

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin, Croxteth.

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PASTORAL AREA of St Raphael and St Paul

Holy Name and Our Lady & St Philomena 476 0289

Blessed Sacrament 474 2682. St Teresa's 226 1354

Parish Priest: Fr Anthony Kelly.

Deacons: Chris Housbey & Malcolm Fletcher.

Safeguarding Representatives: Catherine Housbey & Malcolm Fletcher.



Sunday, 13th February 2022

Sixth 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,

Marie Howard Joseph Sweeney Mrs Healy

Anniversaries.

Kathy Powell

Francis Maguire

Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially

Billy Fox

Toni Daly

Diane Bell

Eileen Guy

Janet Clark

Ellen Cooke

Bernie Boyd

Robbie Ross

Josie Dunne

Joan Turner

Paul & Kate

Peter Fraser

John Murphy

Angela Adlen

Baby Zackery

Kenny Morley

Brian Threlfall

David Holgate

Margaret Lace

Mick Lawrence

Angela Gregory

Eddie Unsworth

Christine & David Fitzsimmons

Margaret & Joseph Maloney

Joan, Andreas Samaras

Canon Brendan Alger

David & Julie Pearce

Vassilis Alamaniotis

Eleanor Mawdsley

Margaret Bradley

T. C.,

J. G.,

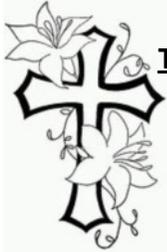
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MASSES TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	12th	Feb 6.00pm	Tom Everson
Sunday	13th	11.30am	John Francis Speers (B'day Rem) John McCann (B'day Rem)
Monday	14th	9.00am	Kathy Powell (30yrs Anniv)
Tuesday	15th	9.30am	Requiem: Marie Howard
		11.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	16th	7.00pm	Edward (Ned) Burke (99 th B'day Rem)
Thursday	17th	9.00am	Alice Magee R.I.P. Lisa Elms (Intention)
Friday	18th	No Mass	
Saturday	19th	6.00pm	Bill Morley (B,day Rem)
Sunday	20th	11.30am	Parishioners

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2022

There will be a second collection for the work of SPUC



The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is the oldest pro-life campaigning and educational organisation in the world. Every year hundreds of churches across Britain take part in the SPUC White Flower Appeal, making it one of our largest

and most important educational and fundraising events of the year.

Campaigning postcards distributed, and generous volunteers collect donations to help us carry out our life-saving work during the coming year.

12th February. Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order.

By name are, Bonfilius, Alexis, Manettus, Amideus, Hugh, Sostene and Buonagiunta of Florence, were seven holy men of the town of Florence whom became bound to each other in a spiritual friendship that were eventually called by the Virgin Mother of God in a vision, that they reportedly all shared in one and the same moment, (though at first each was unaware that the other saw what he saw), whom they practised an intense devotion towards, to 'Leave the World, the Better to Serve Almighty God'.



Pope Leo XIII canonized them all on 15 January 1888. After the canonization of the seven founders, their feast was inserted in the General Roman Calendar for celebration on 11 February, the anniversary of the granting of canonical approval to the order in 1304. In 1909, 11 February became the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, and the feast of the seven founders was moved to 12 February.

Gospel Reflection for the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The 'I'm All Right Jack' Mentality



“Woe to those who are rich.” “Woe to those with plenty to eat.” “Woe to those who laugh.” “Woe to those who are honoured.” Does Jesus mean that heaven is denied us if we pick up a well earned pay packet at the end of the month, stock the freezer and put on a cheerful face? Few of us consider ourselves really well off, but there is a danger that when we are finally making ends meet we can become seriously

complacent. There is a real danger that when we are sitting down to our Spaghetti Bolognese and bottle of Italian red, that the images of world disasters flashing across our TV screens do not really touch us for more than fleeting moments. We have struggled through a hard day at work, paid the bills, fed the family and got the children to bed. The last thing we want is breaking news of famine or earthquakes to make us feel uncomfortable.

“Blessed are those who are poor. Blessed are those who are hungry. Blessed are those who weep.” Jesus is always on the side of those who are poor and badly done to, but is that a prescription for being poor and hungry in a bid to win Jesus’ favour? Jesus is clearly not about keeping people in poverty, so what exactly does he mean? In God’s kingdom our earthly values are turned upside down.

We count wealth, good health and success as blessings, which of course they are, but they stop being blessings and become hindrances instead when we bury our heads in the sand and fail to see or do anything about a world that suffers widespread starvation and war. The blessings in our lives can only bring true happiness once we are able to shed our “I’m all right Jack” mentality and do something about the “woes” in other people’s lives.

13th February 2022 Racial Justice Sunday

Image and Likeness of God

This theme builds on that of the previous year’s Racial Justice Sunday ‘A Time to Act’, which reflected on the importance of everyone recognising themselves, their race, their culture and their history in the life of the Church. The aim, in 2022, is to continue these conversations about how we see others in the “Image and Likeness of God”.

The Bible has a lot to say about justice because as God’s Word, it reflects God’s heart for justice. Racism and racial discrimination are justice issues because they deny basic justice and human dignity to women and men who are made in the image of God. Equally, they are sinful because, among other issues, they assume all are not equal before God and are not part of God’s family.

Love One Another as I have Loved You.

14th FEBRUARY St. Valentine Day

Valentine was a holy priest who lived in Rome. Along with St. Marius, he helped the martyrs to die a good and holy death. He gave them the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Extreme Unction to help them on their journey to Heaven. While he was performing these holy deeds of charity, the Roman soldiers discovered him. But because St. Valentine was admired by all the people— and even by the Emperor—for his virtue and wisdom, he was not put to death at once. The Emperor himself sent for him and welcomed him kindly. He invited him to sit down beside him. Then he asked him, “Why such a wise man like you lower yourself to join a religion that is against the gods of Rome?” “Sir,” answered Valentine gently, “if you knew the God I adore, you would hate the religion that makes you worship devils. You would be proud to adore the only true God, the Creator of Heaven and earth. Only he can make all your people truly happy.

The Emperor wanted to know more about the Christian religion, and St Valentine answered all his questions with great wisdom. The people of the court became angry. Their Emperor saw that they were angry. He thought more about pleasing men than pleasing God. So, he turned the Saint over to the governor to be judged. That is how St Valentine, too, suffered martyrdom for his beloved Jesus. He was beaten with clubs and later beheaded.

St Valentine was a man of great virtue because he knew his religion well. The more we learn about our Faith, the more we will want to grow in every virtue.

17th February 2022 Random Acts of Kindness Day

Celebrated on February 17th, National Random Acts of Kindness Day has grown in popularity each year. It is celebrated by individuals, groups and organizations, nationwide, to encourage acts of kindness. It is a favourite day to many, as people everywhere are enjoying doing these acts of kindness.

To do:-

- Offer someone a lift to Mass
- Deliver a church newsletter to someone who is housebound
- Buy pasta and tinned food for the local food bank

An Invitation from the Mother of Mercy's Volunteers Everybody is Welcome

Each Tuesday Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin's Church will be open until 3.15pm, please come along and join us, take an opportunity to pop in for Adoration, to offer a prayer for your own Special Intentions, your Family, Friends and for our own Parish Community.