

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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& St Swithin, Croxteth**

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*In the Pastoral Area of St Raphael and St Paul
with Blessed Sacrament 474 2682*

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Parish Priest: Fr Chris Fallon Assistant Priest: Fr Anthony Kelly

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Sunday 1st August 2021

18th 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,

Leslie Hartley, Moira Robinson, Margaret Taylor, Theresa Smailes, William Noonan, Ronald Winstanley, Thomas McLoughlin, Kathleen Unsworth, Robert Earl

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Emily Purdie, Alexander Purdie, Teresa & Terence Holt, Margaret & Bernard Jackson, Ernest Walton

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 Lace, Irene Kennedy, Brian Threlfall, Eileen Guy, Diane Bell, Pat Hale, Mark Alfred Isherwood, Terry Vellely, Toni Daly, Billy Fox, Eddie Unsworth, Patricia Broadfoot, Michelle Roehrig, Bernie Boyd, Pauline & John Morgan, Nellie Daley

ALL MASSES ARE OPEN FOR PEOPLE TO ATTEND

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

MONDAY 2nd August

NO MASS

TUESDAY 3rd August

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

WEDNESDAY 4th August

12noon: Requiem: St Teresa's

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 5th August

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

11.00am Funeral: St Teresa's

FRIDAY 6th August

7.00pm First Friday Mass: St Teresa's

SATURDAY 7th August

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SUNDAY 8th August

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

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Despite the relaxing of Covid Restrictions we would ask that unless medically exempt that you please continue to wear face coverings in church during all services. Thankyou.

Baptisms



Welcome to our parish community William Michael Taylor-White, Eliza Rose Kennerly-Bishop, Harrison Anthony Prayle & Thomas James Davies who were Baptised into our faith family recently.



Transfiguration of the Lord - August 6th

For a fleeting moment, Jesus gave Peter James and John a glimpse of God's glory, and from the mountain top they heard God's voice telling them to listen to his Son. This is the boost the disciples needed. Jesus had tried to prepare them for his death and resurrection, but they remained afraid and confused. Jesus needs to reassure the disciples. They need to know that despite Jesus' inevitable death, God is with him. The Transfiguration is that experience.

Thankyou

Pat Hale wishes to thank everyone for all their prayers and good wishes. Holy Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

The Retreat Association Handbook 2021

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- Individually guided retreats and quiet days
- Map pages divided into regions
- An index to all retreat centres

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Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention for August

“Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.”

Hiroshima & Nagasaki Anniversary

6th-9th August

The arguments about the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki rage on, but whatever your point of view, we should all come away with one very important lesson well learned. We should always question our own governments, and what they are doing to other people in our name.

Reflection

We live in a time of enormous and expensive preoccupation with the body and physical appearance. It is critical to many people today that they “Look marvellous.” For many of them it is more important to look good than to be good. Vast sums of money are spent on diets, body-building, fitness centres, cosmetics and even plastic surgery. The condition of our soul should be of more concern to us because the state of our soul affects everything else about us, even our appearance. Spiritual distress manifests itself in the body. Spiritual health is about more than being stress-free.

If we were to take an individual and satisfy all his or her material needs by providing an unlimited budget for food, shelter and clothing, dissatisfaction would soon surface because we have further needs that surface only after the more basic ones are satisfied. Once a person has enough food, thought is given to shelter and décor, once shelter is found, clothing and fashion become our focus. After clothing, safety and security are needed followed by job satisfaction and personal fulfilment. With the satisfaction of each level of need, our desires escalate.

Finally, when every apparent need has been met, one realizes a need for God. Just as a sailor will be fully satisfied only when he meets the sea, so we will be fully satisfied only when we encounter Christ. Nothing material can satisfy our inborn need for God. Our souls need an ecosystem of grace in which to grow. We may seek substitutes to fill the gap but a real need for the real God remains. The soul needs God as the body needs food. If bodily hunger is not met, people will turn to “junk food” and anything else to satisfy their hunger.

The same is true of the soul. Without the true God, we may seek gods in the people and things around us only to find that they are just like us and invariably disappoint. In the celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus gives us spiritual bread for the soul not only in Holy Communion but also in His teaching through the Liturgy of the Word. The Lord is here at every Mass. He is teaching us and He is feeding the very real hungers and thirsts of the soul.

Dcn Malcolm

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