

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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Sunday 6th September 2020
23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Live Streaming System

All services from both churches are now live streamed via Church Services TV. You can view services via the links on our websites, Facebook and Twitter sites or for Our Lady's at www.churchservices.tv/croxteth and for St Teresa's at www.churchservices.tv/teresanorrisgreen.

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

Alan Woods, Patricia Maher, Carl Devereux, Paula Joyce, James Templeton

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Annie Spellman, Patrick Considine, Matty Bradley, Josie McConnell, Judith Oldfield, Mary T. Callan, Andy Banks, Annamma Mathew, Mary Doyle (100 birthday RIP)

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, 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, Elizabeth O'Grady

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

SATURDAY 5th September

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 6th September

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 7th September

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 8th September

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

WEDNESDAY 9th September

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 10th September

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 11th September

7.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SATURDAY 12th September

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 13th September

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

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

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome **Barbara McGinley, John Francis McGinley, Cadey Ann Buckley, Bridget Chantell, Bella Beauty Lawrence and Lennon O'Hare** who will be baptised into our faith community.

Chat and Support CAFOD

Please join our **virtual coffee and cake zoom meeting** next Sunday 13th September at 12.30 and donate the cost of both to **CAFOD**. Details of the Just Giving site for donations will be available next week. To join please email your name and mobile number to the parish office.

Eucharistic Ministry

We know that many of our sick and housebound people are hungering for the Eucharist and we are hoping that soon we may be able to resume the wonderful ministry of bringing them Holy Communion. To help us prepare for that time, we need to recruit some more Eucharistic Ministers who are not in the vulnerable categories for Covid19. If you, or anyone you know, would like to be considered for training for this ministry, please speak to one of the clergy or email the relevant parish.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September 2020

Respect for the Planet's Resources



The prayer intention for this month ties in with our 'Season of Creation'. September 1st to October 4th is a time set aside to focus on God's creation and our stewardship of it. Pope Francis asks us to join in this month's prayer intention to pray **".... that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner."**

Feasts of the Week

Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary

8th September

The story goes that Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. The story is not found in the Bible, but like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

St Peter Claver

9th September

Peter Claver laboured unceasingly for the salvation of the African slaves and the abolition of the Negro slave trade. A saint whose work we can truly identify with in an age where slavery is still evident.

Peace Actions for September 2020



- Give your Jewish friends or neighbours a New Year card to celebrate Rosh Hashanah. 18th September is the start of the Jewish New Year 2020.
- 21st September is the UN International Day of Peace.

Celebrate it by simply lighting a candle and meditating, or by getting involved in a global initiative.

- Pray for those who work in the media that they may be guided by honesty and justice. (28th September St Gabriel's Day)

How to win back a brother or sister

In every family and every community there are quarrels, disagreements and fallings out: that's only human. The sign of being a strong family or community is that we know how to make up after we've fallen out.

In today's gospel Jesus gives us good advice about how to do that, and the most important thing about this advice is the context in which he puts it. In the passage immediately before this he tells the story about the shepherd who will leave the ninety-nine sheep on the hillside to go off and search for the one that has wandered away and who will be full of joy when he manages to bring the lost one home. In the passage that follows Jesus tells Peter that he must forgive his brother who wrongs him, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

So the main point is that we must always be ready to forgive each other, just as the Father is always ready to forgive us, and the advice Jesus offers is about how we do that. The first rule is not to make things worse by telling everybody about it, but to have the courage and the love to approach the one who has hurt us, face to face, one to one, really wanting to restore the relationship that has been damaged and being ready to rejoice at winning back our brother or sister. Only if that fails should we involve one or two others, the people who are most likely to succeed in persuading the other person to make things up. If that is unsuccessful, we can try asking the community to intervene. The final resort, Jesus advises, is to treat the person like a pagan or a tax-collector, someone who doesn't belong to the community. And the way Jesus treated those people was not to ignore or insult them, but to leave them free to go their own way, always making clear that he would love them to be drawn into the life of the community.

This makes so much sense, but it is so far from the way we usually behave that it is a real challenge to us. Our motivation should not be self-pity or self-righteousness, wanting to get even or to be proved right. If we act out of love for one another, we will do the right thing because, as St Paul tells us in the second reading today, love is the one thing that cannot hurt our neighbour.

Fr Chris