

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 2nd May 2021
5th Sunday of Easter

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,

Julie Russell, Norman Hennesey, Deacon John Keeley, Mary Ryan, Patricia Cain
Mary McGee

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Anthony Larkin, Alfie Lea, Rose Lea, Irene Riley, Sr Teresa Flynn, Jimmy Moriarty,
Bud Woods, Fernando Molina Castilla

**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 1st May

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SUNDAY 2nd May

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 3rd May

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 4th May

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

11.45am Funeral: St Teresa's

WEDNESDAY 5th May

9.00 Mass: St Teresa's

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 6th May

9.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 7th May

9.00am Requiem: Queen of Martyrs

7.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SATURDAY 8th May

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SUNDAY 9th May

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

All Masses are live streamed via the parish websites

Synod News

'As we approach our Archdiocesan Synod, taking place online on 19th June, Synod Members are currently discerning how they will vote on the recommendations that have emerged. If you haven't seen them yet, there are three places you can find them:

1. Printed in the April edition of the Catholic Pic (www.catholicpic.co.uk)
2. On our Synod Recommendations Website (www.synod2020recommendations.org.uk) alongside theological reflections on the topics
3. Printed in our Synod book Together on the Road which also includes resources for discernment and the theological reflections (available for £3 from Pauline Books and Media, and the Synod Office, email: synod2020@rcaol.co.uk, Tel: 0151 486 1206).

Global Prayer Marathon for the Month of May



Pope Francis has called for a global prayer marathon for the entire month of May, praying for the end to the pandemic.

"The initiative will involve in a special way all shrines in the world" in promoting the initiative so that individuals, families and communities all take part in reciting the rosary.

It is the heartfelt desire of the Holy Father that the month of May be dedicated to a prayer marathon dedicated to the theme, 'from the entire church an

unceasing prayer rises to God.' The theme refers to the miraculous event recounted in the Acts of the Apostles (12:1-12) when all the church prayed for Peter, who was imprisoned until God sent an angel to free him, illustrating how the Christian community comes together to pray in the face of danger and how the Lord listens and performs an unexpected miracle.

Peace Actions for May

- There are a couple of dates coming up where we are invited to think of the planet. Walk to School Week 17th-21st May; and World Environment Day on 5th June.
- These dates we are asked to consider our neighbours. World Fair Trade Day 8th May; World Day for Cultural Diversity on 21st May; and World Hunger Day on the 28th May.
- And opportunities to think about the ways we work to keep the peace. World Communications Day on 16th May; and the International Day of UN Peacekeepers on 29th May.

OLQM Altar Flowers in loving Memory of
Anthony Larkin

ACROSS Help Keep the Jumbulance on the Road in 2021

We are continuing to work hard to ensure that when it is safe to do so we will be able to get the Jumbulance back on the road and our VIPs to Lourdes. As you know, it costs a lot to keep a Jumbulance on the road, which is why we need to raise £100k in 2021. We have already raised over £47,000 towards our target, thanks, in part, to a legacy of £25,000. Can you help us reach our target? There are so many ways you can help us fundraise, whether big or small. A Facebook Birthday Fundraiser is simple and can be easily shared

We have 3 places available in the Liverpool Cathedral Abseil on Saturday 24th July. Enjoy the thrill of abseiling one of the UK's most amazing buildings and raise funds for Across! If you would like to take part please contact Emma Grounell on 0203542 1800 or fundraising@across.org.uk

Reflection

The text in the first reading tells us about the older disciples being afraid of Paul, the recent convert. Probably due to the fact that they remembered him as one who took great delight in the persecution of Christians. I guess that they simply doubted his sincerity? But there was no doubt that, here was a man whom after his conversion to follow Christ, a man who was full of energy and passionate about his beliefs, a man who was preaching courageously, and not afraid of upsetting the “establishment” not afraid to argue with the Jewish people and perhaps even the Christians too. His message and passion got him into trouble on more than one occasion. Paul was accepted into the Christian Community though understandably not without caution and concern. Paul took seriously what at times is very hard for us to do-- to love our neighbours no matter what their situation may be. Possibly there's a lesson for us all to learn. A convert at times seems to have more enthusiasm, energy and commitment than those who are born into the faith. In the Bible the vineyard is an image referring to the people of Israel, but it is as relevant today as it was then Jesus describes himself as the true Vine and without the vine that gives life, the branches just wither and die without ever bearing fruit. But it is the love that we, the branches, received from God that can turn us into the branches that bear fruit, and believing in the Word is bearing fruit in abundance. Now as many gardeners know, to maintain a healthy plant there are times when some difficult decisions have to be made, when we grow out of shape and at odds with our best interest, here pruning is required it may seem rather vigorous at times cutting away all that stops us reaching our full potential. But with tender love and care the plant comes back to life, that tender loving care comes from the vine dresser, our Father in Heaven,
He is the gardener and He will never desert His plants.
He is our God and He will never desert us His people

Rev Deacon Malcolm.