

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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& St Swithin, Croxteth**

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Sunday 11th October 2020
28th 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
David Hodgeson, Terence Murray, Theresa Challoner, Margaret Sandison,
Monsignor Austin Hunt

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Laura & Francis Williams

**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, Anna Gawlik,
Mick Lawrence, Joan Turner, Brian McEvoy, Elizabeth O'Grady

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

SATURDAY 10th October

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 11th October

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 12th October

1.00pm Requiem: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 13th October

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

WEDNESDAY 14th October

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 15th October

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 16th October

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SATURDAY 17th October

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 18th October

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

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

SYNOD 2020

Next weekend, 17th and 18th October, we celebrate the third Synod Sunday in the Archdiocese. Originally this was to be the weekend of our Synod 2020 event but the COVID-19 pandemic means this will now take place in June 2021.

On Synod Sunday the summary proposals on our four Synod Themes will be published which you will be able to find on the Synod Website. Over the following weeks our local Synod Members will be inviting your responses to these proposals as we continue to discern the Church God is calling us to be. www.synod2020.co.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Congratulations to the first group of children who received their First Holy Communion at Queen of Martyrs last Saturday, and to those who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time in both parishes on 10th and 17th October. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they take this important step in their journey of faith.



Week of Prayer for World Peace 11th-18th October 2020

Week of Prayer for World Peace is an interfaith activity. The first Chairman, the late Dr. Edward Carpenter, former Dean of Westminster, established the guiding principle of the Week in the words **“The peace of the world must be prayed for by all**

the faiths of the world.”

The Week of Prayer for World Peace Annual Gathering will be online this year. It will be held on Sunday, 11 October at 3:30 pm London time.

You can find the link to the Zoom meeting at

www.weekofprayerforworldpeace.co.uk



Churches Week of Action on Food, 11th– 17th October 2020

11th-17th October is an opportunity for Christians all over the world to act and speak out together on food justice issues.

Impacted by Covid-19, the number of people facing acute food insecurity is expected to nearly double to 265 million in 2020, from 135 million in 2019.

Pray the Rosary for Peace: We are all yearning for serenity in our lives and none other than Jesus is the teacher of this elusive state. Start meditating on the life of Jesus by praying the Rosary and you will find that serenity.

To learn how, visit www.how-to-pray-the-rosary-everyday.com

St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) 15th October

It was the 16th century, an age of exploration as well as political, social and religious upheaval. Though a contemplative, Teresa spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She travelled, wrote, and fought for reform.

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.

Called to the feast

All of our Scripture readings today have a common theme.

Isaiah tells us we are to have a banquet *“of rich food and fine wines”*. Our Psalm tells us that the Lord has *“prepared us a banquet”*. St Paul tells us he is prepared for anything with a *“full or empty stomach”*. In our Gospel, Matthew tells us of a wedding feast where the great and the good are invited, but they do not come, and are punished, then the servants are sent to the crossroads to invite anyone they can find so the wedding hall is full and the food not wasted.

The final words of our Gospel *“many are called, but few are chosen”*, was a favourite saying of my nan, and as a child I did not have a clue what she meant, but I now understand this is about the difference between being *“called”* and *“chosen”*.

Many of us feel called to try a certain job, vocation, or particular path in life. Some will find that what they thought they wanted isn't for them, and try something else, others will stick at it for life.

God calls us to try certain things in our lives as a way of serving him, but he has chosen us to be here at his altar. We are the invited guests at the most special of banquets, the Eucharistic feast, where the food and drink we are given sustains us in this life and the next.

This month our parishes have the privilege of hosting our First Holy Communion Masses where our young parishioners have the chance to receive Our Lord for the first time. It may not be the way that we initially planned, but this does not make it any less special.

May the table we prepare for them always give them the nourishment they need and we pray that the children and their families be comforted and inspired by the Holy Spirit and be drawn ever closer to the Father.

Deacon Chris