

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 St Teresa of the Child Jesus 226 1354

Blessed Sacrament 474 2682

Holy Name and Our Lady & St Philomena 476 0289

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Sunday, 30th January 2022
Fourth 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

Alice McGee, Maureen McVerry, Marie Leader

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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., David

& Julie Pearce, J. G., Joan, Andreas Samaras, 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, Margaret & Joseph Maloney, Kenny Morley, Ellen Cooke.

Christine & David Fitzsimmons, Canon Brendan Alger, Baby Zackery,

Robbie Ross, Eleanor Mawdsley

MASSES TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	29th	6.00pm	Ronald Pruden
Sunday	30th	11.30am	Parishioners
Monday	31st	9.00am	In Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes
Tuesday	1st Feb	9.00am	Perpetual Mass Book
		9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		3.00pm	Divine Mercy
Wednesday	2nd	7.00pm	Brendan Murphy L.D.
Thursday	3rd	9.00am	Alice Magee
Friday	4th	No Mass	
Saturday	5th	6.00pm	Rita Simpson
Sunday	6th	11.30pm	Joyce Blair

Universal Synod 2023: Archbishop Malcolm is calling us to take part in the listening phase of the Universal Synod on synodality 2023, which Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to join. To participate in this world wide listening process, you can access and download the discussion questions from **Monday 10 January 2022**, as well as submit your responses online at

www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/synod2023.

The deadline for submissions is 10 March 2022. For queries: vaticansynod@rcaol.org.uk .

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, 2nd February

In 1997, Pope John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. Today you are invited to pray for someone you know who is living the consecrated life or presently discerning a vocation as a religious brother, sister or priest.

Welcome to God's family

Chloe-Marie Coman Aceituno, Lara, Ava & Eliza
Hendrick, Sienna Evans, Francis Cannon & Anton Smith
who were recently baptised.



MOTHER of MERCY TUESDAYS

Adoration all day, concluding with Divine Mercy at 3pm. All are welcome to come and spend some time with Jesus.

Could you be a deacon?

Having received our Synod Pastoral Plan, which sets out concrete actions to change our ways of working, so that our Church becomes more inclusive, more welcoming and more engaged with those on the margins, the ministry of deacons will continue to evolve alongside the presbyteral ministry in the service of the priesthood of all the baptised.

If you would like to hear how this is working out and you feel this may be your calling too, please join Archbishop Malcolm and the diaconate team in an evening meeting for men who may be wondering if they are called to serve as deacons and what the formation involves. Wives and supporting priests or deacons are also welcome.

Tuesday 22 February, 7.30-9pm (refreshments from 7pm)

St Gregory's Parish House, Weldbank Lane, Chorley PR7 3NW

If you are interested in the diaconate but unable to attend this evening, please email diaconate@rcaol.org.uk for more information.

Presentation of the Lord, *February 2nd*



The Holy Spirit had promised Simeon that he would live long enough to see Jesus and this satisfied his life. We are prompted to ask what would satisfy us in our lives. Are the goals we set worth a lifetime of wanting?

LGBTQ+ Catholics

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday 20th February, beginning at 2.00pm with Mass followed by a social gathering at:

St Richard's, Mayfield Street, Atherton, M46 0AQ

If you are attending please let Fr Maloney know for catering purposes.

Fr Maloney, Tel: 0151 287 8787, frsmaloney@aol.com

All who have been entered in the Perpetual Mass Book this Month

Robert Burn, Maureen King, James Nimmo, Martin Burke, Owen Copeland, Charlie Brew, Thomas McAlevie, May Mason, Bridget D'Annunzio, Rita McAlavey, Marie Crowe, Christine Kelly, Joan Dyer, Catherine O'Brien, Marlene Fielding, Claire & Nicky Richardson, Freddie Blackburn, Sheila White, Michael McDonagh, David Wignall, Marion Edwardson, Bridget Fitsimmons Marie Grice, P.A. Varkey

Gospel Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Pitfalls of a Prophet



In today's reading Jesus is invited to preach in his hometown synagogue. At first, Jesus' audience are impressed, but then they start to mutter to each other. Surely this is just the son of Joseph the carpenter! When this truth dawns on them they are enraged and drive him out of town. It doesn't matter how successful or famous or distinguished one has become, once you return home you will always be remembered as the child you once were.

The readings over the Epiphany season are all about human kind coming to understand who Jesus is and what he is about. In particular, the readings tell us how this understanding is communicated. Jesus was an excellent communicator, but not even he was free of prejudice. The business of communicating with others on the subject of God is not without problems and pitfalls.

There is nothing elite about being a prophet. A prophet is anyone who stands up and speaks the truth. As Christians we are all required to stand up for the truth. There is plenty of injustice in the world to speak out against, but before speaking out, we are warned of the pitfalls. Today's gospel warns us of the pitfall of familiarity breeding contempt. What other pitfalls might we encounter in speaking out? It is easy for instance to imagine that everyone's faith should be the same as one's own. Might we misjudge the mood, readiness or interest of our audience? Might we be tempted to patronize, or worse, bore out listeners?

For two thousand years inspirational communicators have stood up in Jesus' wake and amplified his words. Today we are invited to choose our own words, weigh up our audience, examine the pitfalls and add our voice.
