

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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with Blessed Sacrament 474 2682*

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Sunday 25th July 2021

17th 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 and for St Teresa's at www.churchservices.tv/teresanorrisgreen.

Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially,
Kathleen Unsworth, Stephen McShane, Lynn Cain, Chloe Johnson,
Margaret McGlork, Ronald Winstanley

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Angela Austin, Thomas Gannon (B'day Rem), Bernard Hough, William
Corrigan Snr, Frances Waterhouse, Marie Davies, John Anthony Keady

**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, David & Julie Pearce, J. G., Joan, Paul & Kate, Angela Adlen,
Giles Rowe, Angela Gregory, Anna Gawlik, Mick Lawrence, Joan Turner, David
Holgate, Daria McCusker, Robert Gibson, Deb Joyce, Margaret Lacey, Irene
Kennedy, Brian Threlfall, Eileen Guy, baby Toby McKuster, Diane Bell, Pat Hale,
Mark Alfred Isherwood, Terry Vellely, Toni Daly, Billy Fox,
Eddie Unsworth, Patricia Broadfoot, Michelle Roehrig*

ALL MASSES ARE OPEN FOR PEOPLE TO ATTEND

SATURDAY 24th July

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SUNDAY 25th July

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

MONDAY 26th July

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 27th July

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

3.00pm Funeral: St Teresa's

WEDNESDAY 28th July

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

12noon: Funeral: St Teresa's

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 29th July

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

FRIDAY 30th July

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SATURDAY 31st July

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SUNDAY 1st August

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

Synod 2020 Update

After all the Synod votes were counted and considered the next step was a meeting with the Archbishop, his council and the Pastoral Plan Group. This took place at the Pastoral Centre of the Leeds Diocese for 5 days from July 12th.

During this week the votes on the 19 Recommendations took centre stage. These votes, the Synod Themes and the 27,000 contributions of the listening stage were allowed to direct and speak to the development of ideas for the pastoral plan. Alongside this the prayer and liturgy of each day inspired our thoughts and plans. At the centre of this was Christ himself whose light was shed on our Synod and on the realities of the world in which we are called to minister and live.

It was a hard week but one full of life and energy. By the Thursday a way forward was beginning to emerge. It is challenging but also life giving and most of all faithful to Christ experienced through the discernment that has been our pattern of working throughout the whole synod journey. The ideas, and there were many of them, have surfaced. The next stage is for a writing group to gather (for a week) and to try to present what has emerged in a way that we can put it into place and make a difference. The Archbishop and his council will review the Plan; the Pastoral Plan Group will meet again for 3 days in September and then we will work out how to rollout the Plan towards it being shared at the end of November. We will keep updating you as steps emerge.

Archbishop Malcolm, Fr Philip and Fr Matthew

Baptisms



Welcome to our parish community Robyn Louise Camelo, Cruz Williams, Zion Gabriel Ferguson Samuil Angelou, Lacey Wilson-Freeman, Harry Steve Butterworth & Lena Szustakiewicz who were Baptised into our faith family

recently.

Sunday, 25 July - World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis has instituted a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on this day. Identifying with the more senior members of our society, he says “The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!” “... We should cherish the elderly and recognise that there’s no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren.”

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29th June - Saint Martha

From St. Martha one basic lesson learned is that there is both active and contemplative work. Some vocations require more of one, but we all need to stop and experience quiet to pray, meditate, contemplate.

Another lesson to learn is that we serve God when we serve others through our work, whether it be the daily duty of household chores or other charitable work outside the home.

Eating With the Lord

Our readings today, as well as being full of hidden meanings, put the people told of in the Word of God in a definite place in the geography and history of the Scriptures.

Elisha is sought by a man from Baal-shalishah, a place we believe was to the north west of the Red Sea, who is bringing 20 barley loaves and some grain. Elisha manages to feed 100 men with this and have some left over.

We are then told that Jesus is on the far side of the Sea of Galilee, and being the Son of God, he of course can up the ante. He manages to feed 5,000 men with just five barley loaves and two fish. He has 12 baskets of food left over, which for the readers at the time would have been significant as Israel was made up of 12 tribes.

Today our Faith inspires us to give to our local foodbanks, so thousands of needy people can be fed. This is our scriptures inspiring us to put our Faith into direct action. When I was doing my A' Levels, I can remember a poster of Dom Helder Camara with the famous quote "*When I give food to the poor people call me a saint, when I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist*".

We are invited to eat with the Lord at Mass, and in accepting that invite we have in accept the responsibility that comes with it. That responsibility means that we are duty bound not only to feed the hungry but ask why they have no food in the first place. This earth given to us by God, has enough resources to ensure that no one should be cold, hungry or neglected.

Our role as followers of Christ is to be involved in every stage of the process, attending Mass, feeding the hungry, and asking the question to the relevant people as to why these people are hungry

Deacon Chris