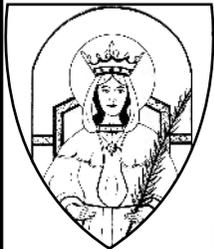


# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin.



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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.

**Easter Week 3**

**1st May 2022**

## **Saint Joseph the Worker Patron Saint of workers**



God wanted a working man to father Jesus.

Saint Joseph the Worker on May 1 as a Catholic alternative to May Day. Not only was Saint Joseph to be understood, then, as the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus, but also as the patron of labour. He was the carpenter, the working man, who taught his God-Son how to swing a hammer and run a planer over a rugged plank. Saint Joseph was a true icon of human labour.

Saint Joseph worked like a normal person worked. He was quiet about it. He did his duty. He provided his family with food and shelter. He didn't see injustice lurking behind every corner.

He most likely made excellent furniture and received a fair wage for his handiwork. Constant, daily work was good enough for Saint Joseph and for the Son of God. So it is good enough for all of God's children as well. Work is a pathway to holiness, and Saint Joseph the Worker stands by our side to encourage us toward the reward that our daily sweat and labour will earn.

Saint Joseph the Worker, inspire all labourers of mind or body to work for their daily bread as much as your glorification. May our work be done well to perfect us and to make us participants in completing the creation God began in Genesis.

## **First Holy Communion Preparation**

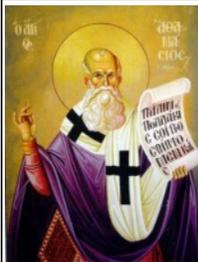
The next sessions will take place in the community room at  
9.30 – 10.45 or 11.15 – 12.30 Saturday 7th May.

The children will celebrate their First Holy Communion on  
Saturday 14th May and Saturday 21st May



## **Piety Stall**

The piety stall has a beautiful selection of First Holy Communion cards, rosaries and gifts all at reasonable prices.



## St. Athanasius

St. Athanasius, also known as Athanasius the Great and Athanasius the Confessor, was a bishop and doctor of the church. He is called the "Father of Orthodoxy," the "Pillar of the Church" and "Champion of Christ's Divinity." Athanasius became one of the most dedicated opponents of the heresy of Arianism.

Much of his life was a testimony to the divinity of Jesus Christ.

Born in either 296 or 298 in Alexandria, Egypt to a prominent Christian family, Athanasius received a wonderful education in Christian doctrine, Greek literature, philosophy, rhetoric and jurisprudence.

He was well studied in the Hebrew Scriptures and the Gospel accounts and the Christian texts which would later be recognized by the Church as the canon of the New Testament. He credited the confessors during the Christian persecution under the Roman Emperor Maximian as his teachers of theology.

Bishop Alexander of Alexandria became a strong influence in Athanasius' life after Alexander witnessed him playing at administering Baptism as a young boy, with other children. Alexander called the boys over and after questioning them, he determined the baptisms were valid and decided to train them for priesthood.

As he grew up, Athanasius befriended many monks and hermits of the desert, including St. Antony. He later wrote the biography of Antony.

St. Athanasius death - feast day is May 2, 373

## Recruitment for Boy & Girl Choristers 2022

Do you know a child who would like to be a chorister at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King here in Liverpool?

The search is now on for our next generation of Boy and Girl choristers.

### We are recruiting

- BOYS currently in year 2 & 3
- GIRLS currently in year 5

All choristers are educated at

- Runnymede St Edward's Catholic Primary School (Boys, yr 3-6)
- St Edward's College (Boys & Girls, yr 7-10)

meaning that a first class Catholic chorister education for boys and girls in Liverpool is available at no cost.

If you know of a Catholic family who might be interested in this wonderful opportunity, please share this information with them.

Full details of choristerships at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

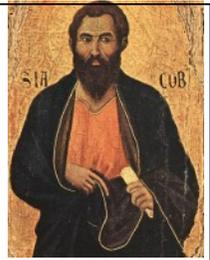
### go to:

<https://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/music/joining-the-choirs>



## Saint Philip and Saint James

James, Son of Alphaeus: We know nothing of this man except his name, and, of course, the fact that Jesus chose him to be one of the 12 pillars of the New Israel, his Church. He is not the James of Acts, son of Clopas, “brother” of Jesus and later bishop of Jerusalem and the traditional author of



the Letter of James. James, son of Alphaeus, is also known as James the Lesser to avoid confusing him with James the son of Zebedee, also an apostle and known as James the Greater.

Philip: Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida in Galilee. Jesus called him directly, whereupon he sought out Nathanael and told him of the “one about whom Moses wrote” (Jn 1:45).

Like the other apostles, Philip took a long time coming to realize who Jesus was. On one occasion, when Jesus saw the great multitude following him and wanted to give them food, he asked Philip where they should buy bread for the people to eat. Saint John comments, “[Jesus] said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do” (Jn 6:6). Philip answered, “Two hundred days’ wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little [bit]” (Jn 6:7).

John’s story is not a put-down of Philip. It was simply necessary for these men who were to be the foundation stones of the Church to see the clear distinction between humanity’s total helplessness apart from God and the human ability to be a bearer of divine power by God’s gift.

## The English Martyrs

The feast day of the 284 canonized or beatified martyrs of the English Reformation is celebrated on 4 May.

### A Big “Thank You”

To Mrs Sandra Hamilton

for the many years of dedicated love and service towards the children, parents and staff of Our Lady & St Swithin’s Primary School.

Our thoughts and prayers for Sandra as she moves on to the next stage of her career.

### Fr. John Boles.

Expressed his thanks for the kindness and hospitality afforded him last weekend. His words “we are lucky to have such an active and participatory community” should be something to be proud of and can be the foundation for greater things.

We keep Fr John and his colleagues in our prayers and wish them all the very best for the future.

## 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>Apr</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Baby Bella
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Special Intention Anthony Larkin
<b>Monday</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Mike & Marie Morgan (50 <sup>th</sup> Wed Anniv)
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Liz Doran
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Ann Murphy
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Kenneth Harrison
<b>Friday</b>		<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Colleen Reid Anniv Matthew Moore Anniv Elizabeth Moore B'day
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Parishioners Intentions

Your prayers are asked for those who have

### Died recently

Geraldine Hayes

### Anniversaries and Birthdays

Anthony Larkin, Veronica Jinks,  
Derek Trafford, Mary Reed

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

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