

# NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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& St Swithin, Croxteth**

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with Blessed Sacrament 474 2682*

*Holy Name and Our Lady & St Philomena 476 0289*

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Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially**

Fr Frank Gormley OMI, Denis Knibb, Daniel Anthony Moran, Jeanette Thompson, Susan Davitt, Freda Barker, Lily Hemming, Thomas McGuinness, Billy Kinnear, John Griffin, Kevin Power, Teresa McIntyre

**and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time**

***Jim Usher, Anthony Darcey***

**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 & Kate, Angela Adlen, Giles Rowe, Angela Gregory, Phyllis Cook, Anna Gawlik, Mick Lawrence, Joan Turner, Brian McEvoy, Agnes Sweeney.

## **Zoom Chat**

We are taking a break from our weekly chat by Zoom at 12.30pm on Sundays. But watch this pace as we will soon be having a Zoom event at that time to raise funds for CAFOD. Please send your name and mobile number to [olqom@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:olqom@rcaol.org.uk) if you would like to join that event.

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

**SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> August**

**6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's**

**6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

**10.00am Mass: St Teresa's**

**11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

**TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> August**

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> August**

**9.00am Mass: St Teresa's**

**7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> August**

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> August**

**6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's**

**6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> August**

**10.00am Mass: St Teresa's**

**11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

*All Masses are live streamed via  
the parish websites.*

### [Prayer and Other Resources from the Archdiocese](#)

New resources now available include:

- Reflection for Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (also available as an audio download).
- Readings for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

All can be accessed/downloaded at

<https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> or through

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/> by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

**The Catholic Pictorial** is available on line at [www.catholicpic.co.uk](http://www.catholicpic.co.uk)

We have copies available at the back of church

### **Volunteers**

We are still looking for more volunteers who are not in the vulnerable categories and can be available to steward at baptisms and funerals. If you can help, please email the relevant church.

**Did you know OLQM has both a Parish Twitter Account @olqmcroxteth & Facebook Page** Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and St Swithins Croxteth

## **Maximilian Kolbe August 14th**

Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish priest who died as a prisoner in Auschwitz on August 14th 1941. When a prisoner escaped from the camp, the Nazis, in reprisal, selected ten others to be killed. One of those selected, Franciszek Gajowniczek cried out, "My wife! My children! I will never see them again." Moved by pity St. Maximilian stepped forward and asked to die in his place. The request was granted. He was canonized a martyr by Pope John Paul II in 1981. The cell where he died is now a shrine.

## **Saint Clare of Assisi August 11th**

Saint Clare was inspired to take the veil of religious profession by Saint Francis of Assisi whose preaching she followed closely. Today Saint Clare is remembered for founding 'The Order of Poor Ladies' better known as 'Poor Clares.' Today the 'Poor Clares' is an enclosed order that takes vows of obedience poverty and chastity.

## **Food Banks**

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.

## **Golden Jubilee**

Happy Anniversary to one of our Salesian sisters, Sr Carmen Vella fma who celebrated 50years of religious profession this week! Many Congratulations! xx

## **WELCOME**

We are delighted to welcome Olivia Rose McDonagh, Harry Michael Kirby, Riley David McCullagh, Sofia Aicha Mokhtar & Zachary Zakaria Mokhtar who were all recently Baptised into our faith community.



I baptize you in the name  
of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit—

## ***“Lord, have mercy....”***

In a popular 1980s film, one of the key characters declares, “Mercy is for the weak; we do not train to be merciful here”.

In today’s Mass, the response to the Psalm is ‘Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help’. Phrased as it is, it is apparent that God’s mercy is, in fact, something we need, not only from-day-to-day but also, crucially, for our eternal salvation. In the Mass, after making the Sign of the Cross, we recognise this by asking God for his mercy, not once, but several times. If mercy was to be viewed so negatively; why does God associate with it? The simple answer is because it is at the core of God’s love for us and crucial to who God is.

In today’s Gospel, Peter attempts to walk on water towards Jesus, imitating the actions of his Master. However, in his weakness, he struggles internally, in the shape of his own fears, and externally, with the terrible weather conditions around him. Upon beginning to sink, Jesus is able to take his hand and help him back above the perilous water. Likewise, God’s mercy can always plunge the depths of our weak and broken lives to reach in and bring us back to safety.

The theme of mercy came to particular prominence back in 2015/16 when Pope Francis initiated the Year of Mercy. This saw many churches construct their own ‘doors of mercy’ where people could be warmly welcomed into the House of God and be recipients of that mercy.

Being receivers of such a great free gift, it stands to reason that we ourselves are not only able, but also expected, to follow suit in being ‘doors of mercy’ - opening ourselves up to the forgiving of others and demonstrating the same virtue that God presents to us.

So, we can rightly say that God’s mercy is for the weak; God’s mercy is for us; God’s mercy is for everybody - and we can all only thank God for that.

*Fr Anthony*