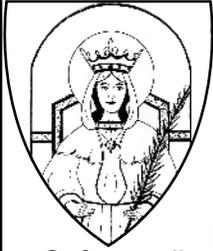
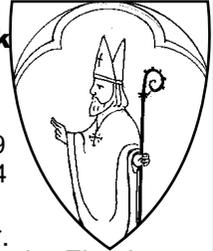


# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin.



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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

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Deacons: Chris Housbey & Malcolm Fletcher.

Safeguarding Representatives: Catherine Housbey & Malcolm Fletcher.

**Week 14**

**3rd July 2022.**

## **Gospel Reflection**

One of the hardest things to do in life is to enter into complete trust in God. But this is also one of the most fruitful things we can do for our life of faith. Trust in God is not something we can automatically do, it requires continual surrender and resolve as our Lord invites us deeper.

This passage above begins by Jesus making a powerful statement: "I am sending you like lambs among wolves." This strong image is meant to reveal that the mission we will be given by our Lord is not something we can do on our own. A little lamb would not do well walking into a pack of wolves...unless the shepherd were right there beside it.

Jesus is not only revealing that His mission will require great courage, but that it cannot be accomplished without Him. Thus, He goes on to offer the practical directive to "Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way." If we look at this line from a spiritual point of view, we can hear Jesus saying two things. First, "Rely upon my providence as you go about your mission in life." Second, "Keep focused upon your final goal and do not get drawn here or there." It's not that bringing money with or speaking to strangers are in and of themselves bad ideas; rather, we should hear the deeper spiritual meaning of trust and resolve to fulfill His mission. Reflect, today, upon how well you do trust in the providence of God as you strive to courageously embrace His will. Reflect, also, upon how fully you are committed to going all the way, resolving to complete the task that our Lord has given you. Recommit yourself to these aspects of a life of faith, and the Good Shepherd will be there every step of the way.

My Good Shepherd, I do resolve to embrace Your most holy will with all my might.

**I give myself to You, dear Lord. Jesus, I trust in You.**

## **Ukraine Fatigue?**

Russia's invasion of Ukraine once triggered fear and outrage in the West. Now, for large parts of the Western public, it triggers boredom. We are asked to put ourselves in Ukrainian shoes and step up our support with renewed vigour.

**To do:-**get involved go to [www.wikihow.com/Help-People-in-Ukraine](http://www.wikihow.com/Help-People-in-Ukraine)

## St Thomas the Apostle Feast Day 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Today's saint, known as "Doubting Thomas," is Christianity's icon of doubt. He loves, serves, and follows the Lord. Upon hearing of the death of Lazarus, Christ decides to go to Judea, where He has previously come under attack. The Apostles are concerned for Christ's safety, but Thomas supports Him, saying, "Let us also go, that we may die with him". Thomas is strong and generous. But he is also a man, so he does what men do—he doubts. Christ's crucifixion was a searing experience for His Apostles, and Thomas doubts that one so cruelly and publicly murdered could be alive. He is told by his co-Apostles that the Lord is risen and has appeared to them. Yet still Thomas doubts. He will only believe if he can place his hands in Christ's very wounds. To satisfy his scepticism, Thomas joins the others and waits patiently on the Sunday after Easter. The risen Lord appears again in the same place. "Peace be with you," He says to all. And then to Thomas himself, "Put your finger here and see my hands...Do not doubt but believe." **"My Lord and my God!"** is all that the flabbergasted Thomas can muster in response. Thomas' simple declaration of faith —**"My Lord and my God!"**—is whispered by millions of faithful at the consecration at Mass, words of faith forged from the anvil of doubt.



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Available Vacancies in the Education Department at the  
St Margaret Clitherow Centre.

**Administrator: Governance & Inspections**  
**Diocesan Schools Officer**  
**Office Manager**

If you are interested in any of the above vacancies, please visit the jobs page of the archdiocesan website from where you can download an information pack and application form. Should you have any queries, please contact Human Resources in the first instance.

## The Pastoral Plan One Year On



Updates on the pastoral plan by Fr Philip Inch is on YouTube and there is a full report along with an explanation of the pastoral plan for families with one for children also available to read and download.

Do take a look to see what has been happening.

The link is:

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/index.php?p=2524>

## **Memorial of St. Maria Goretti Virgin and Martyr. Feast Day 6<sup>th</sup> July**

After Maria's father died of malaria, she stayed home to cook, clean, sew, and care for her baby sister. It was Alessandro, the teenage boy of the family that shared the house, that Maria was attacked.

St. Maria Goretti was killed while resisting her would-be rapist and has been held up as a model of chastity, but her resistance was also an act of charity and a desire to spare her attacker, Alessandro, from the stain of greater sin. The saint succeeded in redeeming Alessandro's soul after her death, appearing to him in a dream during his imprisonment, offering her forgiveness and urging him to turn to Christ's mercy.

## **Irenaeus Summer Scripture 'Forgiveness the only way.'**

Why not join the Irenaeus  
Summer Scripture evenings,  
'Forgiveness the only way.'  
An exploration of forgiveness in the  
Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

[on Zoom]

on July 4th and 11th

from 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm?

We would love to see you all.

To book your place email  
jenny@irenaeus.co.uk Thank you.

**Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
Every Tuesday until 3pm**

## **National Board of Catholic Women**

Invitation to join a women's discussion group in the North and South Sefton deaneries. All women are very welcome to join us for our first get together on Wednesday 13 July at 7.30pm in the Gild Hall, 74-76 Church Road, Formby, L37 3NG. Discussions will be centred around women within the church, the obstacles they face and how we can move forward in the future to enable us to have an active role within the church. All ideas can then be fed back to the bishops of England and Wales via our archdiocesan representative for the National board of Catholic women. If you are interested but cannot attend, would like more details or have any views or comments contact Pat Murphy [mpmmurphy@aol.com](mailto:mpmmurphy@aol.com) or Clare McCarthy [claremccarthy488@gmail.com](mailto:claremccarthy488@gmail.com) .

## **St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022**

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. For the full national itinerary and more information please go to the Catholic Bishops' Conference website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/st-bernadette-relic-tour-2022/>  
Archdiocese of Liverpool

Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King: Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TQ  
Arrive: 3:30pm Saturday 17 September until 7:00am Tuesday 20th September

**Further information for Liverpool dates will be available nearer the time.**

## 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>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Parishioner Intentions
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Tommy Gannon (3rd Anniv)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.noon</b>	Funeral Carol Frazer
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2.15pm</b>	Funeral: Michael Riley
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3.00pm</b>	Wedding John Smith & Emma Foulkes
		<b>6.00pm</b>	Kenneth Gardner (Anniv)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Ann Dempsey(LD). Ellen Jennings(Anniv)



### BAPTISMS

*Lilly Jade Kennedy*



**Your prayers are asked for those who have**

#### Died recently

Sheila Rimer

#### Anniversaries and Birthdays

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.**

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