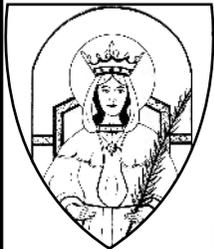


Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin.



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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.

Week 13

26th June 2022.

Gospel, Reflection.

Now as the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, he resolutely took the road to Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparation for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village. As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go'. Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head'. Another to whom he said, 'follow me', replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first'. But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead: your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God'. Another said, 'I will follow you sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home'. Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God'.

Does Jesus seem harsh here, or is he only asking of his disciples what he asks of himself. Jesus' unconditional commitment to God's saving work will demand of him his life. He knows this, but the disciples do not understand. Jesus does not want anyone to rush into discipleship, because the demands of discipleship require everyone considering it to be aware of the cost, make Jesus and his mission central to his life, and then go forward without looking back.

The Feast of St Peter and Paul 29th June Carrying the Baton

Because Peter recognised that God was acting through Jesus, he was entrusted with the job of leading the rest of us. The Church today is a testimony to Peter's faith, it exists because Peter and others like him trusted and believed in God. It exists because Peter and people like Peter acted out their faith despite hostilities and persecution. We might not in this country suffer persecution for what we believe in, but we face different sorts of problems instead. Today we face lethargy, conflicting secular values, and the complexities of scientific debate. The Church cannot be silenced. Fearless Christians like Peter and Paul are still needed to carry the baton.

June 26th Day of Prayer for Victims of Torture

The UN International Day of Support for Victims of Torture is on 26th June. Many European ACATs (Action by Christians Against Torture) will be holding prayer vigils. You don't need to be part of an ACAT to join in the prayer. These prayers of supplication and intercession for the tortured, takes into account the perpetrators, as well as victims, and the monstrous systems that dehumanize the victims.

LLYSFASI SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOP

www.llysfasi-spirituality-workshop.org.uk

An experiential journey working creatively with the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola Foxhill House and Woodlands,
August 12th - 29th 2022

Do you connect with any of these?

- *finding yourself called to accompany others*
- *in a time of transition*
- *having a sabbatical opportunity*
- *searching with an open heart and mind*

If so, could this be for you?

- ❖ A safe, holding process
- ❖ Life-giving
- ❖ Liberating
- ❖ Transformative and fun
- ❖ Soul enriching
- ❖ A great learning experience of deep, discerning listening
- ❖ A language of poetry, music, symbol and imagery

Workshop Facilitators: Mary Rose Fitzsimmons HHS, Richard Sloan,
Sheila McNamara RSCJ, Silvia Berezcki HHS.



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Dementia Friends Information Session

Are working towards creating dementia friendly parishes and communities. If you have been affected by dementia in any way or would just like to learn more about it please join us for this session.

It is open to everybody and is also suited to older teenagers. Please pass the word around. It will be delivered by Moira McLoughlin, a 'Dementia Friends Ambassador' from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and St Swithin's parish. Deacon Chris Housbey, who is a 'Dementia Nurse Specialist', will also be available to answer questions and offer advice after the talk.

Date: Monday 27th June 2022. Time: 6.30pm refreshments for a 7pm start.

Duration: approximately one hour, plus time for questions.

Venue: Community Room, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.

First Martyrs of the Church of Rome June 30th

The people we honour today had one thing in common: they gave up their lives for Christ. They were martyred because they were followers of the Lord Jesus. By the year 64, Emperor Nero's human rights violations had reached proportions beyond description. Nero's was the first persecution by a Roman emperor, but not the last, but the more the Church was persecuted, the more it grew. The martyrs had paid the price so that all who would come after them could have the opportunity to embrace the faith.

The Justice and Peace Network

(NJPN) welcomes all who share a vision of a world in which people live in peace and harmony, where our common humanity is respected and all are able to contribute freely to the common good. The key areas of concern are the movement of people, the environment, peace, poverty and inequality.

To do:-

Download the June 2022 Justice and peace newsletter at www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/njpn-north-west/nw-njpn-justice-and-peace-e-bulletin-mid-june-2022/

IRENÆUS

WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE

Agape Mass 7pm

7th July '22 @ The Irenaeus Centre

Parish Retreat day

Community for Discipleship
St.Teresa's Upholland 25th June '22

Living Christ Parish Retreat

Our Lady of the Assumption
Parish, Gateacre 1st July - 2nd July'22

Summer Evenings

'Forgiveness is the only way'
An exploration of forgiveness in
the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.
7pm 4th & 11th July 2022 On Zoom

Women's Weekend

'The Call of Creation'
16th - 18th September 2022

@ The Irenaeus Centre

Come and See Days

8th October'22	5th November'22
3rd December'22	7th January'23
4th February'23	4th March'23
1st April'22	6th May '23
3rd June'23	8th July '23

We hope to have the official opening
Of the Irenaeus Centre
in September 2022
Please keep us in your prayers.

Bishop: Asylum seekers' dignity must be protected and upheld

The UK's plans to forcibly deport to Rwanda some of those seeking refuge in our country is shamefully illustrative of what Pope Francis has called the 'loss of that sense of responsibility for our brothers and sisters on which every civil society is based'.

The plan is presented as a humanitarian response to combat people trafficking and smuggling yet the result will compound the suffering of those who are already victims. Crime is defeated by confronting the perpetrators not by punishing victims. This scheme will increase the difficulties of those hoping for a new beginning, and it does nothing to address the problems which cause people to flee their homes.

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	25th	6.00pm	George Jackson 21 st Anniv
Sunday	26th	11.30am	Edward (Ned) Burke 7 th Anniv
Monday	27th	9.00am	Lynne Longworth
Tuesday	28th	9.00am	Kathryn Ready S.I
Wednesday	29th	9.00am	Feast of St Peter and St Paul
		7.00pm	John Phillips
Thursday	30th	2.45pm	Maureen (Mary) Redhead Requiem
Friday	1st July	No Mass	
Saturday	2nd	6.00pm	Parishioners Intentions
Sunday	3rd	11.30am	Tommy Gannon 3 rd Anniv)



Baptisms

George Fletcher, Araya Keenan,
Muokebe Kayndre.



Your prayers are asked for those who have

Died recently

Ann Dempsey, John Phillips,
Louise Parisi, Carol Frazer.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Tommy Gannon, Ellen Jennings.

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	<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>	<i>Joan,</i>
Bernie Boyde	<i>John Murphy</i>	<i>Robbie Ross</i>	<i>Andreas <u>Samaras</u></i>
Brian Threlfall	<i>Josie Dunne</i>	<i>Toni Dal</i>	<i>Margaret &</i>
David Holgate	<i>Kenny Morley</i>	<i>Joan Turner</i>	<i>Joseph <u>Maloney</u></i>
Diane Bell	<i>Margaret Bradley</i>	<i>Canon Brendan Alger</i>	<i>Vassilis</i>
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>	<i>Ann Shreeve</i>