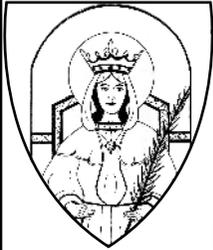
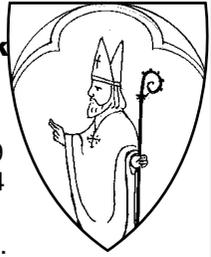


# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin.



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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.

## **Holy Week.**

## **Palm Sunday**

**10<sup>th</sup> April**



Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter Sunday and the start of Holy Week. A feast day commemorating Jesus's entry into Jerusalem on a Donkey. To the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw palms in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it is the humble arrival of someone coming in peace.

A week later, Christ will rise from the dead on the first Easter.

## **GOD CALLING**

I lay my loving hands on you in blessings. Wait in Love and longing to feel their tender pressure and as you wait, courage and hope will flow into your being, irradiating your lives with the warm sun of My Presence.

Let all go this Eastertide. Loosen your hold on Earth, its care, its worries, even its joys. Unclasp your hands, relax, and then the tide of Easter Joy will come. Put aside all thought of the future, of the past. Relinquish all to get the Easter Sacrament of Spiritual Life.

So often man, crying out for some blessing, has yet such tight hold on earth-treasure that he has no hand to receive Mine, as I hold it out in Love. Easter is the wonder-time of all the year. A blessing is yours to take. Sacrifice all to that.

From: (A Devotional Diary by Two Listeners.)

Their message had been given to them, here in England,  
by the living Christ Himself.

# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

## *When Compromise Isn't An Option?*



Today we remember Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Good Friday. A question that gets asked a lot is, why did Jesus not turn his donkey around and bypass Jerusalem altogether? Wouldn't it have been better for Jesus to have lived into old age continuing to teach and to heal? The hardest lesson for Jesus' disciples to learn was that for Jesus to have bypassed Jerusalem, he would also have had to bypass his mission. Jesus had an unwavering commitment, and as Christians we are asked to share that commitment, and understand what that commitment might mean in the detail of our lives.

Commitment doesn't just mean thinking something is quite a good idea, or thinking we really ought to pursue something. It doesn't even mean badly wanting to do something. Commitment is about a passion that drives us towards an end goal despite all the odds. Commitment is about dedication, and self discipline.

Commitment means being uncomfortable now and then; it might even mean self sacrifice. Christianity is not just about wearing our Sunday best and being very nice people. As Christians we are looking at the world in all its life and death situations and knowing that compromise isn't an option. How sad to get to the end of life and having to admit we have done nothing of great importance; nothing worthy of our commitment; nothing worthy of being a Christian. If this all seems a bit daunting, it doesn't have to be. Part of our larger commitment brings smaller daily commitments. Christianity is a big meaningful journey starting out with small manageable steps.

For Jesus, commitment and self sacrifice went hand in hand. This week we remember the death of Jesus as a supreme act of love. Jesus taught us that we are worth all that pain and suffering. How do we live our lives from this day on knowing that Jesus considered us worth his ultimate sacrifice?

## **St Bademus, Martyr.**

Bademus was originally a rich and noble citizen of Bethlapeta in Persia, who sold his rich possessions to follow Christ, then gave the greater part of the proceeds to the poor. He reserved just enough to found a monastery near that city, to which he retired with several other persons, and then governed it with great sanctity. He conducted his religious in the paths of perfection with sweetness, prudence, and charity. St Bademus, beheaded martyr, died 10<sup>th</sup> April in the year 376.

**We give a VERY WARM WELCOME to Fr John Boles  
who will be making an appeal on behalf of the Columbians.  
Fr John will be here on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April.**

## Perpetual Mass Book. - People enrolled during February and March.

Billy Fox  
Billy Foy  
Bill Dale  
Larry Crist  
Joe Farrell  
John Gove  
Frank Ryan

John Sinnot  
Geoff Regan  
Patrick Kelly  
Victor Miller  
Bet Tomkins  
Paul Hughes  
Peter Moore

Mary Mason  
Harry Hughes  
Eileen O'Neill  
Billy McNulty  
Tony Roberts  
Joseph Carrol  
Bessie Brown

Pat Blackburn  
Annie Jackson  
Joan Manning  
Marie Howard  
Lynda Watkins  
Anthony Clarke  
Teresa Ramajkis

Elizabeth Hayter  
Kerry Cummines  
Mrs McCormack  
Pauline McCardl  
Marie O'Donnell  
Raymond Kirliew  
Freddie McStavick  
Lawrence D'Annunzio

### Holy Week

If you would like to read during holy week, please add your name to the form on the notice board.

### Holy Thursday

Please volunteer and sign-up for the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday. There is a list at the back of the Church for you to add your name.

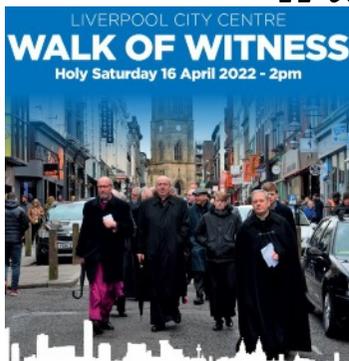
## 11am. GOOD FRIDAY - WALK OF WITNESS

Starting at St Swithin's and finishing at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. Stations of the Cross prayed along the way. 14 volunteers are needed to read a Station each. There is a list at the back of church for you to sign up. Tea and hot crossed buns served in the community room after Stations of the Cross.



## Walk of Witness

### from The Metropolitan Cathedral



*The Walk of Witness this year is led by Archbishop Malcolm, it will start at 2pm on 16 April, outside the Metropolitan Cathedral and will finish with prayers and refreshments at Liverpool Parish Church. All are welcome to attend.*

*Liverpool Parish Church stands at the heart of the business centre of the city, looking across the River Mersey, and adjacent to the Liverpool Waterfront. There has been a place of worship on this site for more than 750 years.*

**There will be No Weekday Masses at  
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs  
between Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.**

## 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>9th</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioners Intentions
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Parishioners Intentions
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Special Intention
		<b>1.30pm</b>	Lawrence John Crist Funeral Ser
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Gillian Haake (Sick)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>	Elizabeth Baker Funeral Service
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	The Lords Supper. Watching of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>3.pm</b>	Passion of the Lord.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>8.30pm</b>	Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Sunday of the Resurrection

Your prayers are asked for those who have

### Died recently

John Banks

### Anniversaries and Birthdays

Winnifred Fleetwood

Mary Ryan

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

Angela Adlen  
Angela Gregory  
Baby Zackery  
Bernie Boyd  
Brian Threlfall  
David Holgate  
Diane Bell  
Eddie Unsworth  
Eileen Guy  
Ellen Cooke  
Janet Clark

John Murphy  
Josie Dunne  
Kenny Morley  
Margaret Bradley  
Margaret Lace  
Mick Lawrence  
Paul & Kate  
Peter Fraser  
Robbie Ross  
Toni Dal  
Joan Turner

Canon Brendan Alger  
Christine & David Fitzsimmons  
David & Julie Pearce  
Eleanor Mawdsley  
G.,  
Joan, Andreas Samaras  
Margaret & Joseph Maloney  
MP.,  
TC.,  
Vassilis Alamaniotis