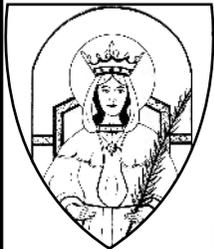


Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin.



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Safeguarding Representatives: Catherine Housbey & Malcolm Fletcher.

Fifth Sunday of Lent.

3rd April 2022

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention April 2022 for the World's Health Workers

"Imagine struggling to simply exist. You struggle to fill your stomach, struggle to clothe your family, and struggle to afford even a shack of a house. When you are sick, you do not have medicine. When you have children, they cannot go to school. And when you need money, you cannot find work."

This month Pope Francis asks us to look at medical mission in our poorest and war torn parts of the world. We are asked to pray for the world health workers and medical missions. We are invited to join in Pope Francis's prayer intention for April **"...for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities."**

To do:- Campaign, volunteer or fundraise for the charities that carry out medical and humanitarian work in war zones, including our own Catholic aid charities.

A good starting point is 'Doctors Without Borders' www.msf.org.uk

Ukraine appeal update 29.03.22

This morning, after travelling for three days, for 1,400 miles and through six countries; our drivers arrived at the Polish border and successfully delivered the donated goods for the people of Ukraine. Our four drivers - **Mike Sharkey, Andy Coley, Dave Lyon and Chris Joynt** - met **Bishop Gregory Komar**, and students for the priesthood from the Holy Spirit Seminary in the Ukrainian diocese of Sambir-Drohobych, who will take the goods for distribution in the Lviv region of western Ukraine.

Please continue to pray for our drivers as they start their journey home. In terms of financial donations, we have now raised over £60,500 for the #Liverpool4Ukraine appeal.

Thank you all for your continued support, we are truly grateful for everyone's overwhelming generosity throughout this appeal.



3rd April

The First Stone

Gospel Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Lent



It's a sad fact of life, if you do something good, it isn't remembered for very long. You are only as good as your last good deed. But if you do something bad, there will be those who insist on never forgetting it.

There will always be those who mutter, "Oh that's 'so and so' the one who had the affair." "That Mr. Thingymajig, the one who embezzled the company funds." It's a very sad human failing. We are loathe to let the failings of others go. In today's gospel reading the Scribes and Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught committing adultery. According to the Law of Moses such a woman should be stoned. What has Jesus to say on the matter? As ever, The Scribes and Pharisees are seeking to trap Jesus into giving an answer that is unlawful. Jesus however is great at not falling into traps. "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone," he replies.

When we have made a mistake in life, the last thing we need is condemnation. Condemnation is rarely useful. Condemnation sends us to a dark place where we fester. Denied our second chance, our self esteem is eroded. We begin to see ourselves in a different light. Other people think we are bad or weak so perhaps we are. Our self image spirals downwards, we start to behave the way people expect us to behave.... badly! But the people, who have pointed the finger of blame; are they really in any position to judge?

We are extraordinarily quick to throw the first stone. Our powers of empathy are limited. Perhaps we enjoy moral outrage. Perhaps we enjoy gossiping at someone else's expense. Today we are challenged. The next time we open our mouths to condemn, we are asked to find mercy instead, the same mercy we expect when we have fallen from grace.



St John Bosco Arts College

Presents 'The Passion'

Wednesday

6th April 2022

St John Bosco Arts College,
Storrington Ave, Croxteth

Time:

6.00 -7.00 pm

*All Parishes in our local
community are welcome to
watch our performance of
the last days of Jesus life.*



*Refreshments will be served
after the performance.*

Commission on Dialogue & Unity

Accompanying Ramadan

Ramadan, the ninth month of the year acco
holy month, marked especially by a fast eac
In the southern Philippines, on the island of
which they called *Duyog Ramadan*, "Accom
accompanied by someone playing the guitar
In a similar way Christians, who are not obs
In 2020, the priests and people of St Vincer
accompany their Muslim brothers and siste
information about Ramadan, or about Islam

Saint John Baptist de La Salle

7th April

Complete dedication to what he saw as God's will for him dominated the life of John Baptist de La Salle. In 1950, Pope Pius XII named him patron of schoolteachers for his efforts in upgrading all schools instruction. As a young 17th-century Frenchman, John had everything going for him: scholarly bent, good looks, noble family background, money, refined upbringing. Aged 11, he received the tonsure and started preparation for the priesthood, he was ordained at 27. He seemed assured then of a life of dignified ease and a high position in the Church. God had other plans for John, which were gradually revealed to him. During a chance meeting with Monsieur Adrien Nyel, he became interested in the creation of schools for poor boys in Rheims. Though the work was distasteful to him at first, he became more involved in working with the deprived youths.



Once convinced that this was his divinely appointed mission, John threw himself wholeheartedly into the work, left home and family, abandoned his position as canon at Rheims, gave away his fortune, and reduced himself to the level of the poor to whom he devoted his entire life.

The rest of his life was closely entwined with the community of religious men he founded, the Brothers of the Christian School (called Christian Brothers or De La Salle Brothers). This community grew rapidly and was successful in educating boys of poor families, using methods designed by John. It prepared teachers in the first training college for teachers and also set up homes and schools for young delinquents of wealthy families. His desire to become a good Christian.

Yet even in his success, John did not escape experiencing many trials: heart-rending disappointment and defections among his disciples, bitter opposition from the secular schoolmasters who resented his new and fruitful methods, and persistent opposition from the Jansenists of his time, whose moral rigidity and pessimism about the human condition John resisted vehemently all his life.

Afflicted with asthma and rheumatism in his last years, he died on Good Friday at age 68, and was canonized in 1900.

According to the lunar calendar followed by Muslims, is expected to start on 2 April. It is a fast day during the hours of light. This way of fasting sets Muslims apart from others. In Mindanao which has a large Muslim population, the Christians devised a programme "Accompanying Ramadan". The idea was taken from music. When people sing, they are often accompanied by a guitarist. The guitarist doesn't necessarily sing, but he or she backs up the singers by strumming. Accompanying Ramadan, can accompany the Muslims who are doing so.

St Paul parish, in Liverpool 1, decided to do just this. They wished to support the effort, especially by their prayers. In order to sustain this effort some support, in general, was provided every day on the parish Facebook account.



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

Liturgy for the Week

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin

Saturday	2nd	6.00pm	Parishioners Intentions
Sunday	3rd	11.30am	Billy Fox
Monday	4th	9.00am	Kelly Smyth L.D.
		1.45pm	Karen Marie Davies
Tuesday	5th	10.00am	De La Salle Foundation
Wednesday	6th	9.00am	Jean Holmes (B'day Rem)
Thursday	7th	No Mas	
Friday	8th	No Mass	
Saturday	9th	6.00pm	Kath Ball L.D.
Sunday	10th	11.30am	Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord Marion Jennings L.D.

Your prayers are asked for those who have

Died recently

Kelly Smyth Kath Ball
Marion Jennings Carrie Loughlin

Anniversaries and Birthdays

William Morley (12 years)
Jean Holmes (B'day Rem)

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 & David Fitzsimmons</i>
<i>Eileen Guy</i>	<i>Brian Threlfall</i>	<i>David & 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 & Joseph Maloney</i>
<i>Josie Dunne</i>	<i>Kenny Morley</i>	<i>Vassilis Alamaniotis</i>
<i>Paul & 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>	