NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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Sunday 14th June 2020 Corpus Christi SOLEMNITY

Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially Jeanette Thompson, Mary Trafford, Joseph Furey, Patricia Clifton, Francis Deans,

Maureen Marie Ashes

and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time

Kath & Bill Morley (65th Wed Anniv), James & Mary Forrest, Robert Gallagher, Veronica Bean, Florence Shead, Kevin Madigan, James Duke, Anne Sudbury, Ernest Heron, Mavis Rooney

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, David & Julie Pearce, J. G., Mary Mousley, Paul, Angela Adlen, Giles Rowe, Angela Gregory, Phyllis Cook, Anna Gawlik, Joe March, Mick Lawrence

Live Streaming and Zoom

Because of the technical problems of using Zoom and the livestreaming system at the same time, from this Sunday we will use the livestreaming system for all the Masses and we will have a chat by Zoom at 12.30pm on Sunday for anyone who wants to join in, just send your name and mobile number to olqom@rcaol.org.uk and we will email you a Zoom invitation and instructions.

SATURDAY 13th June

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SUNDAY 14th June

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 15th June

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 16th June

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WEDNESDAY 17th June

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All Masses are live streamed via the parish websites.

CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal

We're looking for people to do some small fundraisers and to share them with CAFOD, either by emailing Colette at cbyrne@cafod.org.uk or by posting on social media and tagging us with photos or videos to @CAFODLiverpool on Facebook and Twitter. You'll see in this month's Catholic Pictorial, that one volunteer is saving the money she would usually have spent in coffee shops, and donating it to CAFOD. We'd love to have some more examples of people showing their support! Donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal

Day of the African Child, 16th June

Since 1991, the Day of the African Child has been celebrated on June 16 to commemorate those killed during the Soweto Uprising in South Africa, and to recognize the courage of the students who marched for their right to an education. The Day of the African Child is also an opportunity to raise awareness for the ongoing need to improve the education of children living across Africa. It's a need that still very much exists today. Of the 57 million primary school age children currently out of school around the world, over half are from sub-Saharan Africa.

Feast of the Sacred Heart, 19th June 2020

On this day we celebrate the 'Sacred heart' as a symbol of Jesus' love for us.

New Parish Twitter Account @olqmcroxteth

Facebook Page Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and St Swithins, Croxteth

Refugee Week 15th-21st June 'Imagine'

This Refugee Week we're invited to explore the theme of 'Imagine'. When things feel stuck; when the old ways of doing things are no longer working, that's what we need to do. In the era of Covid-19, the call to imagine feels more important than ever. Maybe you'll imagine a future where we've found new ways to care for our planet, transcend borders or protect human life.

Imagination is more important than knowledge." Albert Einstein

Cautious Re-opening of Some Churches for Private Prayer

The Archbishop has given permission for up to two churches in each Pastoral Area to open at restricted times for brief visits for individual private prayer, with strict precautions to prevent spread of the Coronavirus, including one-way systems, restricted numbers, social distancing, use of sanitisers, doors kept open for ventilation etc. Holy water, votive lights, books or leaflets will not be available. Piety stalls and toilets will be closed. Volunteer welcomers will be on hand to ensure that procedures are followed and areas are cleaned after each visit. The Archbishop has stressed that no-one should feel obliged to come out and visit a church and some people should be encouraged to stay at home for their own safety and the safety of others, e.g. anyone who has symptoms of the virus or is living with someone who has symptoms and anyone who is in the clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable categories, as our primary concern must be the health and safety of our people, and it may be necessary to withdraw this permission at short

church unless accompanied by a responsible adult. The venues and times in our Pastoral Area will be:

Blessed Sacrament 11.00am-1.00pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday

notice if situations change. It is not appropriate for children to visit a

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs: 11.00am-1.00pm on Tuesday and Thursday.

As only two churches can be opened at the present time, these churches have been chosen because of their position, one either side of the East Lancashire Road, as well as their accessibility, ability to meet the health and safety conditions and tradition of being open for private prayer before the pandemic.

How to know the real value of something? During a moment of downtime during the week I caught a bit of Flog it! on BBC2. A lady had brought in a 'lot' of a matching pair of small silver Suffragette figurines. Her personal prediction on the value of the item was about 100 pounds. She was quite taken aback when they were estimated to make 1000 - 1500 pounds. The value was in their quality and the importance of being together as a matching pair.

This weekend we celebrate Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Has there ever been anything more valuable given as a gift, borne out of love and goodness?

For many years when I went to Mass I would receive the Host and promptly walk past the person ministering the chalice. Why? I'm not really too sure probably because I thought by taking the Host I had received all that I needed. Whilst it is true that the Church teaches that the fullness of grace is transferred through either - the Body of Christ, the Precious Blood, or both we are invited to receive both kinds of Communion which helps us to follow in the tradition of the Last Supper: 'Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body.....Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood" (Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass).

At Seminary when studying Canon Law I was struck by the instruction that a priest, even under the most unusual circumstances, cannot celebrate Mass without both species of Communion being present. The Body and Blood of Christ are inseparable for the celebration of Mass.

If I had my time again I would do things differently: as a member of the congregation I would wait in line to receive the Precious Blood as well. It would be a way of imitating that special time that Jesus had with his closest friends and to take in, perhaps, even more fully, the beauty and significance of what is being offered.

All things in life have a value attached to them but, sometimes, we see certain things in a different light when they come together as a package - it then allows us to appreciate them in a new light and, perhaps, then, their value is enhanced. *Fr Anthony*