

## **CAFOD PETITION – Reclaim Our Common Home**

This year, the eyes of the world will be on Britain as we host world leaders for the UN 'COP26@ climate talks. *“Climate change is a global problem with serious implications... It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day.” Pope Francis*

Petition cards are available on the noticeboard at the back of OLQM church.

## **4<sup>th</sup> May – Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse**

On this day the worldwide Catholic Church will join together in a day of prayer for victims and survivors of abuse.

## **Shalom World TV, a Catholic media ministry of the Shalom Ministries,**

is an official partner with the Vatican and is authorized to telecast papal liturgies directly via its free high-definition television channel. Shalom World is committed to producing free yet high-quality Catholic content such as Daily Mass, devotionals, shows, music, youth programs, children's programs, conventions, retreats, and cultural exchange segments. The programming is absolutely free and can be watched live or on-demand.

The most recent channel ( SW prayer channel), in response to COVID-19, is with special catholic spiritual programmes focusing on elderly and housebound people as the pandemic basically denied their access to spiritual and social support from outside their homes. Those undergoing hardships particularly during this pandemic get an opportunity to reach God for guidance and comfort through this channel when they are alone at home.

## **Employment Opportunities at the Archdiocese**

Below, you will see individual links containing details of recruitment advertisements for two new posts that will be based at the Archdiocesan Office, Liverpool.

[Communications Manager \(Advert\)](#)

[Director of Pastoral Development \(Advert\)](#)

For further information and to load an information pack and application form, please see the jobs page of the archdiocesan website

**Many congratulations to Kristian Hunter & Olivia Dowd** who were married in St Teresa's this week. We wish you every happiness in your future lives together.

## **The Good Shepherd**

In the time of the early Christians the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd was etched on to the walls of many of the Catacombs of Rome, the final resting place of early believers of Christianity. It was a symbol of hope and confidence in the goodness of Jesus who would lead them to their eternal reward. Indeed, one of the Penitential Rites of the Mass still declares, "You are the Good Shepherd leading us to eternal life". When we were baptised, God in his turn, etched this imagery of the Good Shepherd on to our hearts, inviting us to be people of love who look out for each other; protecting, tending to and healing; much in the same manner as that of his Son, who sets the example towards us in the wholeness and healing he brings, most notably in the Sacraments.

A crucial difference between Jesus and any ordinary shepherd, though, is that Jesus is not content to look only upon his own flock, revealing that God always casts his gaze further to those who 'are not of this fold'. In our Deanery, we have for a number of years now, been home to a flourishing RCIA Programme, where non-believers and non-practitioners of the faith have discerned and 'heeded the voice' of the Good Shepherd. This initiative also stands as a reminder to us to always cast our nets far-and-wide when dealing with our brothers and sisters of different faiths or of no faith, always maintaining respect, openness and love for those we meet.

This Sunday is also Vocations Sunday where all of us with particular commitments, such as: Priesthood, Diaconate, Religious profession; those who are married or single; those younger members of our communities, who are weighing up in which way they want to best use their gifts and talents for the benefit of others in the future. Jesus, in the image of the Good Shepherd, models the way of vocation for all of us with his unfailing self-sacrifice, love and tenderness. Over this last year, we have seen so many who have mirrored these virtues, from health professionals to teachers; from family members to the kindness of strangers.

The image of the Good Shepherd has stood the test of time. But, there is never a society that is not in need of more Good Shepherds to continue to bring the love of God and the love of humanity into the lives of the human family.

*Fr Anthony*