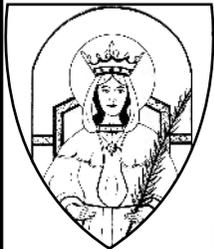


Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin.



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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.

Week12

19th June 2022.

Gospel Reflection for Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Today the Holy Mother Church celebrates the solemnity of the Body and blood of Christ. It is one of memorial and testament left for us by Jesus Christ to remain always with us and we in Him. Thus, it gave an indelible meaning to the life of the church and we as the bricks of Jesus' temple.

In the olden days, God appeared to us through prophets and when they communicated to our fathers with "thus said the lord" But in our time, Jesus the God of Emmanuel; God with us came and took our human nature. At the end of his life on earth, he left for us his real presence and memorial of his passion through transubstantiation.

The Eucharist which is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ was prefigured in the Old Testament as we see in Gen. 14:18-20. But was highest prefigured in the Exodus Passover. In the time of apostles, the Eucharist was an event instituted by Christ. In the church today, it is a sacrament which re-enact what happened once in the history (immolation). Christ went about doing good, as we receive him worthily, may we act like him in all things. May the saving effects of the seven I am of Jesus be actualise in our life and family's. Amen

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon

Has appointed Sr Lynne Baron fcJ as his delegate for Catholic social action. Sr Lynne will be a key member of the new Archbishop's Advisory Body and will ensure that the voice of a woman will be heard as the archbishop makes important decisions.

The appointment comes almost 12 months after the archdiocese met for the Synod 2020 (20 June 2021). Since then, the pastoral plan has been written, promulgated and implementation is ongoing - Catholic social action is a key action of the plan. To read more on Sr Lynne's appointment, visit: <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/index.php?p=2522>

Solemnity of the birth of St John the Baptist

Today is the Solemn feast of the birth of St. John the Baptist, the forerunner of our Lord Jesus Christ. John the Baptist was a great prophet. Even before his conception, the angel Gabriel announced to Zachariah that John would be great in the sight of the Lord. Moreover, Jesus Christ Himself testified that John the Baptist was 'more than a prophet', and that 'among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John Baptist'. The special way God prepared John, the unique mission God entrusted to him, and the faithful and successful manner he accomplished his mission, all these and more make John great.

The first reading says: 'The Lord called me before I was born; from my mother's womb he pronounced my name'. And this is certainly true of John the Baptist! In fact, God considered John so special that his mother's womb remained barren until he was conceived. In other words, Elizabeth's womb was reserved for the conception and birth of only John.

Secondly, even before his conception, God Himself gave the name 'John', as was announced by the angel Gabriel. Though, it was a name borne by none of his family members, his parents insisted on naming him 'John'.

Thirdly, even before John was conceived, God had designed that he would never take wine or strong drink; rather he would be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Fourthly, even before John was conceived, God had outlined his ministry or mission. So the angel announced to his father, Zachariah: 'He will turn many of the children of Israel to their God. He will also go before Him in the Spirit and power of Elijah . . . to make ready a people prepared for the Lord'.

At a time when people thought John was the Messiah, he glorified Christ by saying: 'I am not the one you imagine me to be and I am not fit to undo his sandals'. And somewhere else, John says, Jesus must increase and he himself must decrease. Moreover, earlier on John proclaimed Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. In short, John's successful mission prepared the people for Christ's glorious ministry, crowned with his glorifying death, resurrection and ascension.

The final 'tribute' to John from the first reading is that, the servant of God said: 'while I was thinking, "I have toiled in vain, I have exhausted myself for nothing" . . . all the while my cause was with the Lord, my reward with my God. I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord'. This certainly was the experience of John when he was imprisoned by King Herod and he sent his messengers to ask if Jesus was the Messiah. Thus, while John initially thought he had toiled in vain, Jesus praised him as being 'more than a prophet' and the greatest 'of all men born of women'. And in dying for the truth, God has eternally honoured John in heaven!

Vacancies available at St Margaret Clitherow Centre and Liverpool Hope University.

Liverpool Archdiocese has an exciting opportunity in its Finance Department for an Administrator who will:

- Deliver high quality, modern clerical and administrative support to all sections of the Finance Department.
- Devise, implement and maintain modern office administration systems.
- Assist with the preparation and distribution of memos, letters, reports, presentations and other correspondence as required. For more information, Visit: liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY ASSISTANT TO LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

Interested? For an informal chat, contact Fr Stephen Pritchard on 0151 487 9372 or via email to pritchs@hope.ac.uk

A job description and application pack is available at:
www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/jobs

'Are you interested in working with students for nine months at Liverpool Hope University as part of the Chaplaincy Team?'

Would you enjoy supporting students and staff on their journey of faith, liaising with faith societies and helping to plan retreats and other faith events?

If so, this opportunity working for the Archdiocese of Liverpool might be just right for you!

Starting September 2022, the Catholic Chaplaincy Assistant would be required to work 20 hours per week until May 2023. The salary is £7,493.85 paid in equal instalments over 9 months.

This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure and barring service check

This application is covered by a genuine occupational requirement under The Employment Equality (Religion or belief) Regulations 2003, Section 7, subsection (2)

Closing Date: Friday 1st July 2022

The Relics of St Bernadette

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them.

Living Faith

New copies available from the Piety Stall £1 each

Open Evening at St Edwards College

Sandfield Park

Thursday 23rd June 5 - 8pm

For pupils in year 5.

An opportunity to view the facilities and chat to staff.

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

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| Saturday | 18th | 6.00pm | Deceased Parish members |
| Sunday | 19th | 11.30am | Perpetual Mass Book |
| Monday | 20th | 9.00am | Kath & Bill Morley Wedding Anniv Rem |
| Tuesday | 21st | No Mass | |
| Wednesday | 22nd | 7.00pm | Fr John McNamara |
| Thursday | 23rd | 9.00am | In thanksgiving of John Kirwan |
| Friday | 24th | 1.30pm | Funeral Service Kishor Vadgama |
| Saturday | 25th | 6.00pm | George Jackson (21 st Anniv) |
| Sunday | 26th | 11.30am | Edward (Ned) Burke (7 th Anniv) |



Baptisms

Holly Patricia Flett



Your prayers are asked for those who have

Died recently

Lynne Longworth *Maureen Redhead*
Teresa Roberts Rose Rankin

Anniversaries and Birthdays

David Mawdsley Peter Murray

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

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