

# NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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

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

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*Deacons: Chris Housbey, Malcolm Fletcher, Donagh McKillop*

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

## **New 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](http://www.churchservices.tv/croxteth) and for St Teresa's at [www.churchservices.tv/teresanorrisgreen](http://www.churchservices.tv/teresanorrisgreen).

**Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially**  
Billy Garrity, Mary Nugent, John Bernard Sherlock, Veronica Bullen,  
Paddy McNally, Catherine Mulhearn, Mark O'Reilly, Derek Roberts  
**and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time**

Mick O'Reilly, Maria Kutty,  
Valerie Furey & Tommy Furey (RIP) 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**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, Elizabeth O'Grady*

## WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome **Arlo Paul Weston, Milena Maria Krzyzak & Michael Christopher McDonagh** 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—

### RCIA

Our RCIA group has continued to meet remotely throughout lockdown in preparation for reception of the Sacraments.

Congratulations to **Nicola Boyle** who was fully received into the Catholic Church on Wednesday at St Teresa's. Congratulations, also, to **Damien Lewis** who was baptised. Please keep in your prayers the rest of the RCIA Group for the Pastoral Area who will be receiving Sacraments at Masses during August and September.

This weekend we will be welcoming **Sue Gallagher** into our Catholic family: Sue will be baptised, confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first time at St Teresa's. Please keep in your prayers the rest of the RCIA Group for the Pastoral Area who will be receiving Sacraments at Masses during August and September

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

**SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

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

**6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

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

**11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> August**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

**TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> August**

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

**WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> August**

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

**THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> August**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> August**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

**SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> August**

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

**6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**SUNDAY 30<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*

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## Prayer and Other Resources from the Archdiocese

New resources now available include:

- Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism – a resource that can be used to help families reflect on the sacrament in these times when it is difficult offer preparation as we may have done pre-pandemic
- 10 easy ways to share faith with your child as they grow.
- What sort of church do we want?
- Nugent's latest 'Let's stay in touch' newsletter.
- Nugent's latest 'Signpost' newsletter for the deaf community.

All can be accessed/downloaded at <https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> or through <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/> by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

## **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.

## **Saint Monica**

### ***Patron of domestic violence. 27th August***

On the feast of St Monica we pray for the needs of those who have suffered domestic violence ... whether it be men, women or children.

## **International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

The date is not just an invitation to remember the transatlantic slave trade, but to learn lessons and combat modern day slavery.

### **To do:-**

- Learn more about slavery in our midst, including signs to look out for, what to do, and helpline numbers at [www.gov.uk/government/collections/modern-slavery](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/modern-slavery)
- Shop ethically.

## **World Water Week 2020 August 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**

Right now, some of the world's poorest and most marginalised people don't have clean water to drink, decent toilets or hygiene. Without these basics, overcoming poverty is just a dream. When you help to dig a well or install a tap stand in a community, you're changing the lives of children for the better.

**To do:-** Donate online to some of the world's poorest and most marginalised people who don't have clean water to drink, decent toilets or hygiene. Without these basics, overcoming poverty is just a dream. Donate online at [www.wateraid.org/uk/donate/donate-to-wateraid-today](http://www.wateraid.org/uk/donate/donate-to-wateraid-today)



## **Who am I?**

Simon Peter's answer to Jesus' question is often described as the hinge of the New Testament, the turning point in the story. You might call it a 'Eureka moment' or the moment when the penny drops. For once, Peter gets it right. This is much more than the answer to a question: it is the beginning of a new relationship and a new life. Once Peter realises that Jesus is the Messiah his people have been waiting for, this changes his whole way of looking at Jesus and at himself. He is no longer a follower of a travelling teacher and healer: he is a disciple of the Messiah God has sent to save everyone.

Peter's new understanding of who Jesus is opens the way to a new awareness of his own identity and mission. Once Peter has declared his faith in Jesus, Jesus can reveal the trust he is going to place in Peter as the rock on which his church will be built. Peter's new faith is just a beginning and he will have to change and grow into the mission Jesus has given him. Next Sunday's gospel will see him getting it wrong again, misunderstanding the kind of Messiah Jesus is and trying to persuade Jesus to avoid the suffering that is his way to resurrection, prompting Jesus to call him 'Satan'. When Jesus is arrested, Peter will deny he ever knew Jesus to save his own skin. But for all these twists and turns on his path, all these failings along the way, Peter will never be the same as he was before this moment of insight.

The psychologist Martin Buber describes any deep personal encounter with another human being as an 'I-Thou' moment. When we drop our defences and discard the masks we hide behind to look into the eyes of another person, each seeing, accepting and loving the other as they really are, we are changed by that experience. When the person we encounter is the Son of the living God, our deepest identity and our mission in life is revealed to us. It won't prevent us stumbling along the way but it will inspire us to grow into the person we are created to be. Jesus asks each of us, 'Who do you say I am?' and waits for our response.

**Fr Chris**

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