# Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin.

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#### **Gospel Reflection**

Jesus responds to the lawyer's question with a parable that illustrates how keeping the law isn't a matter of focusing on details regarding right or wrong or personal gain, but is a matter of right of right relationships with one's neighbour as exhibited by acting with compassion and mercy. The Samaritan in the parable isn't moved to help the stricken traveller because of the law but because he was a person of compassion and mercy. This is the law written within our hearts—not details about keeping specific laws but a general regard for the other that arises out of genuine care for the other.



Lord, give us the grace to love you all our heart,
With all our mind,
with all our being,
with all our strength,
and our neighbour as our self.



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# Notice for our next meeting O Op

Please note that our next meeting will not take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of this month (17<sup>th</sup> July)

Instead, we will be gathering for a Closed meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of this month (24<sup>th</sup> July)

Meetings will be back on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month from August.



http://www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk/

## **Open and Closed Meetings**

Over the past few months the group has been exploring new ways of making our meetings more inclusive and effective for LGBT+people and allies. This is why we have begun to gather for 'Closed Meetings' and Open Meeting'.

Closed Meetings refer to gatherings that are exclusive to LGBT+people, allowing them to express their true thoughts and feelings with people who can understand and relate to their struggles without fear of judgement or obligation to share their experiences with non-LGBT+ audience.

Alongside such meetings we still strive to accommodate for all members of our parish and local community who wish to show support and be educated about LGBT+ community. Hence, our Open Meetings will allow LGBT+ and people and non-LGBT+ people to stand together and celebrate each others identities. We believe it is important to provide these distinctive spaces to maintain an environment which is as safe and inclusive as possible. Please see our Calendar for more information!

## Saint Benedict Feast Day 11th July

Benedict was born into a distinguished family in central Italy, studied at Rome, and early in life was drawn to monasticism. At first he became a hermit, leaving a depressing world—pagan armies on the march, the Church torn by schism, people suffering from war, morality at a low ebb.

He soon realized that he could not live a hidden life in a small town any better than n a large city, so he withdrew to a cave high in the mountains for three years. Some monks chose Benedict as their leader for a while, but found his strictness not to their taste. Still the shift from hermit to community life had begun for him. He had an idea of gathering various families of monks into one "Grand Monastery" to give them the benefit of unity, fraternity, and permanent worship in one house. Finally he began to build what was to become one of the most famous monasteries in the world—Monte Cassino, commanding three narrow valleys running toward the mountains north of Naples.

The Rule that developed prescribed a life of liturgical prayer, study, manual labour, and living together in community under a common abbot. Benedictine charity has always shown concern for the people in the surrounding countryside.

Today the Benedictine family is represented by two branches: the Benedictine Federation encompassing the men and women of the Order of St. Benedict; and the Cistercians, men and women of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance. Saint Benedict is the Patron Saint of:

Europe, Kidney Disease, Monastic's Poisoning and Schoolchildren.

# Perpetual Mass Book Those entered in during the month of June

Nancy Day Andy Clarke Louis Parisi Colin Gregg Rose Rankin

Jackie Ryan

Jacky Whitty Lexi McDavid

Lee Marsden

Eddie & Phyllis Patricia Keating Brenda Harvey Kathleen Woods Patsy Walsh Teresa Roberts Mary Duckworth Stephen Williams Lynne Longworth Maureen Redhead Suzanne Cavanagh Lawrence Gerranrd

## **Praying for Our World Leaders**

With turbulence locally and across the globe, we are asked to pray for our local, national and global leaders.

- 1. Pray that our leaders are given wisdom.
- 2. Pray that they not react to the urgent at the expense of acting on the important.
- 3. Pray that they develop a servant heart and a caring spirit.

#### **Donating School Uniform**

In order to make school uniform more affordable, many schools nationally are requesting that families who have decent school uniform donate it for next year's parents. Find out if your school has a 'nearly new school uniform shop'.

