

# NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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& St Swithin, Croxteth**

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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 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

## 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,**

Leona Devlin, Nicola Leather, Patricia Hughes, Barry Murphy, Vivienne Black  
Alfred McCourt, Margaret Jackson

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

James & Mary Forrest, Arthur Potter, Doreen Keegan, James Duke, Henry Joseph  
Riley, Agnes McGeeEmily Purdie, Mary Purdie, Mavis Rooney, Veronica Bean,  
Francis Deans, Maureen Ashes, Kevin Michael Madigan, Anne Sudbury, Peter  
Spellman, Anthony Ferguson

**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, Pat Hale,  
Mark Alfred Isherwood, Terry Vellely, Toni Daly*

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

**SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> June**

**6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

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

**SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> June**

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

**11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> June**

**9.00am Mass: St Teresa's**

**TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> June**

**12.15pm Requiem: St Teresa's**

**9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> June**

**11.30am Requiem: St Teresa's**

**7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> June**

**10.15am Requiem: St Teresa's**

**9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> June**

**9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**10.30am Funeral: St Teresa's**

**SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> June**

**6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

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

**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> June**

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

**11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

*All Masses are live streamed via the parish websites*

## Week of Prayer for our Synod Sunday 13 June – Sunday 20 June

Father of love and compassion, with trust in your great mercy we place our Synod into your hands. Be with each member of our Synod and guide them with the help of Your Holy Spirit. Give us all the wisdom and the courage to respond in new ways to the challenges we face and to the needs of our brothers and sisters, so that we may become ever more closely the Church you are calling us to be.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June 2021**

#### ***The Beauty of Marriage***

We are invited to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention for June,

**"...to pray for young people who are preparing for marriage**

**with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in**

**love, with generosity, faithfulness, and patience."**



**CAFOD** The poorest countries are facing a health and an economic crisis. In addition, many are feeling the effects of climate change already. 2021 is a critical year as the UK is hosting two major global meetings – the G7 Summit in June and

the UN Climate talks, COP26, in November. With the eyes of the world on us, we want the UK to play a leading role. CAFOD is suggesting two ways in which we can do this and have provided resources for both. Please can I encourage you to support these: · Parishioners signing a petition about the climate crisis which you can read at the following address:

<https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/73304/petition/1>. · Parishioners meeting with their local MP to explain that as Catholics, they care passionately about our sisters and brothers around the world and want more to be done to help them.

**Settlement Scheme for European Citizens** – Deadline 30 June 2021 A reminder that EU, EEA and Swiss citizens who were living in the UK by 31 December 2020 have until 30 June 2021 to apply for the Settlement Scheme. Those who do not apply are at risk of losing their rights to live and work here or access important services such as healthcare. Please note that Irish citizens do not need to apply. There is a particular concern about older and vulnerable people who may struggle to Page 8 of 10 navigate the process, require assistance with the online application or not even know that their status is at risk. In many cases their main point of contact with society will be through the Church. All the relevant information can be found on the official Government website ([www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families](http://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families)), from the European Commission ([www.eurights.uk/what-you-need-to-know](http://www.eurights.uk/what-you-need-to-know)) or from the charity Settled ([www.settled.org.uk](http://www.settled.org.uk)).

**Holy Father's Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** – Fourth Sunday in July. At the end of January, the Holy Father announced a 'World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly' to be held annually on the fourth Sunday in July. The announcement formed part of Pope Francis' Angelus address on 31 January, a copy of which can be found at: [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2021/documents/papafra-ncesco\\_angelus\\_20210131.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2021/documents/papafra-ncesco_angelus_20210131.html)

## **Irenaeus Project**

'The Word of the Lord endures forever' Reflections on the Letters of Peter and Jude, by Fr Chris Thomas. These will take place by zoom on Thursdays 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July from 10.30 am – 12 noon. To book your places, email [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk).

## The Word Within Us

Our Readings today show us a very arable theme, a theme that would be understood as much then as it is now.

We believe that Jesus would have learnt some carpentry skills from his father, but he would have also had to learn a degree of self-sufficiency from the land so that food could be grown to feed themselves.

Jesus seems to be very aware of what it takes to grow food from seed and when to harvest that food at the optimum time. He also sees the bigger picture, of how what grows assists the environment around it, giving shade, shelter, a vantage point

Our Gospel Acclamation tells us explicitly that the seed Jesus speaks of is the Word of God, this Word is sown by Christ into our hearts and this is where it will stay, growing inside of us until it is ready to be harvested or used.

This in turn makes me think of my own garden, a place of where time can be enjoyed taking in the beauty of nature. Now I cannot take any credit for what grows in my garden, that is something my wife manages expertly, but we bought a plant very cheaply in a local supermarket when we moved in. I couldn't even hazard a guess at its name, but this plant has grown year on year, and year on year it produces beautiful purple flowers. We call it the "bee bush" because as soon as it starts to bloom it proves to be a magnet for the local bees.

This plant not only makes me smile when I look at it, but it sustains our bees, which in turn help to sustain our local nature. That is how the Word of God works, it should make us smile, and that smile should help sustain everything around us.

*Deacon Chris*