

**NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF  
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*Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021  
27<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,**  
Ellen Finnigan (Nelly), Anne Brennan, John Moran, Pauline Morgan,  
Pauline Campbell

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

**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,  
Angela Gregory, Mick Lawrence, Joan Turner, David Holgate, Margaret  
Lace, Irene Kennedy, Brian Threlfall, Eileen Guy, Diane Bell, Toni Daly,  
Billy Fox, Eddie Unsworth, Michelle Roehrig, Bernie Boyd,  
Vassilis Alamaniotis, Josie Dunne*

## MASSES TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Deborah James L.D.
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	James Jennings
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>	Requiem: Anne Brennan
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	Requiem: Pauline Morgan
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	Requiem: Ellen (Nelly) Finnigan
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Josie Dunne G.W.
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Parishioners

## SEASON OF CREATION

### St Francis of Assisi

The Season of Creation culminates in the feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October. St Francis is the patron of all God's creatures and the environment. One of the issues that demands our urgent attention is how we treat animals. The current pandemic is a wake-up call. God did not give us animals to do with as we like. He entrusted them to us – we are their custodians. Many animals suffer appalling cruelty because of our demand for food and sport. Christians have a duty of care to God's creatures. We can't keep turning a blind eye!

### A Prayer for Animals

Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends the animals,  
especially for animals who are suffering;  
for animals that are overworked, underfed and cruelly treated;  
for all wistful creatures in captivity that beat their wings against bars;  
for any that are hunted or lost or deserted or frightened or hungry;  
for all that must be put death.

We entreat for them all Thy mercy and pity,  
and for those who deal with them we ask a heart of compassion  
and gentle hands and kindly words.

Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals,  
and so to share the blessings of the merciful.

*Attributed to the theologian and philosopher, Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)*

Altar Flowers in Loving Memory of  
Anthony Larkin

**Pope Benedict's Prayer Intention for October 2021**

*Evangelisation*



We are reminded this month that proclaiming the Gospel is the main task of the Church. **On World Mission Sunday (24th October 2021)** we are asked to renew our commitment to evangelisation. This month we are asked to join in Pope Benedict's prayer **"... We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel."**

**October.... Month of the Rosary**



The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

**Baptisms**



**Welcome to our parish community** Sienna Mona & Callum Valance who were all recently Baptised into our faith family.

**Baby Loss Awareness Week 9<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

It aims to raise awareness of the key issues around pregnancy and baby loss in the UK. Throughout the week, bereaved parents, their families, and their friends unite to commemorate the lives of babies who died during pregnancy, at or soon after birth and in infancy.

**Don't Forget Your CAFOD donation.**

Friday October 1st was CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day. Once again, supporters around the UK came together to raise money for people hungry for change. This weekend or soon after, please return your donation envelopes. If you are a UK tax payer don't forget to fill out the gift aid slip on the back.

**Parish Council Meeting** has been postponed until November.

## **Our creative God**

In the latest part of the prayer for Creation, this week we are encouraged to pray for the animals who share our world and to examine the way we treat them.

As a young boy I remember an occasion when a bird flew into our window at home. I remember quite clearly the distress I felt in trying to revive this bird again and the sorrow I felt when there was nothing more I could do for it. Deep down we appear to have an emotional link to the creatures around us.

The first reading tells us today, ‘So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it.’ This reveals that the animals are a product of God’s creative activity and, as a result, are deserving of our love and attention. It also highlights the responsibility that is entrusted to us as their identities are placed in humanity’s care.

We should not be surprised by this creative link between humanity and the creatures of the world. For it was through His guiding providence that God chose his Son to be born in a stable, close to or in the presence of, the animals. We also know that Jesus was referred to by John the Baptist as the “Lamb of God”-choosing the best quality of an animal to compare the Saviour of the world.

The creatures that our world is blessed with contribute so much to our well-being and enjoyment of creation. Think of a Guide Dog and the level of help that it provides to an impaired human; the beauty of a colourful butterfly; the majesty of unexpectedly seeing a bird of prey. As the hymn goes, “all things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all”.

Fittingly, on Monday we celebrate the Memorial of St Francis of Assisi. Francis is often pictured surrounded by animals and the story goes that he would go and talk to the animals as they were more attentive than his parishioners! I haven’t quite got to that point yet but I think I know what he means!

*Fr Anthony*