

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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& St Swithin, Croxteth**

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*In the Pastoral Area of St Raphael and St Paul
with Blessed Sacrament 474 2682*

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Sunday 26th July 2020

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially
Maria Linda Riley, Philomena Barry, Molly O'Dowd,

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time
Bernard Hough, Veronica Lunt, John O'Connell,
Michael & Suzan McCarthy

**Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for
those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially**
Janet Clark, Margaret Bradley, Raymond Doran, Peter Fraser, John Murphy, T. C.
Sheila Willcox, Andreas Samaras, John Walker, David & Julie Pearce, J. G., Mary
Mousley, Paul, Angela Adlen, Giles Rowe, Angela Gregory, Phyllis Cook,
Anna Gawlik, Mick Lawrence, Joan Turner, Brian McEvoy, Agnes Sweeney

Live Streaming System

All the Masses in both churches continue to be livestreamed via the parish websites. We will have a chat by Zoom at 12.30pm on Sunday for anyone who wants to join in, just send your name and mobile number to olqom@rcaol.org.uk and we will email you a Zoom invitation and instructions.

ONLY THE MASSES IN BOLD TYPE ARE OPEN FOR PEOPLE TO ATTEND

SATURDAY 25th July

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 26th July

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 27th July

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 28th July

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

WEDNESDAY 29th July

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 30th July

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 31st July

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SATURDAY 1st August

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 2nd August

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

All Masses are live streamed via the parish websites.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Association

Lourdes at Home

It was with heavy hearts we declared earlier in the year that our 2020 pilgrimage to Lourdes was to be postponed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We are, however, now delighted to announce that our "Lourdes at Home" programme will be extended this year and we invite you all to join with us as we make our pilgrimage at home, through live streamed Masses and services. See website for details

Have You Missed Lourdes This Year?

Leisure time travel offers you the opportunity to be in LOURDES for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Fly from Manchester 7th – 11th December 2020. Full board in Lourdes, led by Fr Vin McShane. For details ring 0151 524 1476 or 07512 856 045. Please note there is limited availability.

Restored Lives programme for the Divorced and Separated

The Restored Lives programme used in the diocese for the Divorced and Separated have planned to deliver their summer training conference on the 3rd July using Zoom. It is an ideal opportunity for anyone in the Catholic Church, to come and find out more about the course and what's involved in setting one up both online and in person. By training volunteers to run online courses across

the diocese we can still have a network of locally run courses so that once lockdown is lifted guests can easily meet up with each other for ongoing informal mutual support. You can find more details and tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/restored-lives-training-day-2020-tickets-94840330983>

Saint Martha, 29th July



Jesus liked to stay at the house of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, his friends at Bethany, when he was in Judea. On one occasion Martha, busily serving the Master, asked him to persuade Mary to help her. Without in any way reproaching Martha, Jesus explained to her that certain souls, called by God, should choose a better part still — the primary duty of listening to him and contemplating him. Some of us are more like Martha and some of us are more like Mary; but there is in all of us a built in need to combine the two within us.

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES.

If you require a baptism certificate for a school application please email the relevant church providing details of your child's name, date of birth, date of baptism, your telephone number and your postal address so that the certificate can be sent out to you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Children and families have been patiently waiting for news of when we can celebrate their First Communion. Our current plan, subject to any changes in regulations, is to have the Communion Masses in both churches on the first three Saturdays in October. We will let you know more as soon as we can.

Food Banks and Covid-19

With businesses closing, jobs lost and school holiday clubs closed, the coronavirus crisis has put an unprecedented strain on Britain's food banks as families try to keep their heads above water.

Food Banks report unprecedented requests for support and emergency parcels for those who have slipped through the net. And of course, with unprecedented requests for support comes unprecedented demand. If you can afford it, whilst you do your weekly shop, please pick up items for the donation trolley.

“What would you like me to give you?”

This is the question the Lord presents to Solomon in his dream in today’s first reading. What an opportunity! If we were asked the same question; how would we answer? A second home in the Bahamas, perhaps? Or a new car? Or even a win on the Lottery?

Solomon asks not for any great material good - he asks for “a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil.” The Lord is pleased by his request and so blesses him with the great gift of wisdom.

When we pray and speak to God, do we ask for the right things? Are our requests for our own motives? Do we take in the welfare of others or some greater need? I have been amazed over this period of Lockdown, especially when talking to some of the most vulnerable members of our communities, how upon admitting they are struggling to an extent in their own lives, they are quick to follow up with, “But, I’m praying for everyone when I say my rosary, Father” or “I thought I’d give so-and-so a call, just to see how they are.”

I think any time we open ourselves up to God in prayer it pleases God, but when we are able to see the broader picture and include other people and other events in our prayers, we reflect God’s outpouring of love for His people and imitate that “dance of love” which is the Holy Trinity.

This Lockdown has been a tremendous struggle for so many people in a wide variety of ways. However, Pope Francis commented in an empty St Peter’s Square in March, “we have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... so we too have realized that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this.”

May God bless all of us and our loved ones at this time and help us to imitate the wisdom of Solomon in asking the Lord for gifts which will, not only please Him, but help all of us to come closer together.

Fr Anthony