# NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISHES OF

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# Sunday 20th June 2021 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

# **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 and for St Teresa's at www.churchservices.tv/teresanorrisgreen.

Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently, especially, Leona Deviln, John Walker, Nicola Leather, Deacon Bert Wright, Alfred McCourt, John McCann, Irene Klobski

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

Edward (Ned) Burke, Veronica (dec) & Vincent Bird (Wed Anniv) Peter Richardson (Anniv & B'day Rem), Ernest Heron, Augustus Tom Kiely, Mary McKillop, John Francis Speers

# 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, 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, Diane Bell, Pat Hale, Mark Alfred Isherwood, Terry Vellely, Toni Daly,

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

SATURDAY 19th June

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SUNDAY 20th June

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

MONDAY 21st June

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

1.45pm Funeral: St Teresa's

TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> June

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

WEDNESDAY 23rd June

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

7.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

THURSDAY 24th June

9.00am Mass: St Teresa's

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

FRIDAY 25th June

9.00am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

SATURDAY 26th June

6.00pm Mass: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

SUNDAY 27th June

10.00am Mass: St Teresa's

11.30am Mass: Queen of Martyrs

6.00pm Mass: St Teresa's

All Masses are live streamed via the

parish websites

#### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June 2021



#### The Beauty of Marriage

We are invited to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention for June,

"....to pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in

love, with generosity, faithfulness, and patience."

#### Day for Life (England and Wales), 20th June 2021

Day for Life is marked on different days in England and Wales, Ireland and Scotland. Day for Life is marked this year on June 20<sup>th</sup> in England and Wales. Each year takes a different focus. This year the focus is on 'Assisted Dying'. Day

for Life has compiled some online resources to help inform Catholics and to share some responses. You can find these resources at

www.dayforlife.org/article/online-resources/

#### **First Holy Communion Masses**

Between both parishes we have over two hundred children who will be receiving  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  Holy Communion in the coming weeks. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

# Thomas More and John Fisher Matters of Conscience, 22<sup>nd</sup> June



Few saints are more relevant to the twenty first century than St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More. Neither was prepared to compromise their moral values in order to please Henry VIII, knowing that true allegiance to authority does not mean blind acceptance. Both saints were forced to question the moral conduct of the leadership of the

country feeling it their duty to denounce injustice. Both saints were martyred for their beliefs in 1535.

#### Thursday 24 June – The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Saint John enjoys the special privilege of having his birthday honoured in the Church. He was holy from his birth having been chosen by the Father to be his precursor. This is why Jesus Christ said that among all people there was none greater than John the Baptist.

#### **Irenaeus Project**

'The Word of the Lord endures forever' Reflections on the Letters of Peter and Jude, by Fr Chris Thomas. These will take place by zoom on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July from 10.30 am – 12 noon. To book your places, email jenny@irenaeus.co.uk.

Holy Father's Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – Fourth Sunday in July. At the end of January, the Holy Father announced a 'World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly' to be held annually on the fourth Sunday in July. The announcement formed part of Pope Francis' Angelus address on 31 January, a copy of which can be found at:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2021/documents/papafrancesco angelus 20210131.html

#### **Sunday Evening Mass at St Teresa's**

Thank you to those who have volunteered to steward and sanitise for the Sunday 6.00pm Mass at St Teresa's. As we now have sufficient volunteers, we will recommence this Mass beginning next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> June.

### Nothing to Fear but Fear Itself.

What do you fear? Bills, flying, illness, public speaking, exams, loneliness ..... old age? We all fear something whether it be real danger or an irrational phobia. All fears have something in common; the subject of our fear is something we cannot control. Once we can control it, it ceases to be a fear. But what if the subject of our fear is something we couldn't hope to control, like the crashing waves that threatened to sink the disciples boat? Ever heard the saying 'There is nothing to fear but fear itself!' In today's gospel Jesus shows us that he has the power to quell the subject of our fears, and then questions the lack of faith that led to the fear in the first place. The temptation is for us as a result to think that if we have complete faith, God will go rushing around like Superman, paying our bills, stopping planes from crashing and passing exams for us. Do you suspect this isn't going to happen? There's another saying you are probably familiar with. It goes, 'Pray to God sailor but row for the shore." It means trust that God will help you but strive to solve your own problems. Sounds like a major compromise doesn't it? It sounds more like hedging your bets than letting go to God, but it's not the compromise you might think

God gave us free will so that we could work out our own lives, but the promise is that if we have faith in him, we should have nothing to fear.