

# 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*

*Parish Priest: Fr Chris Fallon Assistant Priest: Fr Anthony Kelly*

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

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Third Sunday of Easter

## Live Streaming System

All services from both churches are 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**

Paul Hatten, Eileen Burke, Carol Fletcher, Winifred Doreen Fleetwood, Jane Cassin, Ted Dodd, Richard Quinn, Thomas Kirk, Tony Davies, Elizabeth Dowd, Colette Melia, Margaret Walsh, Bridget Yegliss, John Freeman, Gerard Gibbon, Paul Carney, Robert Douglas, Doreen Owusu, Richard Crook, Marie (McCann) Bethel, & Gemma Birch

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

Rose Connolly, Cath Scott, Tommy Daly

**Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially**

*Sheila Willcox, Janet Clark, Margaret Bradley, Peter Fraser, John Murphy, T. C. Andreas Samaras, John Walker, David & Julie Pearce, J. G., Mary Mousley, Joan, Paul & Kate, Angela Adlen, Giles Rowe, Angela Gregory, Anna Gawlik, Mick Lawrence, Joan Turner, Brian McEvoy, David Holgate, Daria McCusker, Robert Gibson, Deb Joyce, Margaret Lace, Irene Kennedy, Brian Threlfall, Eileen Guy, baby Toby McKuster, Geraldine Clarke, Diane Bell*

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

**SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

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

**SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

**MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> April**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

**TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> April**

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> April**

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

**7.00pm Mass OLQM**

**THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

9.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

**SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> April**

**6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

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

**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs**

*All Masses are live streamed via the parish websites*

**23<sup>rd</sup> April – St George**

Saint George was a soldier in the Roman army who later became venerated as a Christian martyr for failing to recant his Christian faith in c.303AD

**4<sup>th</sup> May – Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse**

On this day the worldwide Catholic Church will join together in a day of prayer for victims and survivors of abuse.

**Prayer for Healing and Reconciliation**

**This prayer has been prepared by the Diocese of Northampton.**

Praise to you Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
the source of all consolation and hope.  
Be the refuge and guardian of all  
who suffer from abuse and violence.  
Comfort them and send healing  
for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit.  
Help us all and make us one with you  
in your love for justice

as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life.  
Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating  
your praise, both now and forever.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

### **Listening With Love**

The *Let's Be Honest* group has already released a resource called [Listening With Love](#) – inviting people to reflect on the impact of abuse on individuals and the Church.

### **IMPORTANT HELP LINES**

These times are very difficult and there is help available. This list of numbers is not extensive but please don't struggle alone.

- Women's Aid Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000
- Men's Advice line: 0808 801
- Samaritans: 116 123 email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)
- Childline: 0800 1111
- Mind, the mental health charity: 0300123 3393  
Email: [info@mind.org.uk](mailto:info@mind.org.uk)
- National domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 2000 247

### **Gift Aid OLQM**

Boxes of envelopes are available at the back of church. Thank you for all your donations to the church during this past year. If you are a 'Gift Aider' please consider making monthly donations direct to the church by Standing Order. This would be a great help in many respects. Standing Order forms can be requested from the parish office, please ring or email.

### **24 Catholic Scientists, Mathematicians, and Supersmart People David Michael Warren**

The book introduces children to many of the Catholics who have been behind ground-breaking discoveries in science and math for centuries. Children will embark on an adventure through history where they'll meet faith-filled pioneers in every field from anatomy to astrophysics. They'll walk in the footsteps of these supersmart Catholics who changed the world and learn how brilliant they can be when they unite faith and science!

**Order online at [www.paulineuk.org/browse/item/Brilliant-24-Catholic-Scientists-Mathematicians-and-Supersmart-People](http://www.paulineuk.org/browse/item/Brilliant-24-Catholic-Scientists-Mathematicians-and-Supersmart-People) (ISBN:9780819812483)**

## *He opened their minds*

A closed mind is a sad thing, because it cannot take in good news. Our minds can be closed for all sorts of reasons. Prejudice, fear, past hurts, bereavement, sadness and many other negative emotions can block our capacity to see beauty and goodness. The disciples of Jesus were no exception. They had been traumatised by the destruction of their hopes and the fear that they might share their master's fate. Whenever the risen Jesus appeared to them, he had to prise open their closed consciousness before they could recognise him.

Part of this opening process was Jesus explaining the Scriptures to them, and the Word of God is still a vital resource for opening our minds to the wonder and mystery of God's plan for the world. But the most powerful keys for unlocking their closed hearts were his wounded hands and feet and the simple act of eating. Flesh and food are the effective signs of the presence of the risen Lord among his followers. Once they touched the hands and feet bearing 'the scars that speak of sacrifice' and they saw him, before their very eyes, taking food, giving thanks for it, breaking and sharing it, all their barriers to belief were breached.

Their minds were opened to be able to believe in his presence, real, living and active amongst them, and also in his message of the fulfilment of God's plan of salvation for all people. Jonah famously sulked because God pardoned the people of Nineveh after they repented when Jonah delivered God's ultimatum, but the followers of Jesus were sent out to all the nations rejoicing with his message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

In every Mass we are nourished by his Word and fed with his own flesh and blood. May these powerful keys open our minds to see his risen presence everywhere, especially in the suffering faces of our brothers and sisters who are in need, and to rejoice in bringing them the good news that he can wipe their sins away.

*Fr Chris*