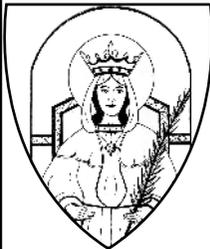


# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin.

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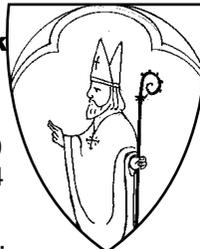
## PASTORAL AREA of St Raphael and St Paul

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**Third Sunday of Lent.**

**Feast of St Cuthbert**

**20th March.**



St Cuthbert lived in England. He was a poor shepherd boy who loved to play games with his friends. He was very good at them, too. One of his friends scolded him for loving to play so much. Cuthbert never forgot this wise correction. Our Lord granted him a vision when he was fifteen: and after that he strongly desired to become a saint. He entered a monastery and later

became a missionary. From one village to another, from house to house, St Cuthbert went on a horse or on foot. He did good everywhere and brought many souls to God. So cheerful and kind was he that everyone felt attracted to him. Yet he himself was more contented to be alone with God.

When Cuthbert was made a Bishop, he worked just as hard as ever to help souls. As he lay dying, he urged his monks to live in peace and charity with everyone.

Let us be so kind and good that no one will find it hard to get along with us.

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## **22<sup>nd</sup> March Making the Invisible Visible. World Water Day 2022**

### **Care for Our Common Home**

Groundwater is invisible, but its impact is visible everywhere. Out of sight, under our feet, groundwater is a hidden treasure that enriches our lives.

Almost all of the liquid freshwater in the world is groundwater. As climate change gets worse, groundwater will become more and more critical. We need to work together to sustainably manage this precious resource.

Groundwater may be out of sight, but it must not be out of mind.

**To do:-**

- Almost anything can pollute our groundwater and we can all do our bit to protect it. Switch to eco-friendly or natural household products. Our supermarkets are full of eco-friendly alternatives.

# **FEAST OF ST GABRIEL, ARCHANGEL.**

**24<sup>th</sup> March**



Gabriel was one of the three glorious Archangels whom we honour and to whom we pray. It was St Gabriel who appeared to the Blessed Mother and told her she was to be the mother of God. God chose him for this very special mission. In the Holy Bible we read of the appearances on earth. In each of the visits to men, St Gabriel gives us wonderful examples of charity and humility. He came to tell the Prophet Daniel when Jesus would be born, and he spoke to him with great courtesy and kindness. When he appeared to Zachary to tell him he was to be the father of

St John the Baptist, he showed his humility. He did not even say who he was until just before he disappeared. And when Gabriel announced to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she was to be the mother of God, he was very respectful and reverent. With loving devotion, he greeted her and gave her God's message.

## **WE JOURNEY TOGETHER – THE SCRUTINIES**

On the middle three Sundays during Lent we celebrate three very special Rites. These Rites are called “The Scrutinies”

They are ancient Rites and they may, at first seem strange to us, but in fact they are profoundly rooted in our human experience.

We all need to examine, or ‘scrutinise’ who we are;- the areas in our lives that we are tempted, and to reflect on the things we do and the things we fail to do. We all need healing;- and the strength that can come from the support of our brothers and sisters in our Community.

Since last September, seven new members of our Parish Community have been preparing to be fully received into the Church. They have been meeting each week, blessed at the Cathedral by Archbishop Malcolm, and are now ready to receive this new strength in the midst of their spiritual journey.

They are opening their hearts to receive the gifts of our faith. As we join them for the Scrutinies and support them through these rites, we too have an opportunity to reflect and to deepen our resolve to hold fast to Christ.

During the Rites we will be invited to pray for “the Elect” in silence. Our new members are very special to us and through the Scrutinies we pray that they and indeed all of us will be strengthened in all that is upright, strong and good. It is wonderful for us to reflect upon the journey these “Elect” are making during Lent. May it be an inspiration and source of renewal for each and every one of us, as we journey towards the great celebration of Easter together.

# **SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

**25<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Was Mary sitting or kneeling or laying?

A vision appears the angel Gabriel is saving.

‘Do not be afraid, be glad and rejoice.

You are in God’s favor. You are God's choice.

You'll give birth to a Son;

He will reign for all time.

You will call him Jesus, out of David's line.’

Mary full of wonder, and deeply disturbed.

Without question, say's “YES”

to God's holy word.



*May our hearts be still, let our minds be free, and listen to God's message to you and to me. Let us act without question or reason or rhyme. Saying yes to our God, Lord thy will not mine. Be it unto us, by Thy holy word, we will not be afraid, we will not be scared.*

## **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2022**

Be part of the Archdiocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes as part of the St Bernadette team: a group of over 18's offering care and service to assisted pilgrims.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July Cost £600

Application form available from [animateyouth.org](http://animateyouth.org)

### **WILLIAM JOHN FOX**

William John Fox, everyone knows him as **Billy Fox**, all the children, teachers, mum's and dad's who have attended Our Lady and St Swithin's school know Billy very well and thank him for all he has done throughout the many years for all the children in his care. Thank You Billy, with all our hearts.



**O Lord. Eternal rest please grant unto Billy and all of those who have departed from us, and let Your Perpetual Light shine upon them all. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.**

**Amen.**

### **WHAT DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT? IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS**

Fast from hurting words and say kind words  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience  
Fast from pessimism and have trust in God  
Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity  
Fast from pressures and be prayerful  
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled  
Fast from words; be silent and listen

## 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)

## Liturgy for the Week

### Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	St Joseph Husband of Mary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Prayers answered Catherine Ryall
<b>Monday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Joseph Bank (Get Well)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Robbie Ross (Get Well)
		<b>7.00pm</b>	Rosary William John Fox (Billy)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	Requiem Mass William John Fox (Billy)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Betty Almark & Anne
<b>Friday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Br. Francis
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Parishioners intentions

**Your prayers are asked for those who have**

### **Died recently**

Billy Woolinch

### **Anniversaries and Birthdays**

Elizabeth (Lily) White

Edward Cummins John Sullivan

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

<i>Bernie Boyd</i>	<i>Angela Gregory</i>	<i>Canon Brendan Alger</i>
<i>Diane Bell</i>	<i>Baby Zackery</i>	<i>Christine &amp; David Fitzsimmons</i>
<i>Eileen Guy</i>	<i>Brian Threlfall</i>	<i>David &amp; Julie Pearce</i>
<i>Ellen Cooke</i>	<i>David Holgate</i>	<i>Eleanor Mawdsley</i>
<i>Janet Clark</i>	<i>Eddie Unsworth</i>	<i>Joan, Andreas Samaras</i>
<i>Joan Turner</i>	<i>John Murphy</i>	<i>Margaret &amp; Joseph Maloney</i>
<i>Josie Dunne</i>	<i>Kenny Morley</i>	<i>Vassilis Alamaniotis</i>
<i>Paul &amp; Kate</i>	<i>Margaret Lace</i>	<i>JG.,</i>
<i>Robbie Ross</i>	<i>Mick Lawrence</i>	<i>MP.,</i>
<i>Toni Dal</i>	<i>Peter Fraser</i>	<i>TC.,</i>
<i>Angela Adlen</i>	<i>Margaret Bradley</i>	