

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

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Sunday, 28th November 2021
First Sunday of Advent

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
Lizzie Jones, Charlie Seiga

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Joe McCormack

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, Brian Threlfall, Eileen Guy, Diane Bell, Toni Daly, Billy Fox, Eddie Unsworth, Bernie Boyd, Vassilis Alamaniotis, Josie Dunne, L.G., Margaret & Joseph Maloney

MASSES TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 27th Nov	6.00pm	Joe McCormack (4 th Anniv)
Sunday 28th	11.30am	Parishioners
Monday 29th	9.00am	The Environment
Tuesday 30th	9.00am	Confirmation Children
Wednesday 1st Dec	7.00pm	Gerry Wilson
Thursday 2nd	9.00am	John Boggan
	6.00pm	Confirmation Service
	7.30pm	Confirmation Service
Friday 3rd	No Mass	
Saturday 4th	6.00pm	Parishioners
Sunday 5th	11.30am	Holy Souls

The Advent Wreath



Today we light the first of our Advent candles. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles symbolize the prayer, sacrifices, and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete

Sunday. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead. The light signifies Christ, the Light of the world.

"PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD" During Advent

Confessing to a priest is a way of putting my life into the hands and hearts of someone else, someone who in that moment acts in the name of Jesus"

(Pope Francis)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
individually in the Community Room

Saturday 5.15pm – 5.45pm

Sunday 10.45am – 11.15am

Wednesday 6.30pm – 6.50pm

Luke, an Advent Gospel - a series of talks

This Advent at the Cathedral, they are hosting a series of four talks on the Gospel of Luke. As we will be hearing from this Gospel on most Sundays next year, it would benefit us to refresh our memories and gain some new insights into this rich and varied text. These talks will run on consecutive Wednesdays in the *Gibberd Room*, beginning on the 24th of November. The organizers also anticipating an opportunity for discussion/Q&A at the end of each session. More details below:

- Luke, a Gospel of Inclusion - 1/12/2021 at 7pm - Sr Bridget Folkard SSMN
- Luke, a Gospel of Prayer - 8/12/2021 at 7pm - Canon Anthony O'Brien
- Luke, a Christmas Gospel - 15/12/2021 at 7pm - Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP

For more information, please contact Peter Ross - p.ross@rcaolp.co.uk

Overview of The Pastoral Plan is available at the back of church, please take a copy home. You can read the full pastoral plan on our dedicated website liverpoolpastoralplan.org.uk

Christmas Card Campaign - See the display at the back of church. Please take a few minutes to write a card and send a message of hope to our paired parish **The Martyrs of Jordan**. You may wish to include an Arabic greeting and the name of our parish. All cards will be posted together so please put them into the white envelope.

Good News! Girl Guides are recruiting. They meet in St John Bosco School on Thursdays 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Girls aged ten and over will be made very welcome. Please go along and meet Anne Marie and her team.

In an effort to keep everyone safe and well, will not be serving tea and coffee after mass during Advent.

First Holy Communion Enrolment

Enrolment for First Holy Communion is open to all children in year 4 or above. Please complete an enrolment form at the back of church and choose the time of the first preparation session, 9.30am or 11.00am on Saturday, 15th January 2022.

WORLD GIFTS A True Spirit of Christmas Giving

World Gifts is a way of supporting those most in need. Once again this year, we are having a parish collection during Advent to help people living in poverty.

Saint Andrew the Apostle, November 30th



As one of the twelve apostles, Andrew worked closely with Our Lord during his public life. He was present at the Last Supper, beheld the risen Lord, witnessed the Ascension and shared in the graces and gifts of the first Pentecost.

The good deeds and preaching of St. Andrew became known in all parts of the world. According to tradition, a part of the remains of St. Andrew were taken to Scotland, and he was chosen as the Protector of the Scottish people. The Cross of St. Andrew also adorns the British flag where it was placed after the union of Scotland and England.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2022:

7 Nights Apartment B&B and return Airport transfer from Dubrovnik or Split from €315 per person sharing. Guaranteed Airport transfer price for any flight. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com



Christmas Mass Times

24th December: Vigil of the Nativity: **6pm & 12 midnight**

25th December: Nativity of the Lord: **10am**