

# NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH 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  
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Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Live Streaming System

All services are live streamed via Church Services TV. You can view services via the link on our website, Facebook and Twitter sites or at [www.churchservices.tv/croxteth](http://www.churchservices.tv/croxteth)

**Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially,  
Elizabeth Bassett, Sheila Willcox, Nuala Scarisbrick,  
and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time**

Brian Doolan (B'day Rem)

**Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for  
those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially**  
*Janet Clark, Margaret Bradley, Peter Fraser, John Murphy, T. C. Andreas  
Samaras, David & Julie Pearce, J. G., Joan, Paul & Kate, M.P., Angela Adlen,  
Giles Rowe, Angela Gregory, Anna Gawlik, Mick Lawrence, Joan Turner,  
David Holgate, Margaret Lace, Irene Kennedy, Brian Threlfall, Eileen Guy,  
Diane Bell, Pat Hale, Toni Daly, Billy Fox, Eddie Unsworth,  
Michelle Roehrig, Bernie Boyd, Vassilis Alamaniotis*

## ALL MASSES ARE OPEN FOR PEOPLE TO ATTEND

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| <b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>  | <b>6.00pm</b>  |
| <b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>    | <b>11.30am</b> |
| <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>    | <b>9.00am</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>   | <b>9.00am</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b> | <b>7.00pm</b>  |
| <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>  | <b>9.00am</b>  |
| <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>    | <b>No Mass</b> |
| <b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>  | <b>6.00pm</b>  |
| <b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>    | <b>11.30am</b> |

### SEASON OF CREATION

#### **UN Climate Change Conference (COP26)**

The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November 2021. 'COP' means 'conference of parties'. Leaders from 197 countries, including Pope Francis, who have signed up to the UN's climate change treaty, will travel to Glasgow to take part in the conference. This will be the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil.

The focus of the conference will be how to keep temperature rises below 1.5C. If the world warms more than this threshold, millions more people in the most vulnerable communities around the globe will suffer from devastating droughts, storms, floods and other impacts of climate change. Governments will be obliged to set out more ambitious goals for ending their contribution to climate change under the Paris Agreement (2015).

CAFOD invite us to sign a petition urging the Prime Minister to make sure the communities hardest hit by the climate emergency are listened to at COP26. You can sign the petition online here: <https://e-activist.com/page/73304/petition/1>

#### **Baptisms**



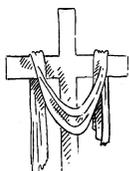
#### **Welcome to our parish community**

Rosie Jean Greenwood, Lewis Parker-Becs, Bella Melanie Dempsey, Jack Ronnie Dempsey, Connie Frances Dickinson, Leo James Dickinson, Sallie-Meabh Alexander Harrop who were all recently Baptised into our faith family.

## **Education Sunday – 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone in the world of education. This year we focus on a recovery from two disrupted academic years. We hope and pray that our teachers and our children worldwide will manage to focus on brand new horizons. There is a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

## **The Triumph of the Holy Cross - 14th September**



We are called to participate in the struggle against evil in every form: racism, social injustice, oppression, infidelity, dishonesty, and corruption. The Risen Lord wishes to deliver us from all evil. But how? Not by removing every difficulty, but by giving us courage to face it and overcome it. We look to the cross as a symbol of triumph over suffering and the promise of eternal life.

## **Our Lady of Sorrows - 15<sup>th</sup> September**

Our Lady of sorrows (Latin: Beata Maria Virgo Perdolens), Our Lady of Dolours, the Sorrowful Mother or Mother of Sorrows and Our Lady of Piety, Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows or Our Lady of the Seven Dolours are names by which the Virgin Mary is referred to in relation to sorrows in her life.

**Please see Irenaeus Project newsletter for September** for details of the 'Coming events' e.g. The Scripture evenings on the Letter to the Ephesians and Scripture mornings on the Gospel of Luke, which are both on Zoom. The newsletter is on the notice board at the back of church.

**Thanksgiving Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021.** £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes return flight, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is fully protected by ATOL T7613.



## **Sunday Tea 12.30 – 1.15pm**

We're hoping to start serving tea and biscuits after mass if we have enough people to help. If you have spare time on Sunday and would like to be part of a rota please let Lynne, in the parish office, know. It involves; setting up before mass, filling and turning on the urn and after people have left, hoovering/mopping and wiping tables.

## Reflection: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the son of God. Yet many, including Jesus's disciples, have not yet realised his identity.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish scriptures, found in the book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings.

Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being." Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: He will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman occupied- territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. What about us? Are we ready to follow the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel?

*Deacon Malcolm*