NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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Sunday 31st May 2020 Pentecost Sunday

Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially Anthony Larkin, Lee Furlong, May Howard, John Boyd, Winifred Ray, Brian Morgan, Silvester Ferguson, Patrick Murphy, May Howard and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time Richard Cannon, John 'Big Jack' Fitzpatrick, Sr. Cecily Dunn FMA Joseph Fitzpatrick, Marion McGuinness

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, Raymond Doran, Peter Fraser, John Murphy, T. C. Sheila Willcox, Andreas Samaras, John Walker, Sr. Kathleen Hamilton, David & Julie Pearce, J. G., Mary Mousley, Paul, Angela Adlen, Emily Purdie, Giles Rowe, Angela Gregory

Live Streaming System

We are still livestreaming all services via the parish websites but we are also experimenting with some parishioners participating via Zoom. If you would like to join in the 11.30am Mass at Queen of Martyrs by Zoom, send an email with your name and mobile number to olgom@rcaol.org.uk by Thursday, and we will email you on Friday a Zoom invitation and instructions.

SATURDAY 30th May

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 31st May

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 1st May

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 2nd May

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

WEDNESDAY 3rd May

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 4th May

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 5th May First Friday

7.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SATURDAY 6th May

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 7th May

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

All Masses are live streamed via the parish websites.

Mass for the late Bishop Vincent Malone: Monday 1st June at 4.00p.m.

Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate Mass for Bishop Vincent, without a congregation, at the Metropolitan Cathedral. The Mass will be live-streamed via the Cathedral website https://www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/.

Donations to local projects

Aware of the impact of the pandemic on some of the most vulnerable in society the Archbishop and the Trustees have decided that charitable funds held by the archdiocese will give grants of £5,000 each to two local projects.

Feeding Liverpool <u>www.feedingliverpool.org</u> is an ecumenical project playing a key role in the procurement and distribution of food supplies to support vulnerable households across Liverpool.

SWAP (Support Wigan Arrivals Project) www.swapwigan.org looks after the interests of over 1,000 asylum seekers in Wigan Borough and surrounding districts.

New resources for reflection and prayer are now available at

https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/ or through http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/

by clicking on 'Prayer and Other Resources'.

Pentecost Did You Know?

- Pentecost comes from a Jewish harvest festival called Shavuot. The apostles were celebrating this festival when the Holy Spirit descended on them.
- The Day of Pentecost is seen as the culmination of the Easter season.
- In many calendars, the day is listed as "Whitsunday." This comes from the
 phrase "White Sunday," and refers to practice of the newly baptized appearing
 in their white, baptismal garments on that day.

New Parish Twitter Account

Let's start gathering followers @olqmcroxteth

Supporting your parish during lockdown

We are grateful for all your generosity.

Online giving

Click on https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/our-lady-queen-of-martyrs-croxteth for Our Lady Queen of Martyrs or

https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-teresa-of-the-child-jesus-liverpool for St Teresa's and complete a simple online form to make a regular weekly or one-off donation. **Text giving**

Text **TERESAPRAY** to donate to St Teresa's or **OLQM** to donate to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. Send your text to...

70085 to donate £2. Texts cost £2 plus one standard rate message.

70450 to donate £3. Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message.

70460 to donate £5. Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message.

70470 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message.

With any of these messages you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS.

If you'd like to donate but do not wish to receive marketing communications, change your message to *TERESAPRAYNOINFO* or *OLQMNOINFO*.

Standing Order

If you already have a Standing Order to your parish it will remain in force. If you would like to set up a new Standing Order, send an email to the parish you want to support, using the email address on the front of the newsletter, and we will send you a Standing Order form.

Gift Aid

If you pay income tax in the UK you can gift aid your donation, which means the parish can claim back from the Government 25p for every £1 you donate, at no cost to you.

A People of Hope

Thirty-eight years ago this weekend, Pope John Paul II flew into Speke Airport and addressed the crowds gathered there, then he drove to the Anglican Cathedral and along Hope Street to the Catholic Cathedral where he celebrated Mass and preached about reconciliation. Some of the words he spoke in our city are as relevant today as they were then.

At the airport he said 'our times present us with many challenges and difficulties', mentioning unemployment and other dangers facing young people. He said he had been told he would be passing along Hope Street and went on 'All these ills of society could bring us to disillusionment and even despair, if we were not a people of hope, if we did not have a deep and abiding confidence in the power and mercy of God... our young people, indeed all of us, need the virtue of hope, a hope not founded on fantasy and dreams, not even on what is seen, but a hope which arises from our faith in the God who loves us and is our gentle and merciful Father.'

In the Cathedral the Holy Father recalled that at Pentecost in 1980 the delegates at the National Pastoral Congress had gathered in the Cathedral to pray for healing and mercy, for light and wisdom and for the grace to be faithful to God's will. He said, 'This evening we too assemble round this same altar... we seek unity from the same Holy Spirit who grants various gifts to the faithful and different ministries to the Church.... As the Holy Spirit granted the Apostles the gift of tongues, so that all gathered in Jerusalem on that first Pentecost might hear and understand the one Gospel of Christ, should we not expect the same Holy Spirit to grant us the gifts we need in order to continue the work of salvation, and to be reunited as one body in Christ?' And then he prayed: 'Send forth your Spirit O Lord, renew our hearts and minds with the gifts of light and truth. Renew our homes and families with the gifts of unity and joy. Renew our cities and our countries with true justice and lasting peace. Renew your Church on earth with the gifts of penance and reconciliation, with unity in faith and love'. What better prayer could we pray today?

Fr Chris.