Donate generic items of uniform, eg black shoes and grey trousers and skirts to your local charity shop. Don't forget to thank your class teacher with a box of Fairtrade chocolate, flowers or wine.

# Saint Bonaventure Feast Day 15th July

Saint Bonaventure, played an important role in the Church and the history of the Franciscan Order. A senior faculty member at the University of Paris, Saint Bonaventure captured the hearts of his students through his academic skills and insights. But more importantly, he captured their hearts through his Franciscan love for Jesus and the Church. Like his model, Saint Francis, Jesus was the centre of everything—his teaching, his administration, his writing, and his life. So much so, that he was given the title "Seraphic Doctor."

Born in Bagnoregio in 1221, Saint Bonaventure was baptized John, but received the name Bonaventure when he became a Franciscan at the age of 22. His parents were Giovanni di Fidanza and Maria Ritell. His father was a physician and a man of means. While Saint Francis died about five years after the saint's birth, he is credited with healing Bonaventure as a boy of a serious illness.

The Friars elected Saint Bonaventure to serve as their General Minister. His 17 years of service were not easy as the Order was embroiled in conflicts over the interpretation of poverty. But because he was a man of prayer and a good administrator, he managed to structure the Order through effective legislation. He offered the Friars an organized spirituality based on the vision and insights of Saint Francis. Bonaventure managed to unite the pastoral, practical aspects of life with the doctrines of the Church. Shortly before he ended his service as General Minister, Pope Gregory X created him a Cardinal and appointed him bishop of Albano. Just over a year later, while participating in the Second Council of Lyon, St Bonaventure died suddenly on July 15, 1274. There is a theory that he was poisoned. Saint Bonaventure left behind a structured and renewed Franciscan Order and a body of work all of which glorifies his major love—Jesus.

## Sea Sunday 10th July 2022

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before.

Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health.

Sea Sunday is Sunday 10th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously.



Come Holy Spirit we need you Come Holy Spirit we pray Come with your strength and your power Come in your own special way



## **Live Streaming System**

All services are live streamed via Church Services TV. You can view Services via the link on our website, Facebook and Twitter sites or at www.churchservices.tv/croxteth

# Liturgy for the Week

# **Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin**

Saturday 9th 6.00pm Kenneth Gardner (Anniv)

Sunday 10th 11.30am Ann Dempsey (LD) Ellen Jennings (Anniv)

Monday 11th 12.15pm Funeral Jacqueline Whittingham

Tuesday 12th 9.00am Blessed Sacrament until 3pm

Wednesday 13th No Mass

Thursday 14th No Mass

Friday 15th No Mass

Saturday 16th 6.00pm Teresa Roberts

Sunday 17th 11.30am Perpetual Mass Book

Heavenly Father, you promise in your Word that you will heal the broken heart and bandage up our wounds. Help us to have faith in you that if it is your will, we will be healed from our ailments. During this trial in my life, help me to lean upon you solely for true peace, guidance, and direction.

## Your prayers are asked for those who have

# Died recently

Lee Hodgson, Jacqueline Whittingham,

# Anniversaries and Birthdays

Mary Keating, Jaquie Armatage, William Chesters, Margaret & Joe Gardner

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

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	Angela Gregory	Ellen Cooke	Paul & Kate	<u>Fitzsimmons</u>
	Baby Bella	Janet Clark	Peter Fraser	Joan,
	•		Robbie Ross	Andreas <u>Samaras</u>
	Brian Threlfall	Josie Dunne	Toni Dal	Margaret &
		Kenny Morley	Joan Turner	Joseph <u>Maloney</u>
	Diane Bell	Margaret Bradley	Canon Brendan Alger	Vassilis
	Eddie Unsworth	Margaret Lace	David & Julie Pearce	
		Sr Edith Culliton	Eleanor Mawdsley	Ann Shreeve
	Sean Doyle			