

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithun, Croxteth

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*In the Pastoral Area of St Raphael and St Paul
With Blessed Sacrament 474 2682
Holy Name and Our Lady & St Philomena 476 0289*

*Parish Priest: Fr Anthony Kelly
Deacons: Chris Housbey & Malcolm Fletcher*

Sunday 5th September 2021
23rd 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

**Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially,
Sheila Willcox, Philip Gill, Peggy Doran
and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time**

Babs & Edmund Wright, Colette Keating, Kevin Ready

**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

Saturday 4th September	6.00pm
Sunday 5th September	11.30am
Monday 6th September	9.00am
Tuesday 7th September	9.00am
Wednesday 8th September	7.00pm
Thursday 9th September	9.00am
Friday 10th September	No Mass
Saturday 11th September	6.00pm
Sunday 12th September	11.30am

Congratulations to the new Bishop of Plestia and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool, Tom Neylon who was ordained at the cathedral on Friday 3rd September.

Bishop Tom was ordained by Archbishop Malcom McMahon in the first major service to be celebrated in the cathedral since the beginning of the pandemic and the first Episcopal Ordination in Liverpool since that of Bishop Tom Williams in 2003.

The cathedral welcomed Apostolic Nuncio, the Vatican's representative in Great Britain, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Bishops from England and Wales as well as priests and parishioners from the archdiocese to the ordination.

There will be ordination cards available at your church this weekend to celebrate this special occasion for everyone in the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

To see photographs of the ordination, please visit the Archdiocese of Liverpool Flickr account: www.flickr.com/liverpoolcatholic and there will be an ordination special in September's edition of the Catholic Pic.

Baptisms



Welcome to our parish community

Libby April Turner, Charlie Bobby McCune & Mia Jowita Kopera who were all recently Baptised into our faith family.

Mary's Meals - School meals for the world's poorest children.

In the developing world £15.90 is all it costs to feed a child for a whole school year. The vision is that every child in 19 of the poorest countries of the world receives one daily meal in their place of education.

Donate online at www.marysmeals.org/

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

Those of us above a certain age reacted with incredulity when supermarkets first started talking about selling water in plastic bottles. 'But it comes free in the tap,' we thought, 'it will never catch on.' Now a staggering 200 billion plastic water bottles are sold across the planet annually. So many of the daily choices we make that could improve our environment. This month we join in Pope Francis's prayer for September "**..... that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.**"

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 8th September

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth....the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story (like many biblical counterparts) stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning. *(American Catholic)*

Christian Aid Online Petition to support the people of Afghanistan

Christian Aid is inviting us to use our voice to demand the UK government increases its response, through:

- Increasing aid to Afghanistan and to neighbouring countries
- Providing more support for Afghans seeking refuge in the UK

Sign this online petition at www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/stand-afghanistan

CAFOD Zoom meeting Wednesday 8th September 7pm – 8pm

All around the world, the poorest and most vulnerable communities are being hit the hardest by the climate crisis. Join Colette online for an hour to hear about CAFOD's work and our Climate Crisis Appeal for this year's Family Fast Day. To join the Zoom, please email Colette on cbyrne@cafod.org.uk to receive the link.

There will be an opportunity for a cup of tea and a chat after masses this weekend as it is Fr Anthony's 1st as parish priest.

‘Courage! Do not be afraid.’

This week has seen a number of new beginnings; my first few days as parish priest here at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs; the Episcopal Ordination of our new Auxiliary Bishop Tom Neylon; young people and staff going back into our schools after the summer break.

When there are new things to be encountered there is usually some sort of trepidation as we look at our own abilities and weigh these up against the challenges ahead. That is why the line in Isaiah from the first reading resonates with me, ‘Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming’.

The call to not be afraid is a constant theme throughout the Old Testament and New Testament. For example, we hear it said by the angel to Mary at the Incarnation; to Joseph when he was considering to divorce Mary; whilst Jesus uses these words to encourage the apostles. God is always wanting us to place our trust in Him and to look to Him for our strength. As he says to the deaf and dumb man in today’s Gospel, ‘Be opened’; God wants us to open our hearts and minds in faith to his love and care in our lives.

‘Courage, do not be afraid’ gives me particular strength at this time as I try to get to grips with the new responsibilities of being parish priest and building on the good work of Fr Chris and his predecessors. It feels a bit like Batman has gone away, and Robin is now in charge! It will take time for me to settle into this role and I think there is wisdom and prudence in taking things slowly and taking time to reflect on the different areas of parish life. We have all been through a very difficult time over these past eighteen months and encountered challenges we probably couldn’t previously have imagined. But, we as a community have kept going and my thanks go to all of you for your various contributions. We are still not out of the woods yet as regards to the Pandemic but I hope that phrase, ‘Courage, do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming’ gives us all hope and strength for the future.

With prayers and best wishes for you all,
Fr Anthony