

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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& St Swithin, Croxteth**

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Sunday 23rd May 2021

Pentecost

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,

Colleen Reid, Sheila Carragher, Lily O'Connell, Ronnie Fitzsimmons,
James Warner, Maureen Duffy, Mary Burke, Teresa Fitzgerald, Ray Doyle,
Tommy Clegg, Thomas Griffiths, Mark Blease, Joe Gainford,
Derek Richard Harper

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

George Martin, Brian Monaghan, Ann Chadwick, Elizabeth Sandy Keady,
Patricia Clifton, Joseph Furey, John "Big Jack" Fitzpatrick,

**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 Lacey,
Irene Kennedy, Brian Threlfall, Eileen Guy, Diane Bell, Pat Hale, Joe March,
Mark Alfred Isherwood,*

THE MASSES IN BOLD TYPE ARE OPEN FOR PEOPLE TO ATTEND

SATURDAY 22nd May

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SUNDAY 23rd May

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 24th May

10.00am Funeral: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 25th May

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am: Queen of Martyrs

WEDNESDAY 26th May

12.00pm Requiem: St Teresa's

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 27th May

9.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 28th May

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SATURDAY 29th May

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's-Devotions
until Midnight**

SUNDAY 30th May

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**2.00pm St Teresa's-Devotions restart
until midnight**

Monday 31st May

**7.00am St Teresa's-Devotions until
closing Mass at 7pm**

*All Masses are live streamed via the
parish websites*

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2021 IN THE PARISHES OF
OUR LADY QUEEN OF MARTYRS AND ST TERESA'S**

To all the families who have been waiting to celebrate First Holy Communion with your children, thank you for your patience. We know of many different situations and different wishes to be considered so we are offering a range of options for the celebrations after 21st June, when most pandemic restrictions are due to be lifted.

You will receive a letter outlining some options. Each family can decide whether their child will wear a traditional First Communion outfit, school uniform or other smart clothes.

The number of guests at any of these celebrations may still be limited, depending on the number of families choosing each option.

To help your child to prepare for this sacrament please use the online resources available at <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/eucharist>.

Please contact the parish office where you have registered your child for First Communion to request the option you prefer (unless your child attends Our Lady & St Swithin's School, in which case please contact Mrs Hamilton). If you have received a reply slip with your letter, please return that to the relevant parish office.

A Weekend of Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament St Teresa of the Child Jesus

A time of thanksgiving, prayer and remembrance

A candle will burn throughout the weekend in remembrance of all those who have lost their lives during the pandemic.

Bank Holiday Weekend

Saturday 29th May: Opening Mass 6.00pm devotion continue until midnight

Sunday 30th May: Devotions restart from 2.00pm until midnight

Monday 31st May: Devotions from 7.00am until closing Mass at 7.00pm

In answer to Pope Francis' call for the Rosary to be said throughout May, we will finish the month with all four Mysteries of the Rosary throughout the afternoon.

Slips are available at the back of church for you to fill in to dedicate a candle for your intentions..

La Salle Kitchen Garden

Take part in a City & Guilds Level 1 Practical Horticulture Skills course with Myerscough College! A free course that covers all the basics for starting out in gardening for fun or for work...

Join the Faiths4Change weekly Kitchen Gardeners group! - Grow, share and learn together to create a beautiful garden and community space...

When?

Wednesdays 10am - 12pm (horticulture course)

Wednesdays 1pm -3pm (Kitchen Gardeners group)

Where?

Carr Lane East, L11 4SF

(Next door to De La Salle Academy at the former Brothers' House)

Spaces limited!

To sign up or to find out more, please contact:

rachel@faiths4change.org.uk / 07715 087655.

La Salle Hotel School is a new project which will bring training opportunities in hospitality, catering and gardening to the community of Croxteth and Norris Green as well as students from across the City Region.

Come, Holy Spirit!

If congregational singing was allowed this weekend, after the second reading we would be joining in an extra hymn called a 'sequence' with the Latin title *Veni Creator Spiritus*: it's an ancient hymn to the Holy Spirit. The first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, has given us the images the first disciples used to try to describe the presence of the Holy Spirit they received: the noise of a rushing wind, tongues of fire resting on each of them, and suddenly being able to speak foreign languages.

The sequence gives us many more images of the Holy Spirit, some of them very gentle and beautiful: the best of all consolers, the soul's most delightful guest, comfort in toil, coolness in heat, solace in the midst of woe. It describes some of the actions of the Holy Spirit, especially welcome as we gradually emerge from the trauma of the pandemic: healing our wounds, renewing our strength, pouring dew on our dryness, washing away the stains of guilt, bending the stubborn heart and will, melting the frozen, warming the chill, guiding the steps that go astray. And finally it prays that the Holy Spirit will give us comfort when we die, life with God on high and joys that never end.

Jesus promised that he would not leave us alone but would send the Holy Spirit to be with us, and that happens in many different ways. Over the next weeks and months, the Holy Spirit will be given to many children and adults who have been waiting patiently for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and today we recall, in the Feast of Pentecost, the first coming of the Holy Spirit on the followers of Jesus after he was raised from death to life. In the Gospel for this feast, Jesus highlights one gift of the Spirit above all: twice he says to the disciples: Peace be with you. The first time he says he is giving them his own peace, a peace that the world cannot give. And the second time, he says that he is sending them out, as the Father sent him, to bring that peace to everyone, through forgiveness.

As we celebrate this feast, let's be open to receiving the gifts that the Holy Spirit offers us every day, especially the gift of peace through forgiveness.

Fr Chris